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A report on the
destinations of Year 12
completers from 2008
in Queensland

MacGregor State High
School



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Acronyms and Abbreviations

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
FT	Full-time
NILF	Not in the labour force
PT	Part-time
SD	Statistical Division
SSD	Statistical Sub-division
TAFE	Technical and Further Education
VET	Vocational Education and Training

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Purpose

The purpose of this report is to inform the school principal and school community of the destinations of students from this school who completed Year 12 in 2008. This is one indicator of the outcomes of schooling.

A school may choose to use this information to:

- Review its senior schooling programs and services, e.g. subject offerings, career advice, links with employers and/or tertiary institutions
- Contribute to its reporting to parents, e.g. through its newsletter, annual reporting documents, website.

This report has been provided to the school and its school system, where this applies. The school may publish this report, if it wishes.

Source of information

This report is based on the findings of the Queensland Government *Next Step* survey, which targeted all students who completed Year 12 and gained a Senior Statement in 2008, whether they attended a Government, Catholic or independent school, or a TAFE secondary college. The Office of the Government Statistician conducted the survey between 30 March and 6 May 2009, approximately six months after the young people left school. Responses were predominantly collected via computer-assisted telephone interviewing with a paper-based survey collected from a small number of students for whom telephone details were not available.

The survey results were compiled and reported on by the *Next Step* team, Department of Education and Training.

Care should be taken in publicly using figures of less than 3 responses or percentages based on less than 3 responses.

Privacy statement

To protect the privacy of individuals participating in the survey, this report contains summarised information only.

Further information on the survey is available at www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep. This website includes the statewide and regional reports on the survey findings.

Summary of findings

In 2009, 77.3 per cent of young people who completed their Year 12 at MacGregor State High School in 2008 continued in some recognised form of education and training in the year after they left school.

The most common study destination was university (50.9 per cent). The combined VET study destinations accounted for 26.4 per cent of respondents, including 22.3 per cent in campus-based VET programs, with 17.8 per cent of Year 12 completers entering programs at Certificate IV level or higher.

4.1 per cent commenced employment-based training, either as an apprentice (2.6 per cent) or trainee (1.5 per cent).

In addition to the above study destinations, a further 2.6 per cent of respondents from this school deferred a tertiary offer in 2009 (deferrers are shown in Figure 1 in their current destination).

22.7 per cent did not enter post-school education or training, and were either employed (16.0 per cent) or seeking work (6.7 per cent).

There are a range of differences between and within school, regional and statewide destinations. Care should be taken when interpreting comparative data as the findings may relate to groups of different sizes.

Response rate for this school

Table 1 Survey Response Rate

Number of respondents	Number of students who completed Year 12	Response rate (%)
269	298	90.3

Table 1 reports the response rate for MacGregor State High School. It expresses the number of respondents from this school, as a percentage of all Year 12 completers attending MacGregor State High School in 2008.

It has not been possible to ascertain how representative these responses are of all students at this school.

Please note that some survey participants did not provide information for particular survey questions. As a result, the number of responses shown in Table 4 onwards may not reflect the totals reported for the main destinations appearing in Table 3.

Definitions of main destinations

All respondents were categorised into their main destination, be it study or work, as outlined in Table 2. Students (in university or VET) were assigned to the study categories regardless of their labour force status.

Table 2 Main Destination Categorisations, Next Step 2009

Higher Education	
University (degree)*	Studying at degree level.
VET categories	
VET Cert IV+*	Studying Certificate IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma (excluding apprentices and trainees).
VET Cert III*	Studying Certificate III (excluding apprentices and trainees).
VET Cert I-II/other*	Studying Certificate I or II (excluding apprentices and trainees). This category also includes students in an "unspecified" VET course, or in other basic courses (e.g. Year 12, bridging course, etc.) and with an unknown course level.
Apprentice	Working and in employment-based apprenticeship.
Trainee	Working and in employment-based traineeship.
No further education or training	
Working full-time [~]	Working full-time (35 hours or more per week) and not in a study or training destination. This includes people with part-time or casual jobs that total 35 hours or more.
Working part-time [~]	Working part-time or casual (fewer than 35 hours per week) and not in a study or training destination.
Seeking work	Looking for work and not in a study or training destination
Not studying and not in the labour force	Not in study or training, not working and not looking for work.

*Some students also in the labour market

[~]Based on ABS classification

Main destinations

Figure 1 Main destinations of Year 12 completers

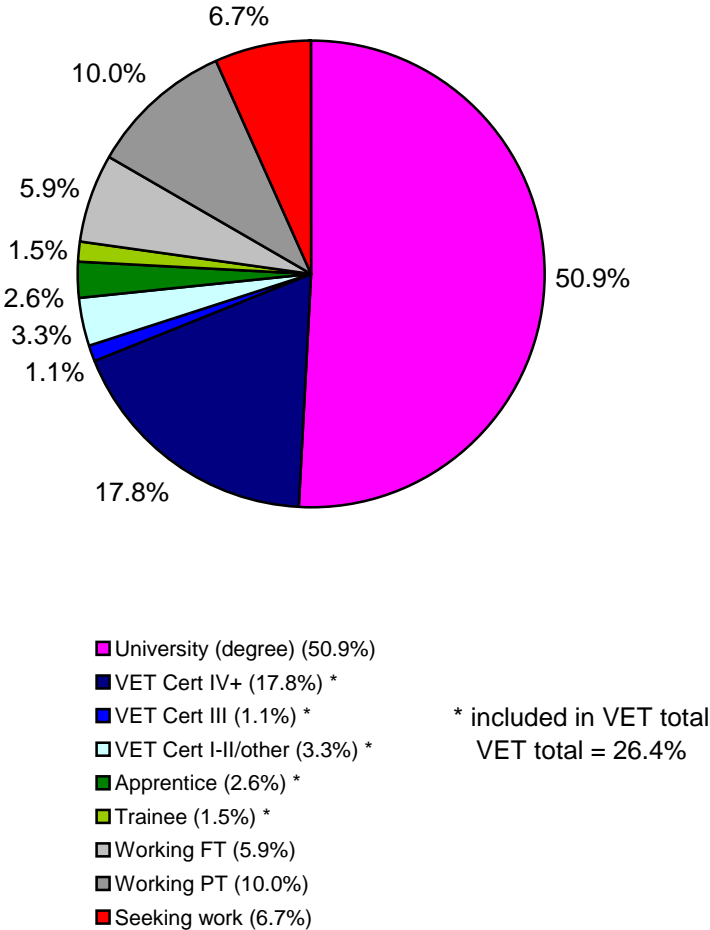


Figure 1 reports the main destinations of Year 12 completers from this school, as defined in Table 2. Please note that students (in university or VET) were assigned to the study categories regardless of their labour force status.

Figure 2 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by sex

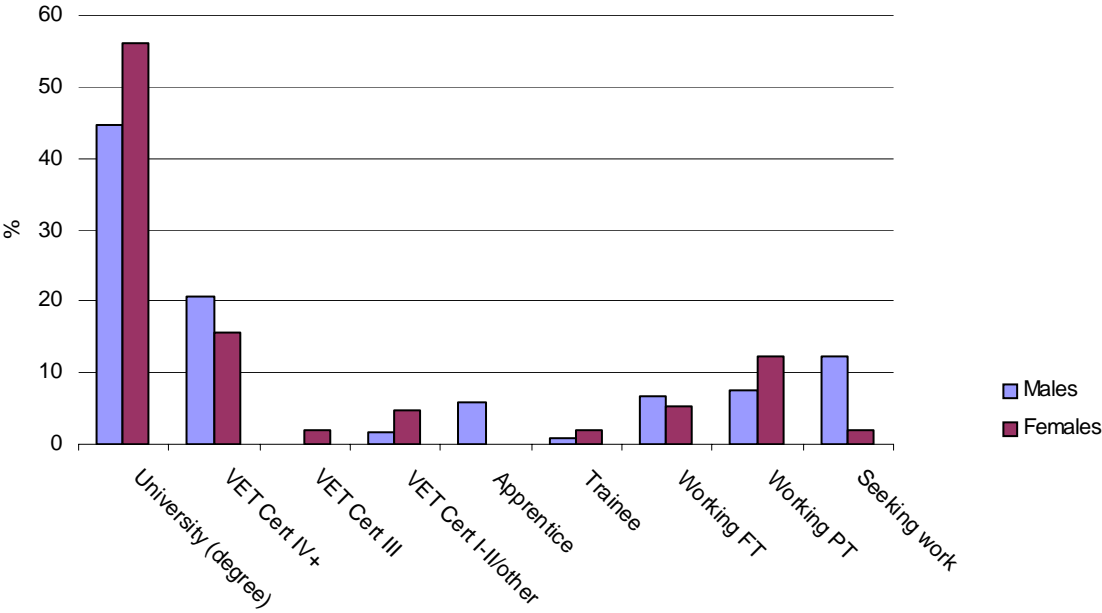


Figure 2 reports the main destinations of male and female Year 12 completers from this school as percentages.

Table 3 Main destinations of Year 12 completers, by sex

<i>Destination</i>	<i>Males</i>		<i>Females</i>		<i>Total</i>	
	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>
University (degree)	54	44.6	83	56.1	137	50.9
VET Cert IV+ *	25	20.7	23	15.5	48	17.8
VET Cert III *	0	0.0	3	2.0	3	1.1
VET Cert I-II/other *	2	1.7	7	4.7	9	3.3
Apprentice *	7	5.8	0	0.0	7	2.6
Trainee *	1	0.8	3	2.0	4	1.5
Working FT	8	6.6	8	5.4	16	5.9
Working PT	9	7.4	18	12.2	27	10.0
Seeking work	15	12.4	3	2.0	18	6.7
<i>Total VET</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>28.9</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>24.3</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>26.4</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>121</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>148</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>269</i>	<i>100.0</i>

* Included in Total VET

Table 3 reports the main destinations of Year 12 completers from this school as numbers and percentages.

Figure 3 Main destinations of Year 12 completers for MacGregor State High School, Southeast Outer Brisbane SSD, Brisbane SD and Queensland

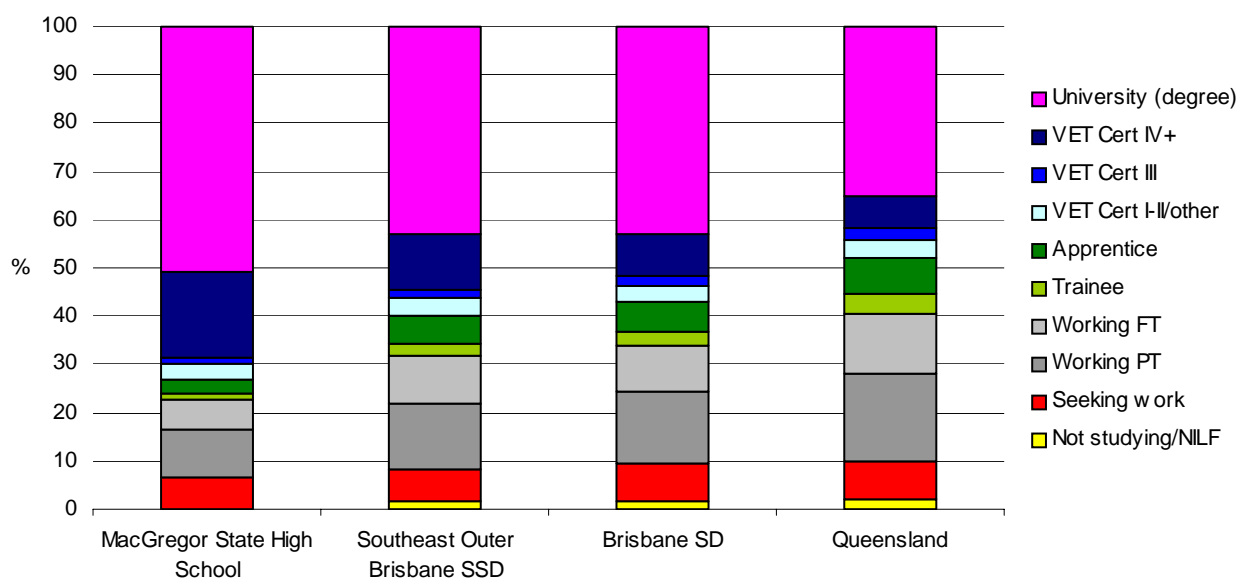


Figure 3 compares the main destinations of all Year 12 completers for MacGregor State High School with those of Southeast Outer Brisbane SSD, Brisbane SD and all schools statewide. Differences may reflect diversity in the types of students attending different schools, regional variation in labour markets and access to university and VET providers.

Figure 4 Comparison over time of main destinations of Year 12 completers for MacGregor State High School

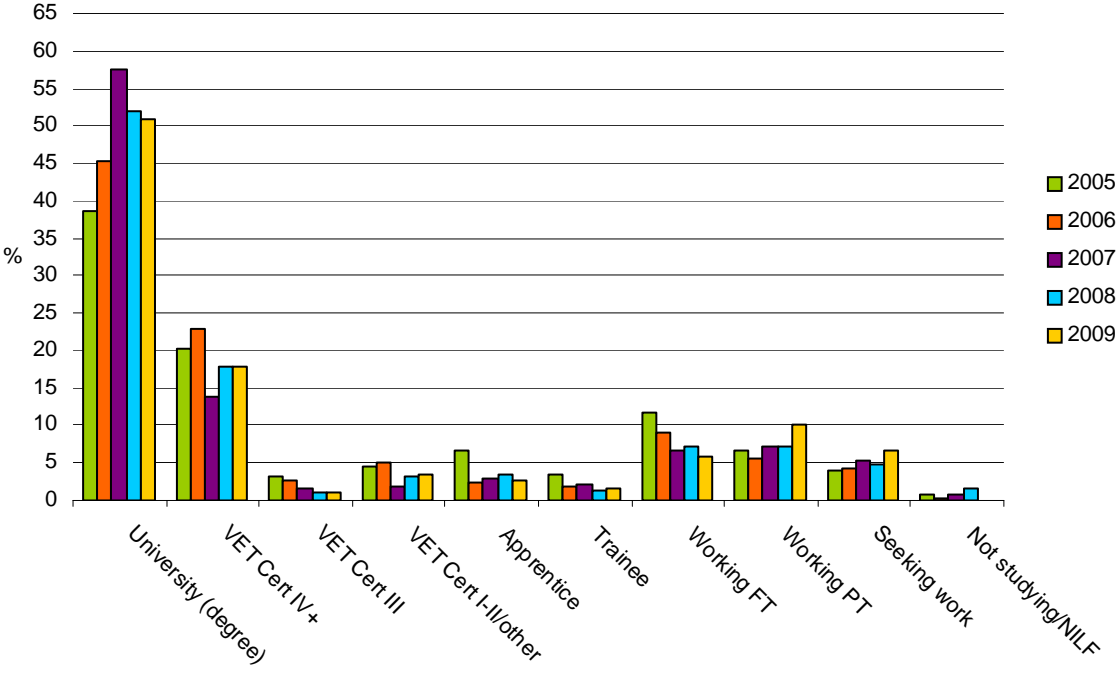


Figure 4 compares the main destinations Year 12 completers from this school against previous years.

Learning

Table 4 Post-school institutions of Year 12 completers (numbers)

<i>Institution</i>	<i>no.</i>
Griffith University	46
Queensland University of Technology	43
University of Queensland	42
Southbank Institute of TAFE	36
Metropolitan South Institute of TAFE	14
Private Training Colleges	7
Skills Tech Australia	3
Other Queensland TAFEs	2
University of Southern Queensland	2
Bond University	1
Secondary Schools	1
James Cook University	1
Interstate Universities	1
The Bremer Institute of TAFE	1
Brisbane North Institute of TAFE	1
Qantrm College	1
Other	5
Total	207

Table 4 reports the names of the institutions entered by Year 12 completers from this school.

Table 5 Field of study of Year 12 completers, by sex (numbers)

<i>Field of Study</i>	<i>Males no.</i>	<i>Females no.</i>	<i>Total no.</i>
Management & Commerce	19	29	48
Health	7	23	30
Engineering & Related Technologies	22	3	25
Creative Arts	12	12	24
Society & Culture	3	20	23
Education	3	8	11
Information Technology	6	4	10
Natural & Physical Sciences	4	4	8
Architecture & Building	7	0	7
Double Field of Study	1	6	7
Food, Hospitality & Personal Services	2	4	6
Mixed Field Programs	2	2	4
Agriculture, Environmental & Related Studies	0	2	2
Year 12/Senior/Student Exchange	0	1	1
Other	0	1	1
Total	88	119	207

Note: This table uses the Australian Bureau of Statistics' Standard Classification of Education. Further information on which courses are in which fields is available at <http://www.ausstats.abs.gov.au/> under publication 1272.0

Table 5 reports field of study for Year 12 completers from this school who entered a study destination and provided field of study information.

Earning

Table 6 Occupational groups of all Year 12 completers in employment, by sex (numbers)

Occupational Group	Males no.	Females no.	Total no.
Sales Assistants	30	53	83
Food Handlers	12	6	18
Clerks, Receptionists & Secretaries	3	10	13
Child Care & Education-related Workers	2	6	8
Waiters	3	4	7
Storepersons	4	1	5
Building & Construction Skilled Workers	4	0	4
Drivers & Transport	3	0	3
Food, Hospitality & Tourism	0	3	3
Marketing & Sales Representatives	1	2	3
Health, Fitness, Hair & Beauty Workers	0	2	2
Media, the Arts & Printing	0	2	2
Automotive Workers	1	0	1
Electrical & Electronics Trades	0	1	1
Factory & Machine Workers	1	0	1
Government & Defence	0	1	1
Labourers	1	0	1
Metal & Engineering Trades	1	0	1
Total	66	91	157

Table 6 reports the occupations of all Year 12 completers from this school who were in employment, and who provided information on the nature of their job (including those who were also in study or training).

Table 7 Industry categories of all Year 12 completers in employment (numbers)

<i>Industry Category</i>	<i>no.</i>
Retail Trade	85
Accommodation & Food Services	32
Health Care & Social Assistance	8
Arts & Recreation Services	6
Education & Training	5
Manufacturing	4
Wholesale Trade	3
Construction	3
Public Administration & Safety	2
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	2
Electricity, Gas, Water & Waste Services	2
Administrative & Support Services	1
Information Media & Telecommunications	1
Other Services	1
Transport, Postal & Warehousing	1
Financial & Insurance Services	1
Total	157

Table 7 reports the industries entered by all Year 12 completers from this school who were working and who provided industry category information (including those who were also in study or training).

VET in Schools students

Table 8 Main destinations of Year 12 completers who achieved a VET qualification (numbers)

<i>Destination</i>	<i>no.</i>
University (degree)	8
VET Cert IV+	7
VET Cert III	1
VET Cert I-II/other	1
Apprentice	5
Trainee	1
Working FT	5
Working PT	9
Seeking work	2
Total	39

Table 8 reports the main destinations of Year 12 completers from this school who achieved a VET in Schools qualification.

Indigenous students

Data on this group of Year 12 completers could not be provided for one of the following reasons:

1. There were no Indigenous respondents from this school.
2. There were insufficient numbers of Indigenous respondents to provide information which guarantees that individual respondents cannot be identified (as required by privacy legislation).

Not in Study

Table 9 Main reason of Year 12 completers for not studying, by sex (numbers)

<i>Main Reason</i>	<i>Males no.</i>	<i>Females no.</i>	<i>Total no.</i>
I want a break from study	8	10	18
I am undecided and considering options	5	6	11
I am not interested in further study	6	3	9
I am waiting for the course/training to begin	5	4	9
I don't feel ready for more study	1	3	4
I don't meet the entry criteria for the program	2	1	3
I am working to finance further study	1	1	2
The course fees and other costs are a barrier	1	1	2
I have already finished studying	1	0	1
My work commitments	1	0	1
Other	1	0	1
Total	32	29	61

Table 9 reports the main reason for not studying given by Year 12 completers from this school who were not in study or training at the time of the survey.

Not Studying and Not in the Labour Force

Data reporting the main reason for not looking for work of Year 12 completers who were not in study and not in the labour force at the time of the survey, could not be provided for one of the following reasons:

1. There were no respondents to this question from this school.
2. There were insufficient numbers of respondents to provide information which guarantees that individual respondents cannot be identified (as required by privacy legislation).

Further information and feedback

Statewide and Regional reports will be available on the departmental website in September 2009 at www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep

For queries on this school's data or to request additional data, contact the *Next Step* project team at the Department of Education and Training on 3237 9827.