Introduction

This page presents a summary of results of the annual Next Step survey for Cairns School of Distance Education. The Next Step survey, undertaken by the Queensland Government, targets all students who completed Year 12 and gained a Senior Statement in 2013, whether they attended a government, Catholic or independent school, or a TAFE secondary college. The Queensland Government Statistician’s Office conducted the survey between March and June 2014, approximately six months after the young people left school. Responses were collected online and via computer-assisted telephone interviewing.

Statewide and regional reports from the Next Step survey will be available on the Next Step website in September 2014 at www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep.

Response rate for Cairns School of Distance Education

Table 1 below reports the response rate for Cairns School of Distance Education. It expresses the number of respondents from this school, as a percentage of all Year 12 completers who attended Cairns School of Distance Education in 2013.

It has not been possible to ascertain how representative these responses are of all Year 12 completers from this school.

Table 1: Survey response rate, Cairns School of Distance Education 2014

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Definitions of main destinations

The pathways of Year 12 completers were categorised into ten main destinations. Year 12 completers who were both studying and working were reported as studying for their main destination. A table defining these categories can be found in the statewide report at www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep.

Summary of findings

In 2014, 40.0 per cent of young people who completed Year 12 at Cairns School of Distance Education in 2013 continued in some recognised form of education and training in the year after they left school.

The most common study destinations were VET Certificate III (12.0 per cent) and VET Certificate I–II (12.0 per cent). The combined VET study destinations accounted for 36.0 per cent of respondents, including 28.0 per cent in campus-based VET programs, with 4.0 per cent of Year 12 completers entering programs at Certificate IV level or higher. Bachelor Degree study also accounted for 4.0 per cent of respondents.

8.0 per cent commenced employment-based training, all as apprentices.

In addition to the above study destinations, a further 4.0 per cent of respondents from this school deferred a tertiary offer in 2014 (deferrers are shown in Figure 1 in their current destination).

60.0 per cent did not enter post-school education or training, and were either employed (36.0 per cent), seeking work (20.0 per cent) or not in the labour force, education or training (4.0 per cent).

Figure 1: Main destination of Year 12 completers, Cairns School of Distance Education 2014

![Diagram showing the distribution of destinations]