Introduction

This report documents a summary of results of the annual Next Step survey for Southport State High School. The Next Step survey, undertaken by the Queensland Government, targets all students who completed Year 12 and gained a Senior Statement in 2012, whether they attended a government, Catholic or independent school, or a TAFE secondary college. The Government Statistician conducted the survey between March and June 2013, approximately six months after the young people left school. Responses were collected via computer-assisted telephone interviewing and an online survey.

Statewide and regional reports from the Next Step survey will be available on the Next Step website in September 2013 at www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep.

Response rate for Southport State High School

Table 1 below reports the response rate for Southport State High School. It expresses the number of respondents from this school, as a percentage of all Year 12 completers who attended Southport State High School in 2012. 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

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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 2013, 46.5 per cent of young people who completed Year 12 at Southport State High School in 2012 continued in some recognised form of education and training in the year after they left school.

The most common study destination was Bachelor Degree (22.8 per cent). The combined VET study destinations accounted for 23.7 per cent of respondents, including 14.9 per cent in campus-based VET programs, with 9.6 per cent of Year 12 completers entering programs at Certificate IV level or higher.

8.8 per cent commenced employment-based training, either as an apprentice (6.1 per cent) or trainee (2.6 per cent).

In addition to the above study destinations, a further 7.0 per cent of respondents from this school deferred a tertiary offer in 2013 (deferrers are shown in Figure 1 in their current destination).

53.5 per cent did not enter post-school education or training, and were either employed (32.5 per cent), seeking work (17.5 per cent) or not in the labour force, education or training (3.5 per cent).

Figure 1: Main destination of Year 12 completers

- Bachelor Degree (22.8%)
- VET Cert IV+ (9.6%)
- VET Cert III (2.6%)
- VET Cert I–II/other (2.6%)
- Apprentice (6.1%)
- Trainee (2.6%)
- Working full-time (4.4%)
- Working part-time (28.1%)
- Seeking work (17.5%)
- NILFET (3.5%)