

Next Step Year 12 Completers



Next Step

2024 Year 12 completers survey

Post-school destinations of Year 12 completers from 2023

St Thomas More College (Sunnybank)



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Introduction

This detailed Next Step report belongs to your school and can be used for school planning. It provides information about Year 12 completers' transitions into further education, training and employment approximately six months after completing school.

The results are from the Department of Education's Next Step – Year 12 Completers survey, which attempts to contact all Year 12 completers from state, Catholic or independent schools in Queensland.

Post-school destinations are influenced by the transitioning environment, which can limit the options available to young people. Low response rates may not give an accurate summary of the cohort's destinations.

This report has not been publicly released. It is recommended that schools **do not** publicly release their detailed Next Step report as it may contain sensitive information. A one-page summary report has also been provided, which is suitable for public release.



Find out more

Visit the *Next Step* website www.qld.gov.au/nextstep for more information on the survey, view the statewide report or create a custom report using report builder, which will be updated in October 2024.

Survey response rate

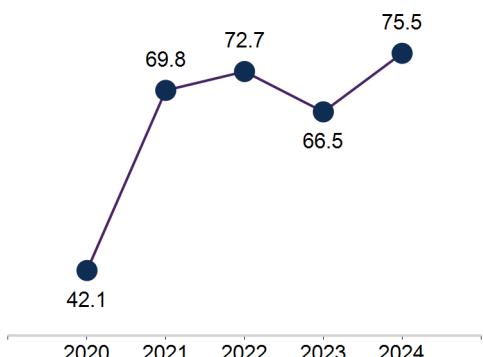


75.5% (120 out of 159 Year 12 completers)

 Increased by 33.4 percentage points since 2020.

Results may not be representative of all Year 12 completers from this school.

Response rate over time



School's response rate compared with SA4 region and state

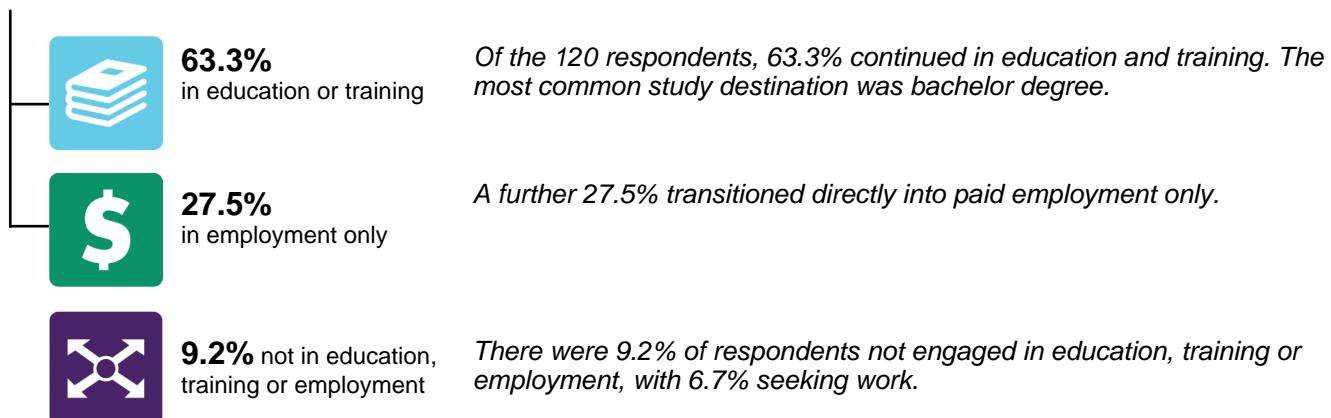


Post-school engagement

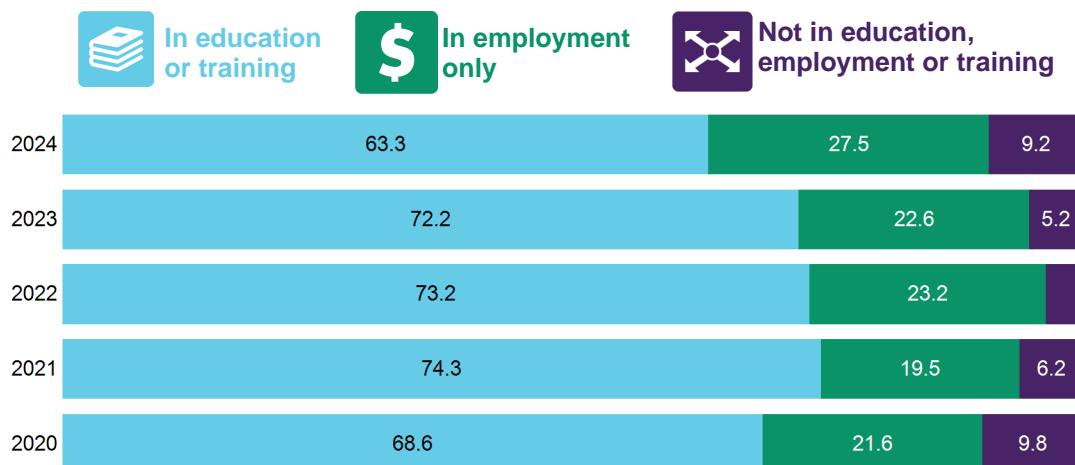
Year 12 completers from St Thomas More College (Sunnybank) have been categorised by their engagement in education and training, or employment. Survey respondents who are both working and studying are included in education and training. Apprentices and trainees are required to undertake a study component to their qualification so are also considered to be in education and training.

Engagement in education, training or employment

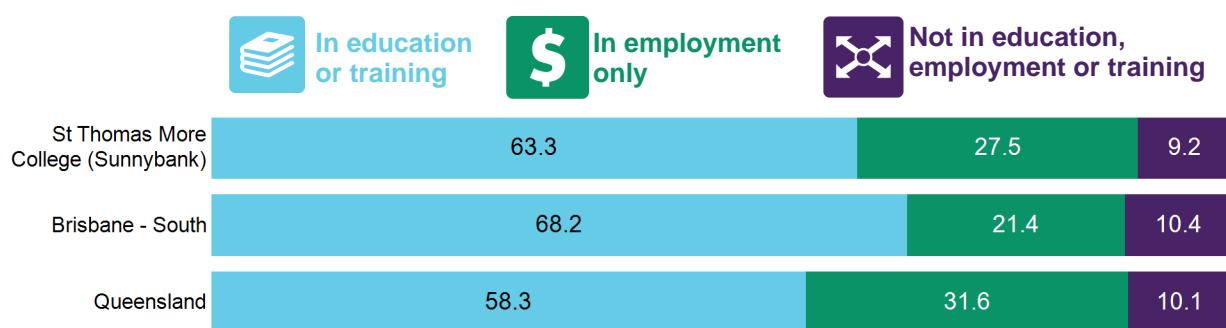
90.8% engaged in education, training or employment



Engagement over time



How does your school compare?



Main destination

This section examines the post-school destinations of survey respondents from St Thomas More College (Sunnybank) in 2024.

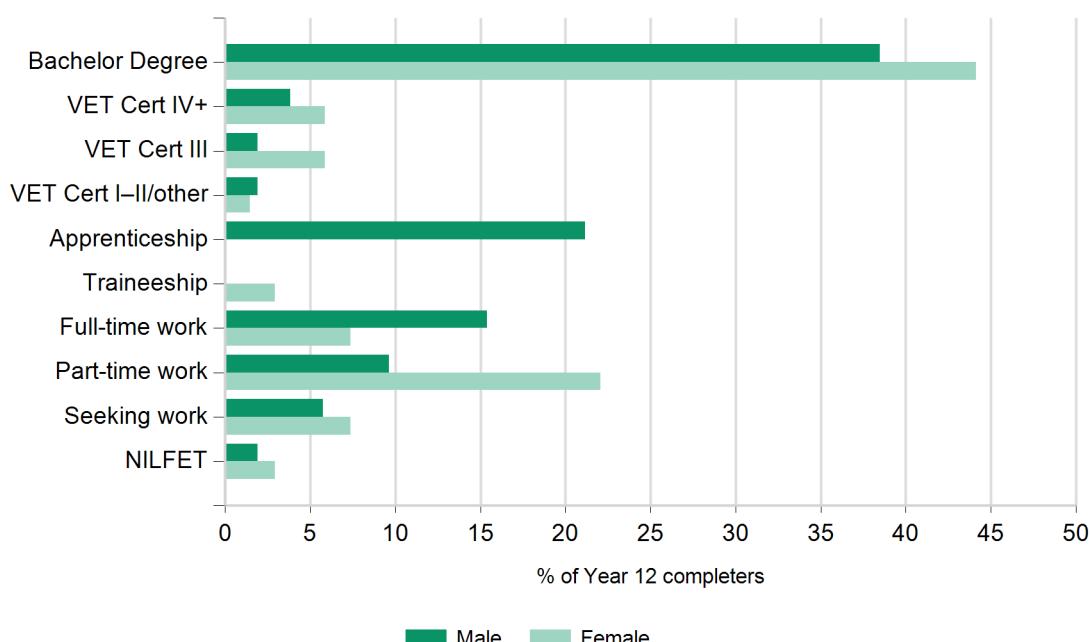
All Year 12 completers were assigned to a main destination. This categorisation system prioritises education-related destinations over other destinations. For example, Year 12 completers who were both studying and working are reported as studying for their main destination (see Appendix 2).

10.8% of respondents deferred a tertiary offer and are reported in their current post-school destination in this report.

Main destination by gender

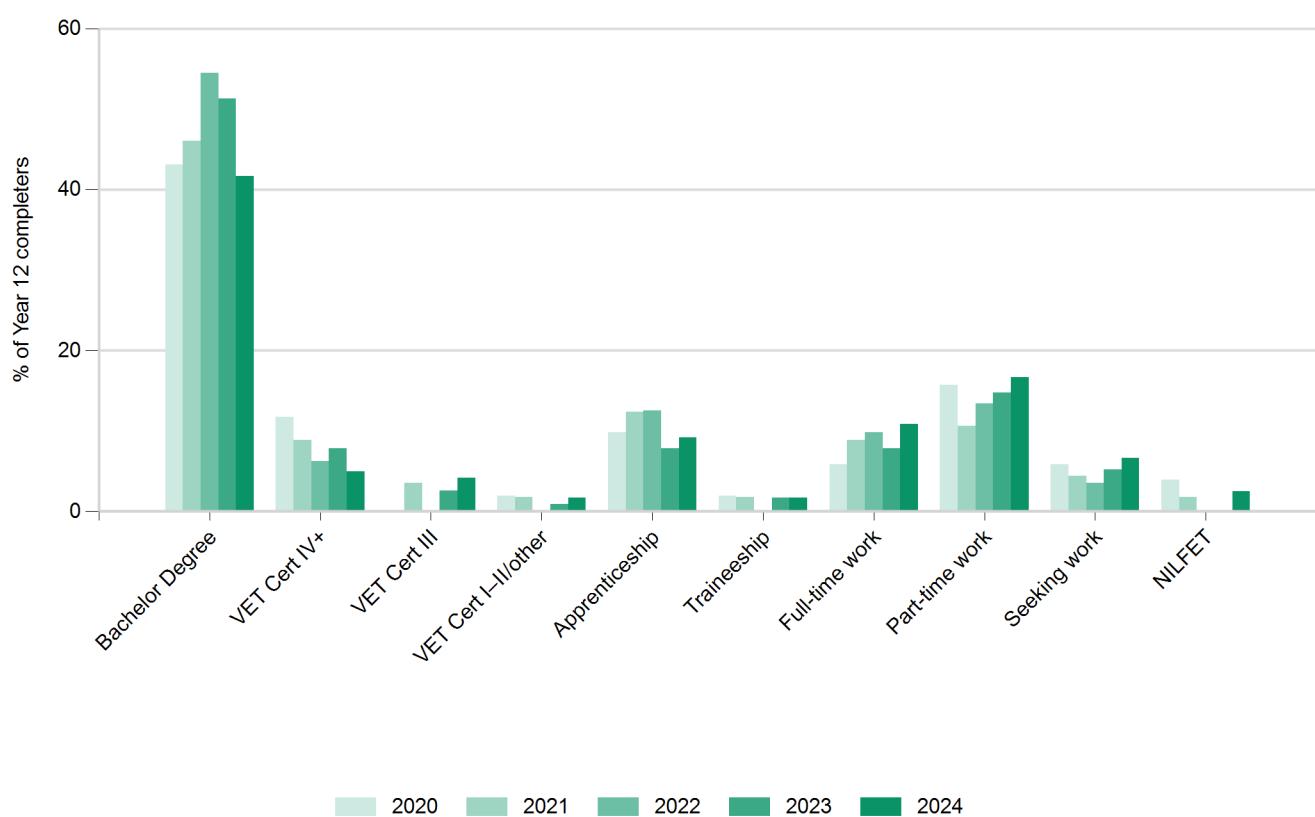
Main destination	Male		Female		Total	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
Bachelor Degree	20	38.5	30	44.1	50	41.7
VET Certificate IV+	2	3.8	4	5.9	6	5.0
VET Certificate III	1	1.9	4	5.9	5	4.2
VET Certificate I-II/other	1	1.9	1	1.5	2	1.7
Apprenticeship	11	21.2	0	0.0	11	9.2
Traineeship	0	0.0	2	2.9	2	1.7
Full-time employment	8	15.4	5	7.4	13	10.8
Part-time employment	5	9.6	15	22.1	20	16.7
Seeking work	3	5.8	5	7.4	8	6.7
NILFET*	1	1.9	2	2.9	3	2.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>68</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>100.0</i>

*NILFET: Not in the labour force, education or training.



Main destinations over time

Main destination	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Bachelor Degree	22	43.1	52	46.0	61	54.5	59	51.3	50	41.7
VET Certificate IV+	6	11.8	10	8.8	7	6.3	9	7.8	6	5.0
VET Certificate III	0	0.0	4	3.5	0	0.0	3	2.6	5	4.2
VET Certificate I-II/other	1	2.0	2	1.8	0	0.0	1	0.9	2	1.7
Apprenticeship	5	9.8	14	12.4	14	12.5	9	7.8	11	9.2
Traineeship	1	2.0	2	1.8	0	0.0	2	1.7	2	1.7
Full-time employment	3	5.9	10	8.8	11	9.8	9	7.8	13	10.8
Part-time employment	8	15.7	12	10.6	15	13.4	17	14.8	20	16.7
Seeking work	3	5.9	5	4.4	4	3.6	6	5.2	8	6.7
NILFET	2	3.9	2	1.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	2.5
Total	51	100.0	113	100.0	112	100.0	115	100.0	120	100.0



Main destinations of subgroups

Main destination for students who completed a VET qualification in school (VETiS)

There were 89 respondents who completed a VETiS.

Main destination	VETiS		non-VETiS		Total	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
Bachelor Degree	31	34.8	19	61.3	50	41.7
VET Certificate IV+	6	6.7	0	0.0	6	5.0
VET Certificate III	4	4.5	1	3.2	5	4.2
VET Certificate I-II/other	1	1.1	1	3.2	2	1.7
Apprenticeship	11	12.4	0	0.0	11	9.2
Traineeship	2	2.2	0	0.0	2	1.7
Full-time employment	12	13.5	1	3.2	13	10.8
Part-time employment	17	19.1	3	9.7	20	16.7
Seeking work	3	3.4	5	16.1	8	6.7
NILFET	2	2.2	1	3.2	3	2.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>89</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>100.0</i>

Main destination for students who participated in a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship (SAT)

There were 7 respondents who participated in a SAT.

Main destination	SAT		non-SAT		Total	
	number	number	number	%	number	%
Bachelor Degree	2	48	50	41.7	50	41.7
VET Certificate IV+	0	6	6	5.0	6	5.0
VET Certificate III	0	5	5	4.2	5	4.2
VET Certificate I-II/other	1	1	2	1.7	2	1.7
Apprenticeship	4	7	11	9.2	11	9.2
Traineeship	0	2	2	1.7	2	1.7
Full-time employment	0	13	13	10.8	13	10.8
Part-time employment	0	20	20	16.7	20	16.7
Seeking work	0	8	8	6.7	8	6.7
NILFET	0	3	3	2.5	3	2.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>113</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>100.0</i>

Main destination for students who received an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) or International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBD)

There were 85 respondents who received an ATAR or IBD.

Main destination	ATAR or IBD		Not ATAR or IBD		Total	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
Bachelor Degree	48	56.5	2	5.7	50	41.7
VET Certificate IV+	3	3.5	3	8.6	6	5.0
VET Certificate III	3	3.5	2	5.7	5	4.2
VET Certificate I-II/other	1	1.2	1	2.9	2	1.7
Apprenticeship	2	2.4	9	25.7	11	9.2
Traineeship	0	0.0	2	5.7	2	1.7
Full-time employment	9	10.6	4	11.4	13	10.8
Part-time employment	10	11.8	10	28.6	20	16.7
Seeking work	7	8.2	1	2.9	8	6.7
NILFET	2	2.4	1	2.9	3	2.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>85</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>100.0</i>

Main destination for Aboriginal students and Torres Strait Islander students

There were no respondents who identified as an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person.

Education and training

This section examines the education and training destinations and includes Bachelor Degree, VET Certificate IV+, VET Certificate III, VET Certificate I-II/other, Apprenticeship and Traineeship main destinations.



63.3%

76 out of **120** Year 12 completers from St Thomas More College (Sunnybank) continued in education or training in 2024.



6.7%

8 Year 12 completers from St Thomas More College (Sunnybank) were enrolled in a double degree, combining two bachelor degrees into a single course of study.

What are they studying?

Study field (broad) by gender

Study field*	Male		Female		Total	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
Health	2	5.7	13	31.7	15	19.7
Society And Culture	5	14.3	8	19.5	13	17.1
Engineering And Related Technologies	8	22.9	3	7.3	11	14.5
Natural And Physical Sciences	4	11.4	4	9.8	8	10.5
Management And Commerce	3	8.6	4	9.8	7	9.2
Creative Arts	2	5.7	5	12.2	7	9.2
Information Technology	5	14.3	0	0.0	5	6.6
Architecture And Building	4	11.4	1	2.4	5	6.6
Education	1	2.9	2	4.9	3	3.9
Agriculture, Environmental And Related Studies	0	0.0	3	7.3	3	3.9
Food, Hospitality And Personal Services	1	2.9	0	0.0	1	1.3
Other	2	5.7	1	2.4	3	3.9
Total (students)	** 35	—	** 41	—	** 76	—

Field of study categories based on the *Australian Standard Classification of Education*.

*Both fields of study have been included for 5 students enrolled in a double degree in more than one broad field.

**Total number of students is less than combined total of all study fields.

Study field (broad) by level of study

Study field*	Bachelor Degree		Other		Total	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
Health	10	20.0	5	19.2	15	19.7
Society And Culture	12	24.0	1	3.8	13	17.1
Engineering And Related Technologies	4	8.0	7	26.9	11	14.5
Natural And Physical Sciences	7	14.0	1	3.8	8	10.5
Management And Commerce	5	10.0	2	7.7	7	9.2
Creative Arts	7	14.0	0	0.0	7	9.2
Information Technology	4	8.0	1	3.8	5	6.6
Architecture And Building	2	4.0	3	11.5	5	6.6
Education	2	4.0	1	3.8	3	3.9
Agriculture, Environmental And Related Studies	2	4.0	1	3.8	3	3.9
Food, Hospitality And Personal Services	0	0.0	1	3.8	1	1.3
Other	0	0.0	3	11.5	3	3.9
Total (students)	** 50	—	26	100.0	** 76	—

Field of study categories based on the *Australian Standard Classification of Education*.

Bachelor Degree includes Bachelor Degree, Bachelor (Honours) Degree, Master Degree and Doctoral Degree, in addition to apprentices and trainees who said they were studying at one of these levels of study.

Other includes Associate Degree, Advanced Diploma, Diploma, VET Certificate levels I - IV and unknown level of study.

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Study field (narrow) by gender

Study field*	Male		Female		Total	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
Nursing	0	0.0	7	17.1	7	9.2
Law	3	8.6	1	2.4	4	5.3
Other Engineering and Related Technologies	2	5.7	2	4.9	4	5.3
Other Natural and Physical Sciences	2	5.7	2	4.9	4	5.3
Behavioural Science	1	2.9	3	7.3	4	5.3
Business and Management	1	2.9	3	7.3	4	5.3
Communication and Media Studies	1	2.9	3	7.3	4	5.3
Building	3	8.6	0	0.0	3	3.9
Computer Science	3	8.6	0	0.0	3	3.9
Electrical and Electronic Engineering and Technology	3	8.6	0	0.0	3	3.9
Biological Sciences	1	2.9	2	4.9	3	3.9
Other Society and Culture	0	0.0	3	7.3	3	3.9
Other Information Technology	2	5.7	0	0.0	2	2.6
Pharmacy	2	5.7	0	0.0	2	2.6
Architecture and Urban Environment	1	2.9	1	2.4	2	2.6
Performing Arts	1	2.9	1	2.4	2	2.6
Process and Resources Engineering	1	2.9	1	2.4	2	2.6
Agriculture	0	0.0	2	4.9	2	2.6
Justice and Law Enforcement	0	0.0	2	4.9	2	2.6
Radiography	0	0.0	2	4.9	2	2.6
Rehabilitation Therapies	0	0.0	2	4.9	2	2.6
Teacher Education	0	0.0	2	4.9	2	2.6
Automotive Engineering and Technology	1	2.9	0	0.0	1	1.3
Banking, Finance and Related Fields	1	2.9	0	0.0	1	1.3
Food and Hospitality	1	2.9	0	0.0	1	1.3
Language and Literature	1	2.9	0	0.0	1	1.3
Mechanical and Industrial Engineering and Technology	1	2.9	0	0.0	1	1.3
Other Education	1	2.9	0	0.0	1	1.3
Other Management and Commerce	1	2.9	0	0.0	1	1.3
Physics and Astronomy	1	2.9	0	0.0	1	1.3
Other	2	5.7	7	17.1	9	11.8
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Study field (narrow) by level of study

Study field*	Bachelor Degree		Other		Total	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
Nursing	3	6.0	4	15.4	7	9.2
Law	4	8.0	0	0.0	4	5.3
Other Engineering and Related Technologies	2	4.0	2	7.7	4	5.3
Other Natural and Physical Sciences	3	6.0	1	3.8	4	5.3
Behavioural Science	4	8.0	0	0.0	4	5.3
Business and Management	3	6.0	1	3.8	4	5.3
Communication and Media Studies	4	8.0	0	0.0	4	5.3
Building	0	0.0	3	11.5	3	3.9
Computer Science	3	6.0	0	0.0	3	3.9
Electrical and Electronic Engineering and Technology	0	0.0	3	11.5	3	3.9
Biological Sciences	3	6.0	0	0.0	3	3.9
Other Society and Culture	3	6.0	0	0.0	3	3.9
Other Information Technology	1	2.0	1	3.8	2	2.6
Pharmacy	2	4.0	0	0.0	2	2.6
Architecture and Urban Environment	2	4.0	0	0.0	2	2.6
Performing Arts	2	4.0	0	0.0	2	2.6
Process and Resources Engineering	2	4.0	0	0.0	2	2.6
Agriculture	1	2.0	1	3.8	2	2.6
Justice and Law Enforcement	1	2.0	1	3.8	2	2.6
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Food and Hospitality	0	0.0	1	3.8	1	1.3
Language and Literature	1	2.0	0	0.0	1	1.3
Mechanical and Industrial Engineering and Technology	0	0.0	1	3.8	1	1.3
Other Education	1	2.0	0	0.0	1	1.3
Other Management and Commerce	1	2.0	0	0.0	1	1.3
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Where are they studying?

Study institution by gender

Institution name	Male		Female		Total	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
Queensland University of Technology	7	20.0	9	22.0	16	21.1
The University of Queensland	7	20.0	9	22.0	16	21.1
Griffith University	4	11.4	9	22.0	13	17.1
TAFE Queensland Greater Brisbane	5	14.3	5	12.2	10	13.2
Other institution	3	8.6	1	2.4	4	5.3
TAFE Queensland SkillsTech	3	8.6	0	0.0	3	3.9
Other private training college	2	5.7	1	2.4	3	3.9
University of Southern Queensland	1	2.9	2	4.9	3	3.9
Australian Catholic University	0	0.0	2	4.9	2	2.6
Busy At Work	1	2.9	0	0.0	1	1.3
JMC Academy	1	2.9	0	0.0	1	1.3
TAFE Queensland Wide Bay Burnett	1	2.9	0	0.0	1	1.3
Mater Education	0	0.0	1	2.4	1	1.3
Other/Unspecified Queensland TAFE	0	0.0	1	2.4	1	1.3
TAFE Queensland Gold Coast	0	0.0	1	2.4	1	1.3
Total	35	100.0	41	100.0	76	100.0

How are they studying?

65.8%
studying at university 

77.6%
studying full-time 

82.9%
combining study with paid employment 

Employment (total)

This section examines the labour market outcomes for Year 12 completers from St Thomas More College (Sunnybank).



80.0%

96 out of 120 Year 12 completers were in paid employment in 2024. This figure includes 33 who were only working and 63 who were both working and studying.

What jobs are they doing?

Occupation by gender

Occupational unit group	Male		Female		Total	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
Sales Assistants (General)	7	16.7	19	35.2	26	27.1
Checkout Operators and Office Cashiers	4	9.5	8	14.8	12	12.5
Waiters	0	0.0	6	11.1	6	6.3
Bar Attendants and Baristas	0	0.0	5	9.3	5	5.2
Fast Food Cooks	4	9.5	0	0.0	4	4.2
Kitchenhands	2	4.8	2	3.7	4	4.2
Electricians	3	7.1	0	0.0	3	3.1
Plumbers	3	7.1	0	0.0	3	3.1
Shelf Fillers	3	7.1	0	0.0	3	3.1
Sports Coaches, Instructors and Officials	1	2.4	2	3.7	3	3.1
Receptionists	0	0.0	3	5.6	3	3.1
Storepersons	2	4.8	0	0.0	2	2.1
Other Miscellaneous Labourers	1	2.4	1	1.9	2	2.1
Retail Supervisors	1	2.4	1	1.9	2	2.1
Other Clerical and Office Support Workers	0	0.0	2	3.7	2	2.1
Bricklayers and Stonemasons	1	2.4	0	0.0	1	1.0
Cafe Workers	1	2.4	0	0.0	1	1.0
Carpenters and Joiners	1	2.4	0	0.0	1	1.0
Freight and Furniture Handlers	1	2.4	0	0.0	1	1.0
Metal Engineering Process Workers	1	2.4	0	0.0	1	1.0
Metal Fitters and Machinists	1	2.4	0	0.0	1	1.0
Other Hospitality Workers	1	2.4	0	0.0	1	1.0
Other Machine Operators	1	2.4	0	0.0	1	1.0
Other Mobile Plant Operators	1	2.4	0	0.0	1	1.0
Transport and Despatch Clerks	1	2.4	0	0.0	1	1.0
Vehicle Painters	1	2.4	0	0.0	1	1.0
Beauty Therapists	0	0.0	1	1.9	1	1.0
Other	0	0.0	4	7.4	4	4.2
Total	42	100.0	54	100.0	96	100.0

Occupation category based on the *Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations*.

What industry are they working in?

Industry by gender

Industry	Male		Female		Total	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
Retail Trade	10	23.8	22	40.7	32	33.3
Accommodation & Food Services	14	33.3	17	31.5	31	32.3
Construction	8	19.0	0	0.0	8	8.3
Transport, Postal & Warehousing	3	7.1	1	1.9	4	4.2
Arts & Recreation Services	1	2.4	3	5.6	4	4.2
Health Care & Social Assistance	0	0.0	4	7.4	4	4.2
Manufacturing	3	7.1	0	0.0	3	3.1
Education & Training	1	2.4	1	1.9	2	2.1
Other Services	1	2.4	1	1.9	2	2.1
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate Services	1	2.4	1	1.9	2	2.1
Information Media & Telecommunications	0	0.0	1	1.9	1	1.0
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	0	0.0	1	1.9	1	1.0
Public Administration & Safety	0	0.0	1	1.9	1	1.0
Other	0	0.0	1	1.9	1	1.0
Total	42	100.0	54	100.0	96	100.0

Industry categories are based on the *Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC)*.

How are they working?

25.0%
working full-time



65.6%
combining work
with further study



65.6%
employed on a
casual basis



Not in Education, Employment, or Training (NEET)

This section examines the reasons why Year 12 completers from St Thomas More College (Sunnybank) were not engaged in education, employment or training.



9.2%

11 out of 120 Year 12 completers were not engaged in education, employment or training at the time of the survey.

Why are they not studying?

Main reason for not studying

Main reason	Total
	number
Waiting for course/training to begin	3
Wanted a break from study	3
Not interested in further study/already finished studying	2
Undecided and considering options	1
Wanted to earn own money	1
Looking for work/apprenticeship/traineeship	1
<i>Total</i>	11

Have they had work since school?



9.1%

1 out of 11 Year 12 completers was not working or studying at the time of the survey, but had paid employment at some time since finishing school.

Main reason for stopping previous job

Main reason	Total
	number
Got laid off/sacked	1
<i>Total</i>	1

Are they seeking work?



72.7%

8 out of 11 Year 12 completers were not working or studying at the time of the survey, but were seeking work.

Main reason unsuccessful getting a job

Main reason	Total number
Only just started looking for job	3
Not enough jobs available	2
Not enough or appropriate qualifications	2
Not enough job experience	1
<i>Total</i>	<i>8</i>

Why are they not seeking work?



27.3%

3 out of 11 Year 12 completers were not working or studying at the time of the survey and were not seeking work, also known as NILFET.

Main reason not looking for a job

Main reason	Total number
Travel	2
Other	1
<i>Total</i>	<i>3</i>

Where to from here?

36.4%
taking a
gap year



36.4%
deferred a place
at university



27.3%
waiting for work or
study to commence



Appendices

Appendix 1 – Acronyms and initialisms

ATAR	Australian Tertiary Admission Rank
DW	Data withheld
IBD	International Baccalaureate Diploma
NA	Not applicable
NILFET	Not in the labour force, education or training
SAT	School-based apprenticeships and traineeships
TAFE	Technical and further education
VET	Vocational Education and Training

Appendix 2 – Explanatory notes

Main destination

A structured hierarchy of study and labour force destinations for Year 12 completers, who were assigned to categories as follows:

- students were assigned to the relevant higher education or VET category, even if they were also employed
- apprentices and trainees were assigned to their respective category and classified as education and training since their training involves study
- those assigned to a labour force category (employed or seeking work) were not also undertaking study
- those who were not studying and not in the labour force (not employed and not seeking work) were categorised as NILFET.

Main destination categories

Education and training – higher education

Bachelor Degree*	Studying at Bachelor Degree level (including Honours), or higher.
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Education and training – VET categories

VET Certificate IV+*	Studying at Certificate IV, Diploma, Advanced Diploma or Associate Degree level (excluding apprentices and trainees).
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VET Certificate III*	Studying at Certificate III level (excluding apprentices and trainees).
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VET Certificate I–II/other*	Studying at Certificate I or II level (excluding apprentices and trainees). This category also includes students in an unspecified VET course, other basic course (e.g. short course) and unknown course level.
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Apprenticeship*	Employment-based apprenticeship.
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Traineeship*	Employment-based traineeship.
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Employment only

Full-time employment	Working full-time (35 hours or more per week) and not in an education or training category. This includes people with multiple part-time or casual jobs that total 35 hours or more.
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Part-time employment	Working part-time or casual (fewer than 35 hours per week) and not in an education or training category.
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Not in education, employment or training (NEET)

Seeking work	Looking for work and not in an education or training category.
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NILFET	Not in education or training, not working and not seeking work.
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*Some respondents may also be in employment or seeking work.

More information

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