

Next Step Year 12 Completers

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2024 Year 12 completers survey

Post-school destinations of Year 12 completers from 2023

St Michael's College (Merrimac)



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



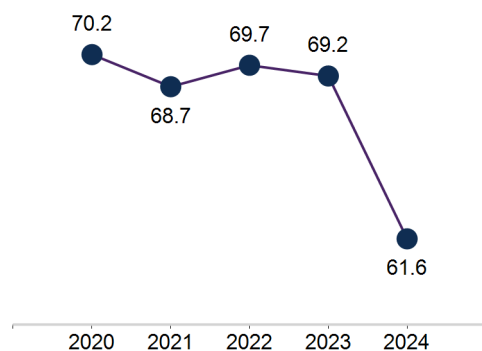
61.6% (90 out of 146 Year 12 completers)



Decreased by 8.6 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

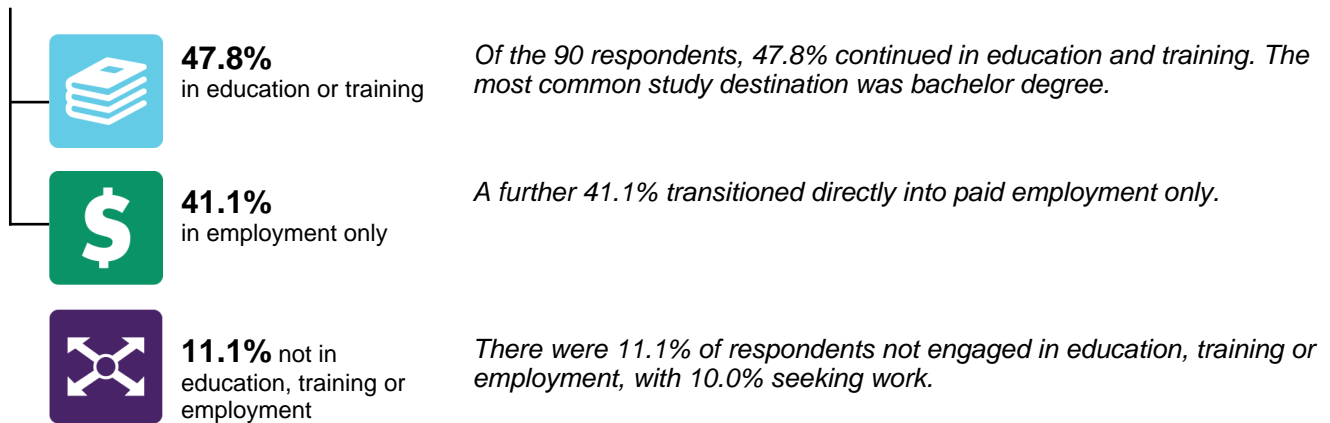


Post-school engagement

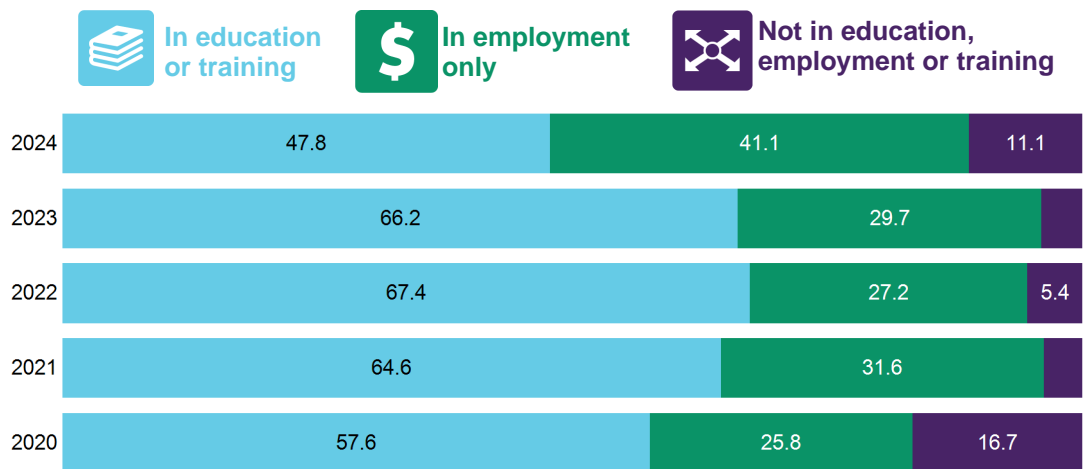
Year 12 completers from St Michael's College (Merrimac) have been categorised by their engagement in education and training, or employment. Survey respondents who are both working and studying are included in education and training. Apprentices and trainees are required to undertake a study component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

Engagement in education, training or employment

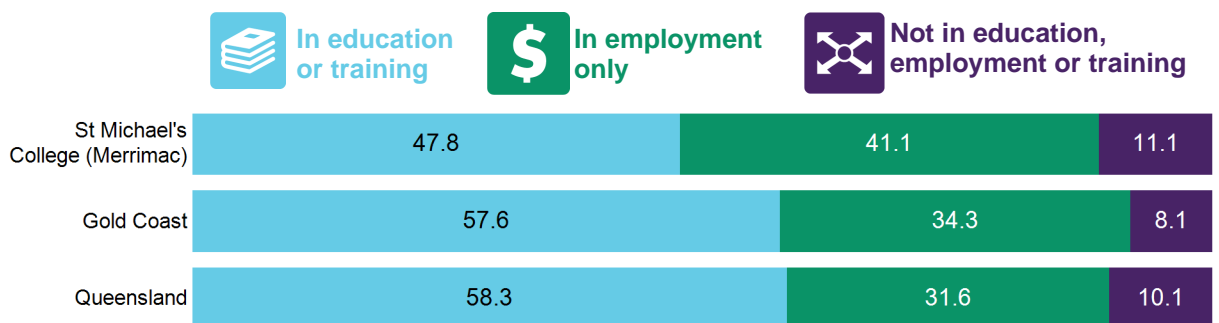
88.9% engaged in education, training or employment



Engagement over time



How does your school compare?



Main destination

This section examines the post-school destinations of survey respondents from St Michael's College (Merrimac) in 2024.

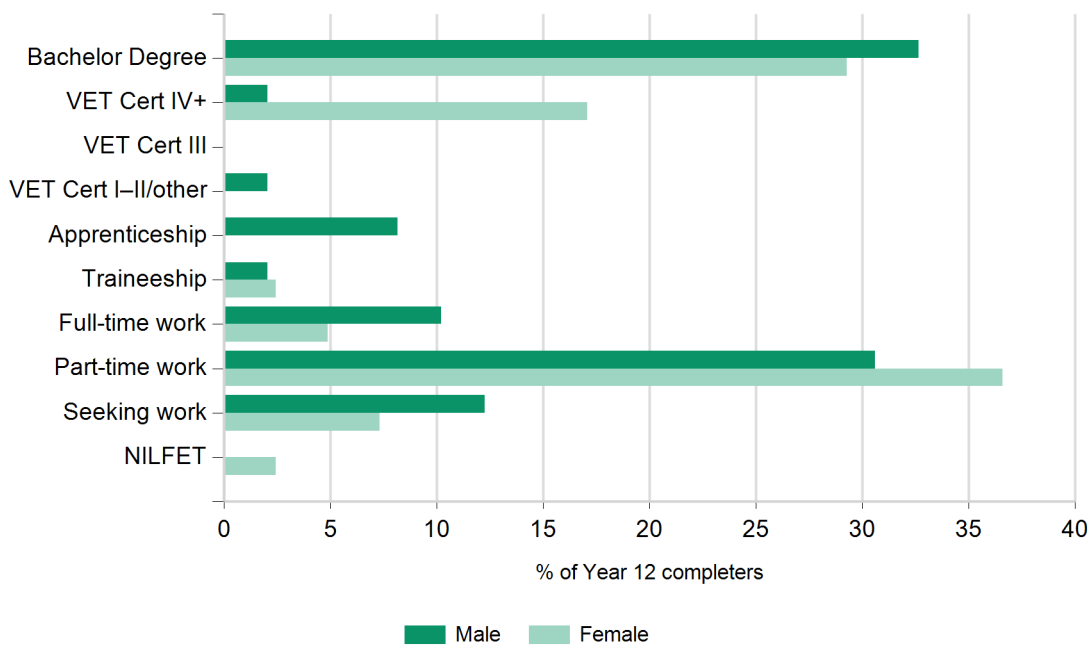
All Year 12 completers were assigned to a main destination. This categorisation system prioritises education-related destinations over other destinations. For example, Year 12 completers who were both studying and working are reported as studying for their main destination (see Appendix 2).

12.2% of respondents deferred a tertiary offer and are reported in their current post-school destination in this report.

Main destination by gender

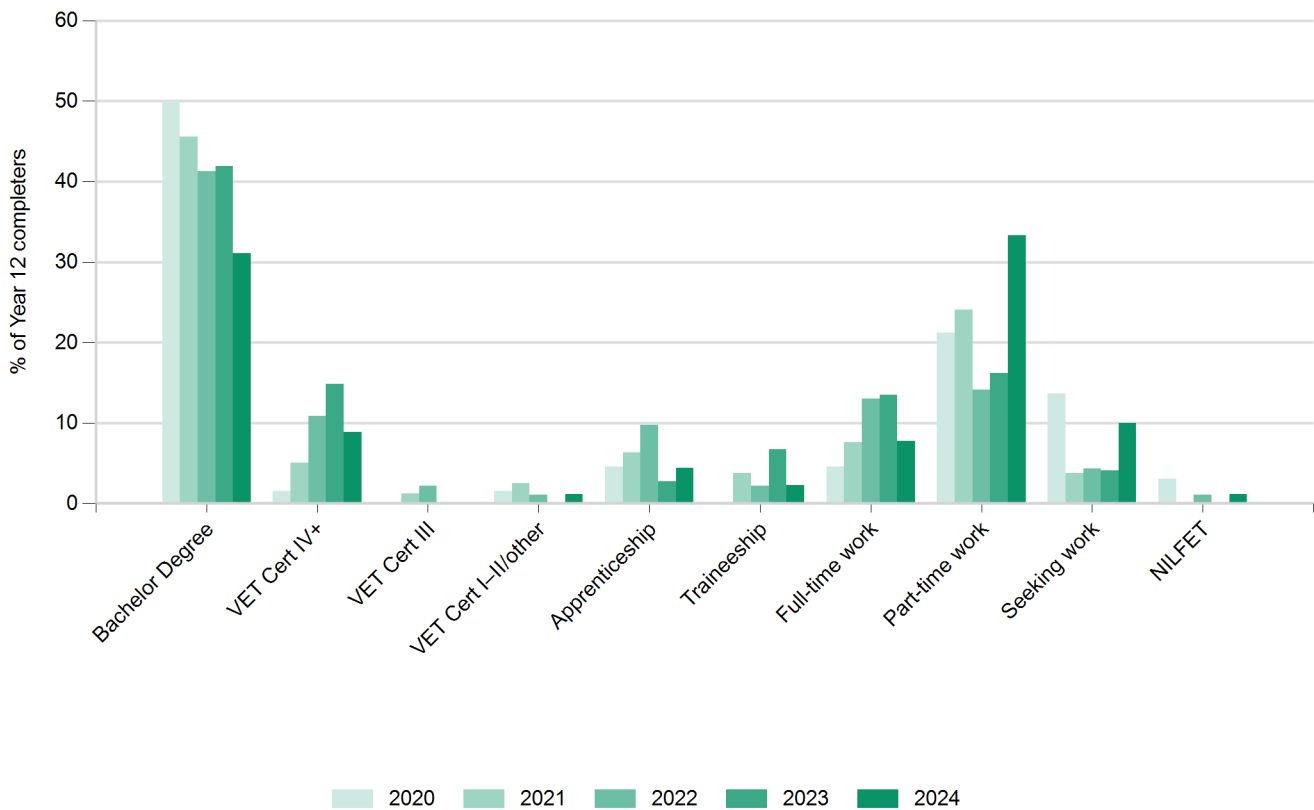
Main destination	Male		Female		Total	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
Bachelor Degree	16	32.7	12	29.3	28	31.1
VET Certificate IV+	1	2.0	7	17.1	8	8.9
VET Certificate III	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
VET Certificate I-II/other	1	2.0	0	0.0	1	1.1
Apprenticeship	4	8.2	0	0.0	4	4.4
Traineeship	1	2.0	1	2.4	2	2.2
Full-time employment	5	10.2	2	4.9	7	7.8
Part-time employment	15	30.6	15	36.6	30	33.3
Seeking work	6	12.2	3	7.3	9	10.0
NILFET*	0	0.0	1	2.4	1	1.1
Total	49	100.0	41	100.0	90	100.0

*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	33	50.0	36	45.6	38	41.3	31	41.9	28	31.1
VET Certificate IV+	1	1.5	4	5.1	10	10.9	11	14.9	8	8.9
VET Certificate III	0	0.0	1	1.3	2	2.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
VET Certificate I–II/other	1	1.5	2	2.5	1	1.1	0	0.0	1	1.1
Apprenticeship	3	4.5	5	6.3	9	9.8	2	2.7	4	4.4
Traineeship	0	0.0	3	3.8	2	2.2	5	6.8	2	2.2
Full-time employment	3	4.5	6	7.6	12	13.0	10	13.5	7	7.8
Part-time employment	14	21.2	19	24.1	13	14.1	12	16.2	30	33.3
Seeking work	9	13.6	3	3.8	4	4.3	3	4.1	9	10.0
NILFET	2	3.0	0	0.0	1	1.1	0	0.0	1	1.1
Total	66	100.0	79	100.0	92	100.0	74	100.0	90	100.0



Main destinations of subgroups

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

There were 76 respondents who completed a VETiS.

Main destination	VETiS	non-VETiS	Total	
	number	number	number	%
Bachelor Degree	20	8	28	31.1
VET Certificate IV+	8	0	8	8.9
VET Certificate III	0	0	0	0.0
VET Certificate I-II/other	0	1	1	1.1
Apprenticeship	4	0	4	4.4
Traineeship	2	0	2	2.2
Full-time employment	7	0	7	7.8
Part-time employment	28	2	30	33.3
Seeking work	7	2	9	10.0
NILFET	0	1	1	1.1
Total	76	14	90	100.0

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

There were 35 respondents who participated in a SAT.

Main destination	SAT		non-SAT		Total	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
Bachelor Degree	5	14.3	23	41.8	28	31.1
VET Certificate IV+	3	8.6	5	9.1	8	8.9
VET Certificate III	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
VET Certificate I-II/other	0	0.0	1	1.8	1	1.1
Apprenticeship	4	11.4	0	0.0	4	4.4
Traineeship	2	5.7	0	0.0	2	2.2
Full-time employment	4	11.4	3	5.5	7	7.8
Part-time employment	15	42.9	15	27.3	30	33.3
Seeking work	2	5.7	7	12.7	9	10.0
NILFET	0	0.0	1	1.8	1	1.1
Total	35	100.0	55	100.0	90	100.0

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

There were 50 respondents who received an ATAR or IBD.

Main destination	ATAR or IBD		Not ATAR or IBD		Total	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
Bachelor Degree	27	54.0	1	2.5	28	31.1
VET Certificate IV+	3	6.0	5	12.5	8	8.9
VET Certificate III	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
VET Certificate I–II/other	0	0.0	1	2.5	1	1.1
Apprenticeship	0	0.0	4	10.0	4	4.4
Traineeship	0	0.0	2	5.0	2	2.2
Full-time employment	1	2.0	6	15.0	7	7.8
Part-time employment	15	30.0	15	37.5	30	33.3
Seeking work	3	6.0	6	15.0	9	10.0
NILFET	1	2.0	0	0.0	1	1.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>90</i>	<i>100.0</i>

Main destination for Aboriginal students and Torres Strait Islander students

There was one respondent who identified as an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person.

Data withheld for this subgroup to protect the confidentiality of individuals.

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.



47.8%

43 out of 90 Year 12 completers from St Michael's College (Merrimac) continued in education or training in 2024.



5.6%

5 Year 12 completers from St Michael's College (Merrimac) 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	%
Society And Culture	4	17.4	5	25.0	9	20.9
Management And Commerce	6	26.1	2	10.0	8	18.6
Health	1	4.3	5	25.0	6	14.0
Engineering And Related Technologies	5	21.7	0	0.0	5	11.6
Architecture And Building	3	13.0	1	5.0	4	9.3
Information Technology	3	13.0	1	5.0	4	9.3
Natural And Physical Sciences	2	8.7	2	10.0	4	9.3
Education	1	4.3	2	10.0	3	7.0
Creative Arts	0	0.0	2	10.0	2	4.7
Agriculture, Environmental And Related Studies	1	4.3	0	0.0	1	2.3
Mixed Field Programmes	1	4.3	0	0.0	1	2.3
Other	1	4.3	0	0.0	1	2.3
Total (students)	** 23	—	20	100.0	** 43	—

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	%
Society And Culture	7	25.0	2	13.3	9	20.9
Management And Commerce	5	17.9	3	20.0	8	18.6
Health	4	14.3	2	13.3	6	14.0
Engineering And Related Technologies	4	14.3	1	6.7	5	11.6
Architecture And Building	1	3.6	3	20.0	4	9.3
Information Technology	4	14.3	0	0.0	4	9.3
Natural And Physical Sciences	4	14.3	0	0.0	4	9.3
Education	2	7.1	1	6.7	3	7.0
Creative Arts	2	7.1	0	0.0	2	4.7
Agriculture, Environmental And Related Studies	0	0.0	1	6.7	1	2.3
Mixed Field Programmes	0	0.0	1	6.7	1	2.3
Other	0	0.0	1	6.7	1	2.3
Total (students)	** 28	—	15	100.0	** 43	—

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.

*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 (narrow) by gender

Study field*	Male		Female		Total	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
Business and Management	5	21.7	1	5.0	6	14.0
Electrical and Electronic Engineering and Technology	4	17.4	0	0.0	4	9.3
Nursing	0	0.0	4	20.0	4	9.3
Computer Science	2	8.7	1	5.0	3	7.0
Law	2	8.7	1	5.0	3	7.0
Other Natural and Physical Sciences	2	8.7	1	5.0	3	7.0
Human Welfare Studies and Services	0	0.0	3	15.0	3	7.0
Building	2	8.7	0	0.0	2	4.7
Architecture and Urban Environment	1	4.3	1	5.0	2	4.7
Behavioural Science	1	4.3	1	5.0	2	4.7
Teacher Education	1	4.3	1	5.0	2	4.7
Accounting	1	4.3	0	0.0	1	2.3
Employment Skills Programmes	1	4.3	0	0.0	1	2.3
Horticulture and Viticulture	1	4.3	0	0.0	1	2.3
Other Engineering and Related Technologies	1	4.3	0	0.0	1	2.3
Other Health	1	4.3	0	0.0	1	2.3
Other Information Technology	1	4.3	0	0.0	1	2.3
Other Society and Culture	1	4.3	0	0.0	1	2.3
Biological Sciences	0	0.0	1	5.0	1	2.3
Communication and Media Studies	0	0.0	1	5.0	1	2.3
Other Education	0	0.0	1	5.0	1	2.3
Performing Arts	0	0.0	1	5.0	1	2.3
Rehabilitation Therapies	0	0.0	1	5.0	1	2.3
Sales and Marketing	0	0.0	1	5.0	1	2.3
Other	1	4.3	0	0.0	1	2.3
Total (students)	** 23	—	20	100.0	** 43	—

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

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Study field (narrow) by level of study

Study field*	Bachelor Degree		Other		Total	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
Business and Management	4	14.3	2	13.3	6	14.0
Electrical and Electronic Engineering and Technology	3	10.7	1	6.7	4	9.3
Nursing	2	7.1	2	13.3	4	9.3
Computer Science	3	10.7	0	0.0	3	7.0
Law	3	10.7	0	0.0	3	7.0
Other Natural and Physical Sciences	3	10.7	0	0.0	3	7.0
Human Welfare Studies and Services	1	3.6	2	13.3	3	7.0
Building	0	0.0	2	13.3	2	4.7
Architecture and Urban Environment	1	3.6	1	6.7	2	4.7
Behavioural Science	2	7.1	0	0.0	2	4.7
Teacher Education	1	3.6	1	6.7	2	4.7
Accounting	1	3.6	0	0.0	1	2.3
Employment Skills Programmes	0	0.0	1	6.7	1	2.3
Horticulture and Viticulture	0	0.0	1	6.7	1	2.3
Other Engineering and Related Technologies	1	3.6	0	0.0	1	2.3
Other Health	1	3.6	0	0.0	1	2.3
Other Information Technology	1	3.6	0	0.0	1	2.3
Other Society and Culture	1	3.6	0	0.0	1	2.3
Biological Sciences	1	3.6	0	0.0	1	2.3
Communication and Media Studies	1	3.6	0	0.0	1	2.3
Other Education	1	3.6	0	0.0	1	2.3
Performing Arts	1	3.6	0	0.0	1	2.3
Rehabilitation Therapies	1	3.6	0	0.0	1	2.3
Sales and Marketing	0	0.0	1	6.7	1	2.3
Other	0	0.0	1	6.7	1	2.3
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Field of study categories based on the *Australian Standard Classification of Education*.

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Where are they studying?

Study institution by gender


Institution name	Male		Female		Total	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
Griffith University	10	43.5	6	30.0	16	37.2
Southern Cross University	1	4.3	5	25.0	6	14.0
Queensland University of Technology	4	17.4	0	0.0	4	9.3
TAFE Queensland Gold Coast	0	0.0	4	20.0	4	9.3
Other institution	2	8.7	1	5.0	3	7.0
The University of Queensland	2	8.7	1	5.0	3	7.0
Other private training college	1	4.3	1	5.0	2	4.7
Blue Dog Training	1	4.3	0	0.0	1	2.3
Busy At Work	1	4.3	0	0.0	1	2.3
TAFE Queensland Greater Brisbane	1	4.3	0	0.0	1	2.3
Aurora Training Institute	0	0.0	1	5.0	1	2.3
Bond University	0	0.0	1	5.0	1	2.3
Total	23	100.0	20	100.0	43	100.0

How are they studying?


69.8%
studying at university



76.7%
studying full-time



83.7%
combining study with paid employment



Employment (total)

This section examines the labour market outcomes for Year 12 completers from St Michael's College (Merrimac).



81.1%

73 out of 90 Year 12 completers were in paid employment in 2024. This figure includes 37 who were only working and 36 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	17.5	3	9.1	10	13.7
Checkout Operators and Office Cashiers	5	12.5	2	6.1	7	9.6
Child Carers	1	2.5	5	15.2	6	8.2
Waiters	1	2.5	5	15.2	6	8.2
Retail Supervisors	4	10.0	0	0.0	4	5.5
Kitchenhands	2	5.0	1	3.0	3	4.1
Carpenters and Joiners	2	5.0	0	0.0	2	2.7
Fast Food Cooks	2	5.0	0	0.0	2	2.7
Sports Coaches, Instructors and Officials	1	2.5	1	3.0	2	2.7
Bar Attendants and Baristas	0	0.0	2	6.1	2	2.7
Cafe Workers	0	0.0	2	6.1	2	2.7
Deck and Fishing Hands	0	0.0	2	6.1	2	2.7
Other Hospitality Workers	0	0.0	2	6.1	2	2.7
Bakers and Pastrycooks	1	2.5	0	0.0	1	1.4
Building and Plumbing Labourers	1	2.5	0	0.0	1	1.4
Car Detailers	1	2.5	0	0.0	1	1.4
Civil Engineering Draftspersons and Technicians	1	2.5	0	0.0	1	1.4
Education Aides	1	2.5	0	0.0	1	1.4
Electricians	1	2.5	0	0.0	1	1.4
Financial Dealers	1	2.5	0	0.0	1	1.4
Motor Mechanics	1	2.5	0	0.0	1	1.4
Other Cleaners	1	2.5	0	0.0	1	1.4
Other Miscellaneous Technicians and Trades Workers	1	2.5	0	0.0	1	1.4
Packers	1	2.5	0	0.0	1	1.4
Painters	1	2.5	0	0.0	1	1.4
Private Tutors and Teachers	1	2.5	0	0.0	1	1.4
Sports Turf Managers and Trades Workers	1	2.5	0	0.0	1	1.4
Other	1	2.5	8	24.2	9	12.3
Total	40	100.0	33	100.0	73	100.0

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

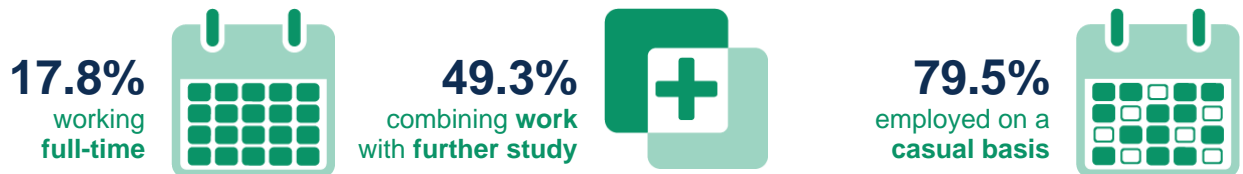
What industry are they working in?

Industry by gender

Industry	Male		Female		Total	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
Accommodation & Food Services	10	25.0	11	33.3	21	28.8
Retail Trade	9	22.5	7	21.2	16	21.9
Health Care & Social Assistance	2	5.0	6	18.2	8	11.0
Construction	6	15.0	0	0.0	6	8.2
Arts & Recreation Services	3	7.5	2	6.1	5	6.8
Education & Training	2	5.0	2	6.1	4	5.5
Administrative & Support Services	1	2.5	2	6.1	3	4.1
Manufacturing	2	5.0	0	0.0	2	2.7
Other Services	2	5.0	0	0.0	2	2.7
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	1	2.5	1	3.0	2	2.7
Transport, Postal & Warehousing	0	0.0	2	6.1	2	2.7
Financial & Insurance Services	1	2.5	0	0.0	1	1.4
Information Media & Telecommunications	1	2.5	0	0.0	1	1.4
Total	40	100.0	33	100.0	73	100.0

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

How are they working?



Not in Education, Employment, or Training (NEET)

This section examines the reasons why Year 12 completers from St Michael's College (Merrimac) were not engaged in education, employment or training.



11.1%

10 out of 90 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
Undecided and considering options	4
Wanted a break from study	3
Looking for work/apprenticeship/traineeship	1
Not interested in further study/already finished studying	1
Other	1
<i>Total</i>	<i>10</i>

Have they had work since school?



60.0%

6 out of 10 Year 12 completers were 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	2
Not satisfied with the job	2
I turned 18 - younger workers are cheaper	1
Moved to another location	1
<i>Total</i>	<i>6</i>

Are they seeking work?



90.0%

9 out of 10 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
Not enough job experience	2
Transport difficulties	2
Not enough jobs available	1
Only just started looking for job	1
Family commitments	1
I turned 18 - younger workers are cheaper	1
Other	1
<i>Total</i>	9

Why are they not seeking work?



10.0%

1 out of 10 Year 12 completers was not working or studying at the time of the survey and was not seeking work, also known as NILFET.

Main reason not looking for a job

Main reason	Total
	number
Student exchange	1
<i>Total</i>	1

Where to from here?

70.0%
taking a
gap year



20.0%
deferred a place
at university



0.0%
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).
VET Certificate III*	Studying at Certificate III level (excluding apprentices and trainees).
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.
Apprenticeship*	Employment-based apprenticeship.
Traineeship*	Employment-based traineeship.

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.
Part-time employment	Working part-time or casual (fewer than 35 hours per week) and not in an education or training category.

Not in education, employment or training (NEET)

Seeking work	Looking for work and not in an education or training category.
NILFET	Not in education or training, not working and not seeking work.

*Some respondents may also be in employment or seeking work.



More information

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