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# Foreword



Queensland's school students of today will become the leaders and innovators of the Smart State of tomorrow.

The choices that Year 12 graduates make about their future are vital and it's important to know how well schools are preparing them to make this transition to adult life.

To help answer this question, the Queensland Government commissioned a statewide survey of all students who completed Year 12.

The survey, conducted in April–May 2007, was designed to gain a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland Year 12 graduates from 2006.

Almost 33 000 young people from Government, Catholic and independent schools and TAFE secondary colleges completed the survey.

Results showed that the majority of young Queenslanders are moving from school into constructive study and work activities, in keeping with the 'learning or earning' objective of the Government's Education and Training Reforms for the Future (ETRF).

This report details the findings from the 2007 *Next Step* survey, the third of what is an ongoing annual survey. The information from these surveys will be used to look at ways of improving services available for young people.

I would like to thank the young Queenslanders who completed the survey and the researchers and school system personnel who made it possible.

I commend this report to you as a valuable source of information for anyone who has an interest in the transitions of young people from school to further education, training and employment.

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## Acronyms and abbreviations



ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
AQF	Australian Qualifications Framework
ASGC	Australian Standard Geographical Classification
CATI	Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing
CPCSE	Certificate of Post-Compulsory School Education
DETA	Department of Education, Training and the Arts
ETRF	Education and Training Reforms for the Future
FT	Full-time
LBOTE	Language Background Other Than English (this term is now used nationally in preference to NESB)
MCEETYA	Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs
NILF	Not In the Labour Force
OGS	Office of the Government Statistician
OP	Overall Position (indicator of academic performance ranking used for university entrance)
PT	Part-time
QSA	Queensland Studies Authority
SAT	School-based apprenticeship and traineeship
SD	Statistical Division
SEIFA	Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas
SES	Socioeconomic status
SSD	Statistical Subdivision
TAFE	Technical and Further Education
VET	Vocational Education and Training