**NEXT STEP 2011**

**STUDENT DESTINATIONS**

Mackay District Special School

**Introduction**

This report is based on the findings of the Queensland Government *Next Step* survey, which targeted all students who completed Year 12 and gained a Senior Statement in 2010, whether they attended a Government, Catholic or independent school, or a TAFE secondary college. The Office of the Government Statistician conducted the survey between 4 April and 16 May 2011, approximately six months after the young people left school. Responses were predominantly collected via computer-assisted telephone interviewing with an online and paper-based survey collected from a small number of students for whom telephone details were not available.

The statewide and regional reports of the *Next Step* survey can be located at the *Next Step* website at [www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep)

**Response rate for Mackay District Special School**

Table 1 below reports the response rate for Mackay District Special School. It expresses the number of respondents from this school, as a percentage of all Year 12 completers attending Mackay District Special School in 2010.

It has not been possible to ascertain how representative these responses are of all students at this school.

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**Definitions of main destinations**

The pathways of Year 12 completers were categorised into ten main destinations. Respondents 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](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep)

**Summary of findings**

In 2011, four young people who completed their Year 12 at Mackay District Special School in 2010 continued in some recognised form of education and training in the year after they left school.

The most common study destination was VET Certificate I-II (three respondents). The combined VET study destinations accounted for four respondents, including three in campus-based VET programs.

One Year 12 completer commenced employment-based training, as a trainee.

There were no respondents from this school who deferred a tertiary offer in 2011.

One respondent did not enter post-school education or training, and was seeking work.

**Figure 1 Main destinations of Year 12 completers**

- VET Cert I-II/other (3) *
- Trainee (1) *
- Seeking work (1)

* included in VET total

VET total = 4