Introduction

This page presents a summary of results of the annual Next Step survey for Charters Towers 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 2013, whether they attended a government, Catholic or independent school, or a TAFE secondary college. The Queensland Government Statistician’s Office conducted the survey between March and June 2014, 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 2014 at www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep.

Response rate for Charters Towers State High School

Table 1 below reports the response rate for Charters Towers State High School. It expresses the number of respondents from this school, as a percentage of all Year 12 completers who attended Charters Towers State High School in 2013. Due to the very low response rate, these results should be interpreted and used with utmost caution.

Table 1: Survey response rate, Charters Towers State High School 2014

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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 2014, 24.0 per cent of young people who completed Year 12 at Charters Towers State High School in 2013 continued in some recognised form of education and training in the year after they left school. The most common study destination was VET Certificate IV+ (8.0 per cent). The combined VET study destinations accounted for 20.0 per cent of respondents, including 12.0 per cent in campus-based VET programs. Bachelor Degree study also accounted for 4.0 per cent of respondents.

8.0 per cent commenced employment-based training, either as an apprentice (4.0 per cent) or trainee (4.0 per cent).

There were no respondents from this school who deferred a tertiary offer in 2014.

76.0 per cent did not enter post-school education or training, and were either employed (64.0 per cent) or seeking work (12.0 per cent).

Figure 1: Main destination of Year 12 completers, Charters Towers State High School 2014