

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 1919**

**Asked on 14 November 2007**

Ms Darling asked the Minister for Education and Training and Minister for the Arts (Mr Welford) —

### **QUESTION:**

How many students attending State high schools in the Sandgate electorate will complete Year 12 in 2007 and how many school leavers participated in school-based apprenticeships and traineeships?

### **ANSWER:**

Two-hundred-and-eighty students completed Year 12 in the two state high schools within the Sandgate electorate this year. Of those students, 34 participated in a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship (SAT) as part of their senior studies.

They have been working in the areas of health, building, engineering, energy, automotive, hospitality and hairdressing; as well as in a range of other fields such as administration, business, information technology and retail.

Students from the Sandgate area have accomplished some remarkable achievements while participating in their apprenticeships or traineeships.

For example, one student from Bracken Ridge State High School has just won an \$18 000 grant from the Hospitality Training Association to continue his studies full-time towards becoming a chef.

Four students from Sandgate schools have recently graduated with certificates in aged care from a program run by Sandgate employer Masonic Care. This program is being run as a long-term recruitment and retention strategy. Masonic Care has found the program so successful at being able to interest young people in careers in aged care, they are planning to sign-up more students next year.

One of the students in this program, from Sandgate District State High School, has been named Trainee of the Year by the Masonic Care program, as well as Vocational Education Student of the Year in the recent Local Community Partnership awards, which are sponsored by the Commonwealth Government.

These are just some examples of the outcomes that school-based apprenticeships and traineeships are delivering for our students and Queensland employers. Our Government is committed to building on our success as a national leader in school-based apprenticeships and traineeships.