

Question on Notice
No. 1029
Asked on 12 September 2023

MR B MICKELBERG ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND MINISTER FOR RACING (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise for each financial year from 2020-21 to 2022-23 (a) the current number of state high schools delivering a VET program, (b) the number of participating students and (c) the number of completed qualifications (detailed separately by SA4 area)?

ANSWER:

Queensland state schools have a strong history of embracing and offering VET pathways to students and are committed to ensuring the delivery of quality programs for all students.

The data below represents the number of state high school campuses with students undertaking a VET program, delivered by a school registered training organisation (RTO) or an external RTO, such as TAFE Queensland or a private provider, the number of students at these schools participating in VET, and the number of completed qualifications by SA4 area, for the period requested.

Note, data is provided by calendar year given it is not collected by financial years. Data for 2023 will be available following certification on 15 December 2023. Numbers are based on data provided by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority.

In relation to part (a), the number of state high school campuses that have students participating in VET were 291 in 2020; 307 in 2021; and 316 in 2022.

In relation to part (b), the number of state high school students participating in VET were 52,850 in 2020; 64,633 in 2021; and 52,508* in 2022.

*In 2022, the qualification FSK20113 - Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways was superseded and no longer recognised as contributing to the literacy and numeracy standard for the award of a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). Many schools offered that qualification for students to meet the literacy and numeracy requirements for the QCE resulting in a smaller number of students doing and completing VET courses in 2022.

In relation to part (c), the number of completed VET qualification for years 2020 to 2022 by SA4 region are outlined below:

2020

Brisbane – East: 1908
Brisbane – North: 1237
Brisbane – South: 4701
Brisbane – West: 3533
Brisbane Inner City: 1926
Cairns: 3006
Central Queensland: 3108
Darling Downs – Maranoa: 1434
Gold Coast: 6741
Ipswich: 6066
Logan – Beaudesert: 5171
Mackay – Isaac – Whitsunday: 2654
Moreton Bay – North: 4131
Moreton Bay – South: 2873
Queensland – Outback: 960

Sunshine Coast: 6959
Toowoomba: 1388
Townsville: 3703
Wide Bay: 3342

2021

Brisbane – East: 2058
Brisbane – North: 1654
Brisbane – South: 6072
Brisbane – West: 4326
Brisbane Inner City: 2481
Cairns: 3719
Central Queensland: 2951
Darling Downs – Maranoa: 1607
Gold Coast: 7899
Ipswich: 7739
Logan – Beaudesert: 6830
Mackay – Isaac – Whitsunday: 2670
Moreton Bay – North: 4097
Moreton Bay – South: 3266
Queensland – Outback: 1129
Sunshine Coast: 7015
Toowoomba: 2180
Townsville: 4365
Wide Bay: 3566

2022

Brisbane – East: 1989
Brisbane – North: 1314
Brisbane – South: 5835
Brisbane – West: 3139
Brisbane Inner City: 2404
Cairns: 3596
Central Queensland: 2423
Darling Downs – Maranoa: 1419
Gold Coast: 6597
Ipswich: 5392
Logan – Beaudesert: 5128
Mackay – Isaac – Whitsunday: 2133
Moreton Bay – North: 3822
Moreton Bay – South: 2645
Other Territories: 9
Queensland – Outback: 987
Sunshine Coast: 5860
Toowoomba: 1528
Townsville: 3377
Wide Bay: 3150