




A Parent's Guide to TAFE

Queensland the Smart State



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A silhouette of a child running and flying a kite against a dramatic sunset sky with golden clouds. The child is in the foreground, running towards the right, with their right arm raised holding the kite string. The kite is a colorful diamond shape with blue, red, and yellow sections, flying in the upper left. The sky is filled with large, golden, glowing clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow. The overall scene is set against a dark blue sky with scattered white clouds.

By the age of five
your child will have seen
a wide array of future
possibilities via today's
global technology. At that age,
they have already started to dream about
'what they want to be when they grow
up'. A dentist. A hairdresser. An engineer.
The Prime Minister.

Your child does not stop dreaming. And why should they? Today they can choose from an enormous range of exciting jobs and careers – many of which may not have even existed when you left school: computer engineer, personal trainer, web designer or biotechnologist.

And the way they learn is different. Children's imaginations are now fired by the use of computers, digital media, data projectors and the Internet. Learning is far more interactive and the classroom is a global place now.

As your child leaves school and contemplates their part in this exciting new world, you need to entrust their future to an educational provider that can meet your child's dream.

Take a fresh look at TAFE.
Just as the world is changing,
so are we. Let us show you how.





Greater career possibilities to expand their minds

So what does your child want to be? An architectural draftsman designing beach houses or a mechanical engineer dedicated to motor sports? How about a graphic designer working in an advertising agency or an electrician who owns their own business?

Whatever your child's dream, TAFE can help them fulfil it.

With a network of institutes and more than 80 campuses, TAFE Queensland is the largest, most experienced provider of vocational education and training in the state. We offer over 800 programs spanning a large range of industry sectors – from arts, business, entertainment and fashion to engineering, building and construction.

We also offer results. A recent graduate destination survey revealed that 86% of all TAFE graduates were employed or in further study after training.

Whatever your child's aspiration, TAFE can help them fulfil their dream.



“Winning Tropfest was an amazing experience. To have George Miller hand me the award was amazing, but for him to say how much he loved the film was probably the best feeling of the night.” Steve Baker, winner at Tropfest 2007. Tropfest is one of the world's largest short film festivals. **Steve Baker** | TAFE Diploma of Animation



More than just a piece of paper...

You want your child to learn, be inspired, challenged and supported. And above all, you want them to enjoy what they're doing.

So how do we create a learning environment that suits their individual learning style? Firstly, our classes allow for individual attention from well-qualified dedicated teachers who have significant industry experience.

Secondly, we build in practical work experience. Your child does not just finish their studies with a piece of paper, but with industry-relevant skills that will give them an edge in today's job market. In 2006, more than 11,000 university graduates chose to further their education at TAFE Queensland for this reason.



“My studies and apprenticeship gave me the opportunity to learn and make money at the same time. Because of this I have been able to buy my first house.”

Joshua Stemm | 2006 Queensland Apprentice of the Year



More pathways to achieve their ambitions

At TAFE, your child can choose to study full-time or part-time, on campus, at home, at school or at their workplace. Other options include online courses, open learning and interactive distance learning.

There's also more than one pathway for your child to achieve their ambitions. They can choose from the following options:

- Study with TAFE while they're still in school (either on campus, at school or through a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship).
- Complete a pre-vocational program.
- Gain qualifications ranging from an Advanced Diploma to Certificates.
- Improve their tertiary selection rank as part of their pathway to university.
- Gain credit for their TAFE studies to reduce the length of their university degree.

With TAFE, anything is possible for your child.



“Thanks to TAFE, I’m looking forward to an exciting career in IT.”

Rebecca Chippendale. Already a qualified chef, Rebecca changed careers and is now a graduate of the Diploma of Information Technology (Network Administration).



Fees and charges to suit your budget

The government subsidises TAFE programs, so they often cost considerably less than programs offered by universities or private training providers. Program fees vary depending on the number of courses studied, the contact hours and the cost of any incidental materials.

To give you an idea, the current maximum fee for a fully subsidised program is \$1003.35 per year (materials and other program costs are not included). Some programs may cost less and fee concessions may apply.

Fees and charges for non-government subsidised programs may vary between institutes.

Once your child has chosen a program of study, enrolment staff at their institute of choice will be able to provide accurate information about fees payable. Concessions and financial assistance may be available and some institutes offer students the option of paying fees in instalments.



“TAFE has given me the confidence and networks to go out there and get work as a personal trainer even while I’m studying.” **Candice Workman** | Diploma of Fitness



More support to enable them to do their best

At TAFE, we realise your child may have needs that are not catered for by a 'one size fits all' education. To enable them to achieve their best and get the most out of their studies, we offer the following:

- career, educational and personal counselling
- support and advice to learners with a disability
- job placement officers at most institutes to assist graduates in obtaining the employment they seek
- Indigenous student support officers at each institute to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- support for people from non-English-speaking backgrounds
- support for people with literacy and numeracy difficulties.



“The benefits of studying at TAFE include learning new skills, meeting new people, making new friends and obtaining a qualification that will lead to employment and a new career.” **Greg Woibo**, lead vocalist in Far North Queensland Indigenous band *One Drop* and TAFE graduate.

Greater career possibilities

With the help of TAFE, a whole range of careers is opened up. Just some of the possibilities include:

Education, English Language and Literacy

Further tertiary study
Language and literacy teacher
Teacher aide

Arts and Entertainment

Artists/Designers/Illustrators
Entertainers
Interior designers
Film and video producers
Media presenter/producers
Multimedia developers
Musicians/Photographers/Writers

Automotive

Airconditioning fitters/mechanics
Mechanics
Panel beaters and spray painters

Building and Construction

Boat builders
Bricklayers/Builders
Building surveyors
Cabinet makers/Carpenters
Construction managers
Logistics officers
Painters and decorators
Plumbers
Ships' officers and engineers
Transport administrators/drivers

Business and Financial Services

Advertising officers/managers
Bank officers
Call centre operators
Executive assistants
Financial planners
Human resource managers

Insurance officers
Justice administrators
Marketing managers/researchers
Project officers
Property managers
Public relations officers
Real estate agents
Retail managers
Small business operators

Community Services, Health and Beauty

Aged care workers
Beauty consultants
Child care workers
Community workers
Counsellors
Dental assistants/technicians
First aid officers
Hairdressers
Massage therapists
Medical orderlies
Natural therapists
Nurses
Operating theatre assistants
Pathology/Pharmacy assistants

Engineering, Mining and Electrotechnology

CAD operators
Data communication technicians
Electricians
Electronics technicians
Engineering technicians
Fitters and turners
Instrument makers
Miners

Horticulture and Primary Industries

Agricultural engineers
Aquaculture technicians
Farm workers
Fisheries workers
Floriculture tradespersons

Gardeners/Greenkeepers
Horticulturalists
Laboratory workers
Landscape gardeners
Nursery assistants/managers
Pet shop assistants
Veterinary/Zookeeper assistants

Hospitality, Travel and Tourism

Airline sales officers
Bar attendants
Catering managers/Chefs
Conference organisers
Food and beverage attendants
Front office attendants
Hotel/Restaurant managers
Theme park workers
Travel consultants
Tour guide operators
Tourism managers

Information and Communication Technology

Business systems analysts
Computer engineers
Hardware engineers
IT educators/managers
IT system designers
Programmers
Web designer/developers

Science and Technology

Biotechnicians
Food technologists
Laboratory technicians

Sport and Recreation

Fitness instructors
Lifeguards
Personal trainers
Recreation officers
Sports coach/referees

Contacts for institutes

BARRIER REEF INSTITUTE OF TAFE

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SKILLSTECH AUSTRALIA (Trade and Technician Skills Institute)

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SOUTHBANK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

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