

CREATING BRIGHT FUTURES

A spectacular place to live, a vibrant place to learn, Queensland's Sunshine Coast offers outstanding lifelong education opportunities, preparing students to contribute locally, nationally and globally in the 21st century.



PRIMARY • SECONDARY • TERTIARY • VOCATIONAL

QUEENSLAND'S SUNSHINE COAST

One of Australia's most desirable regions, Queensland's Sunshine Coast is renowned for its natural attributes, diverse, vibrant communities and economic potential.

With over 100kms of sparkling coastline, pristine beaches, natural wonders, a lush hinterland, locally grown and caught produce, national and international major events and award-winning attractions, activities and eateries, the Sunshine Coast is your perfect living and learning destination.

Located just over one hour's drive from the state capital of Brisbane, and with a population of more than 319,922 (ABS, 2018) forecast to grow to 500,000 by 2041, the Sunshine Coast has a clear

20-year economic blueprint and vision to build a high-value economy of choice for business, investment and employment.

Identified by leading social commentator Bernard Salt as the 'entrepreneurship capital of Australia', the Sunshine Coast is a supportive, innovative community which was recently recognised as one of the world's Top 7 'Intelligent Communities' (by the not-for-profit research group, the Intelligent Community Forum).



A SPECTACULAR PLACE TO LEARN



80+ SCHOOLS

PREP

Queensland children are required to undertake Prep prior to Year 1. Prep is a full-time program that children attend from Monday to Friday during normal school hours, generally from 9am to 3pm. Children must be aged 5 years by 30 June in the year they start Prep.

Prep provides the foundation for your child's success at school by developing the knowledge, understanding and skills detailed in the Australian Curriculum for English, mathematics, science and history (Foundation Year).

In Prep, your child will have opportunities to learn in many ways. This includes active learning such as play-based and enquiry-based approaches. They make decisions, solve problems, develop thinking skills, collaborate, communicate and develop a positive sense of self.

CREATING

lifelong learners

valued employees

innovators

engaged global citizens

Schools on the Sunshine Coast enjoy a proven performance of academic excellence, many among the top performing schools in Queensland, achieved through outstanding staff and world class curriculum within contemporary and natural learning environments.

Primary schools offer education from Prep to Year 6 with Years 7 to 12 education provided through secondary schools. The school year normally runs from late January to mid-December. It is divided into two semesters, with two terms in each and holiday breaks for Easter, winter, spring and summer.

Queensland schools are required to implement all eight learning areas of the Australian Curriculum which include:

- + English
- + Mathematics
- + Science
- + Humanities and Social Sciences
- + Health and Physical Education
- + Technologies
- + The Arts
- + Languages

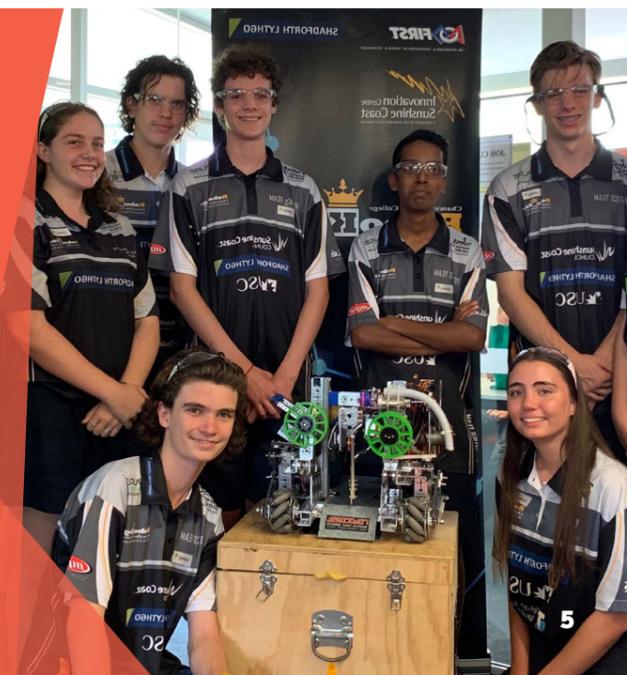


STUDENTS making their mark

CHANCELLOR STATE COLLEGE ROBOTICS PROGRAM

The robotics program at Chancellor State College offers a unique experience for International Study Tours and Study Abroad students. The success of the program was highlighted recently on a global stage at the FIRST Robotics Championship held in Houston, Texas, where Chancellor's 'RoboRoyals' achieved 2nd Place for the Gracious Professionalism Award at an event that attracted over 45,000 students from 40 different countries.

chancellorsc.eq.edu.au/international/program





A NATURAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

PRIMARY

The Sunshine Coast offers a range of primary schooling options across Independent, Catholic and State schools committed to fostering in each child a love of learning and catering for the individual needs of families and their children.

Your child will be able to access an extensive curriculum covering English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities and Social Sciences, Modern Languages, Health, Physical Education and Sport, Music, Visual Art, Studies of Society, Environment and Digital and Design Technology.

An amazing natural environment on the Sunshine Coast enables primary schools to complement the academic life of each child with diverse sporting and cultural programs to encourage students to explore their talents and passions. Many schools offer outdoor education experiences for students from Year 3 to Year 6 to encourage a sense of adventure, resilience, confidence and persistence.



STUDENTS making their mark

MOUNTAIN CREEK STATE HIGH SCHOOL CODING AND INNOVATION HUB

Established in 2015, the Coding and Innovation Hub has become an outstanding centre for innovative practice for students studying Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM). Students are given the opportunity to access technical and entrepreneurial development and to collaborate with students globally from countries such as the USA, Japan, Dubai, India, China, Greenland and Norway on significant projects on Future Living, Global Learning, Sustainable Living and more.

mountaincreekshs.eq.edu.au
codinginnovationhub.com

SECONDARY

With a variety of secondary schooling options available; including Independent, Catholic and State schools, the Sunshine Coast has something to suit the individual needs of each child as they transition into adulthood.

Many secondary schools across the Sunshine Coast are highly renowned for both academic achievements and co-curricular activities. This strong reputation reflects students who are motivated to learn and excel, supported and nurtured by teachers who inspire curiosity and confidence within engaged and caring school communities.

Sunshine Coast secondary schools have a strong record of student matriculation to University, which is reflective of their strong academic performance.

Academic excellence programs are available through many schools, as are programs to meet the specific needs of international students, and school based and community facilities nurture the talents of students across music, the arts, technology, sports and student exchange programs. The International Baccalaureate Diploma is also a pathway that students can explore.

Students seeking a vocational focus in their senior schooling can access a range of accredited certificate courses through school-based traineeships or apprenticeships. This provides students with post-school certainty in relation to career pathways.

Career services are offered by many schools with qualified career counsellors present to support students to navigate their career planning through subject selections, post-school pathway decisions and tertiary applications.



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REACHING FOR THE SKIES

The Aerial Technology Program at Caloundra State High School shows students how to assemble the electronic and plastic components of their own mini drone, including how to solder and use a Computer Aided Drawing tool to design the plastic components of the drone. Students configure their own flight controls as well as testing flight paths and patterns through working with 3D printing and design.

caloundrashs.eq.edu.au

SUNSHINE COAST SCHOOLS

among best performing schools in Queensland

Sunshine Coast schools empower each student to build a strong foundation upon which to explore their future, reflected in the exceptionally high numbers of students achieving the Queensland Certificate of Education. Awarded for successfully completing secondary education, we celebrate the 2402 (97.6%) Year 12 students on the Sunshine Coast who achieved certification in 2019.

Outstanding results achieved by 2019 Year 12 students rank many Sunshine Coast schools amongst the best performing schools in Queensland.

2019 Year 12 Student Results*

School	% of Students with OP 1-5
Sunshine Coast Grammar School	43.9
Matthew Flinders Anglican College	41.6
St Andrew's Anglican College	34.6
St John's College	34.0
Immanuel Lutheran College	30.6
Maroochydore State High School	30.0
Coolum State High School	27.7
Maleny State High School	27.6
Pacific Lutheran College	25.7
Nambour Christian College	25.4
Nambour State College	25.0
Noosa Christian College	23.0
Queensland State Average	22.5

**Until 2019 Queensland students received an OP score (Overall Performance). From 2020 students receive an ATAR rank (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank).*



BRIGHTEST YOUNG MINDS

ZENNJO SEARLE

Matthew Flinders Anglican College graduate Zennjo Searle has been recognised as one of the state's brightest young minds from the Class of 2019. Zennjo was among 34 graduates who received awards at the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) Achievement Awards, held at the State Library of Queensland in Brisbane.

Zennjo, who was one of the 11 Flinders students to achieve an OP1 in 2019, accepted the 'Distinguished Academic Achiever' award at the ceremony. Principal Stuart Meade also attended the ceremony and congratulated Zennjo for his outstanding results.

"I have been lucky to have had incredible teachers who have inspired and encouraged me to pursue my love of learning. I've also had friends who follow their passions without compromise," said Zennjo.

School	2020 Tuition Fees (Non-Boarding) for Years 7-12*
SCEGGS Sydney	\$40,480
Geelong Grammar School	\$39,300
Cranbrook Sydney	\$38,862
Sydney Grammar School	\$38,043
Melbourne Girls Grammar	\$36,784
PLC Sydney	\$36,180
Trinity Grammar Melbourne	\$34,756
Brisbane Grammar School	\$28,725
Brisbane Girls Grammar	\$25,784
Canberra Grammar	\$25,750
Canberra Girls Grammar	\$24,990
The Southport School	\$24,195
Brisbane Boys College	\$24,116
Matthew Flinders Anglican College	\$17,112
Sunshine Coast Grammar School	\$14,550

*Fees include levies i.e technology, textbooks etc. Source: available fee schedules.

LOWER FEES

Private school fees on the Sunshine Coast are significantly below private schools located in the cities of Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.

Encompassing beautiful natural surrounds, Sunshine Coast private schools offer high standards, excellent facilities, caring and supportive relationships and outstanding, safe learning spaces.

Academically, students attending Sunshine Coast private schools consistently perform strongly. This confirms the delivery of a comparable, if not superior in many cases, standard of education to that provided by more expensive private schools located across Australian cities.

STUDENTS making their mark

TATE MCDERMOTT

Sunshine Coast Grammar School graduate Tate McDermott is a rising star on the national and international rugby scene. Tate became one of a few players to feature in three-consecutive schoolboy First XV premierships with Grammar and was picked in the Australian schoolboys rugby sevens side when he was in Year 11, and in Year 12 Tate was selected in both the Queensland and Australian schoolboy rugby teams.

In 2016 Tate made his debut for the Queensland Reds and the following year he represented Australia in the global Rugby 7's Series. Tate's success can be attributed to his ability and commitment to the game, as well as the development and opportunities he received by playing rugby on the Sunshine Coast. Tate is currently the starting halfback for the Queensland Reds and is widely tipped to become a future player for the Australian Wallabies.



2 HIGHLY RANKED UNIVERSITIES

Students learn from the most highly awarded teaching and support staff in the nation, and benefit from flexible entry pathways, industry relevant degrees and excellent study facilities, whilst enjoying the relaxed and safe lifestyle that the Sunshine Coast offers.

The Sunshine Coast has a study experience to provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in the most desirable jobs of the future.

Studying on the Sunshine Coast empowers students to take on the world with many alumni making their mark locally and globally.



UNIVERSITY OF THE SUNSHINE COAST (USC)

The University of the Sunshine Coast is one of Australia's fastest growing universities.

Opening its doors in 1996, USC was at the time the first greenfield public university to be established in Australia since the early 1970s. Today, with almost 18,000 enrolled students, the university is on track to grow towards having 35,000 students.

The university provides more than 120 degree programs across undergraduate and postgraduate study in Business and Information Technology; Communication and Design; Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedicine; Education; Health and Sport Science; Humanities and Social Sciences; Law and Criminology; and Science and Engineering. USC is home to some of the most advanced learning facilities in Australia, including simulated nursing and paramedic labs and advanced engineering technologies.

USC's international reputation for research is

growing every year, with 26 research fields rated at world standard or above. (2018 Excellence in Research for Australia ratings). Leading research areas include Environmental Sciences, Nursing, Medical and Health Sciences, Biological Sciences, Engineering, Technology, Psychology, Agricultural and Veterinary Sciences, and Communication.

USC also plays a leading role in health services education and clinical work through the university's partnership in the Sunshine Coast Health Institute at the Sunshine Coast Health Precinct.

Students have rated the university as having five-star teaching quality for 14 consecutive years, and have given it five stars for overall experience for eight consecutive years.

The Sunshine Coast campus is also home to the Innovation Centre Sunshine Coast – an incubator for start-up knowledge businesses aiming to create new jobs in new industries and workplace opportunities for USC students.

The Sunshine Coast campus is located on a 100-hectare designated wildlife reserve, which provides sanctuary to native Australian wildlife, including the resident Eastern Grey Kangaroos.

usc.edu.au



STUDENTS making their mark

THEO MOSTERT
Bachelor of Science (Honours) USC

There are a lot of opportunities on the Coast. In some respects, it's still a developing community so there are opportunities to make an impact through your studies. I've always felt really supported at USC – not just from my teachers, but from all the USC staff. It's a great learning environment.

I just love the relaxed environment of the Sunshine Coast. Having USC so close to the beach has allowed me to have a really balanced lifestyle while I've been studying.





STACEY MILLS
Bachelor of Regional and Urban Planning USC

A USC planning graduate described as a brilliant role model to others across Australia, has been named Queensland's Young Planner of the Year for 2019. Stacey, who graduated from USC with a Bachelor of Regional and Urban Planning (Honours) in 2014, was presented with the award at the Queensland Planning Institute of Australia's Awards for Excellence.

Stacey is a Senior Strategic Planner with Mackay Regional Council and leads planning projects in the region. She also volunteers as the Central Queensland Convenor of the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) and creates opportunities for networking and professional development across the profession.

Stacey's list of achievements impressed the PIA judging panel who said she used her infectious passion for planning and work ethic to excel and was a brilliant role model to other young planners across Australia. Since graduating, Stacey has worked in planning roles with local government, private consultancy and the South Australian Government. She said the experience gained through USC's Regional and Urban Planning degree continued to shape her development as a planning professional.

"Overall, USC set me up for a career that I love, and one where I can plan for people and work on projects that shape communities," Stacey said.

USC's smaller class sizes allowed our class to assist with real-life local projects and we were able to complete community consultation and master planning with the people who live in these communities.

When I compared USC to the planning degrees on offer at other universities, it was easily the best fit for me," she said.

innovative online delivery

career-focused learning

world-ready graduates



CQUNIVERSITY (CQUni)

CQUniversity is a truly national university with a campus presence in every mainland state of Australia and is also an industry leader in online education with more than half of its current student cohort studying online.

CQUni delivers more than 300 courses ranging from short courses and certificates through to undergraduate, postgraduate and research degrees, in study areas including Business and Law, Education and the Arts, Engineering and Technology, Health, Medical and Applied Sciences and Nursing and Midwifery.

CQUni has also established itself as a research-focused university and in the 2018 Excellence in Research Australia (ERA) rankings the University

was rated at 'above' or 'well above' world standard in the areas of Mathematical Sciences, Applied Mathematics, Horticultural Production, Engineering, Psychological and Cognitive Sciences, Psychology, Agriculture and Vet Sciences, Land and Farm Management, Public Health and Health Services and Nursing.

Importantly, graduates from CQUniversity also have some of the best employment outcomes in Australia, with recent data released by the Graduate Outcomes Survey indicating that 79.5 per cent of domestic undergraduate students find fulltime employment within four months of graduation, compared to the national average of 72.3 per cent.

CQUniversity is the first and only Australian university to achieve membership of the exclusive global network committed to social innovation, enterprise and impact.

cqu.edu.au



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making their mark

LYNDSEY SCOTT
Bachelor of Business (Tourism and Human resources) USC

A USC graduate, Lyndsey was in 2018 appointed Hyatt Hotels Corporation's Area Director of Human Resources in the State of Qatar, Sultanate of Oman and State of Kuwait, having previously held the role of Director of Human Resources at the Grand Hyatt Melbourne since 2014.

Lyndsey is based in the Qatari capital of Doha and one of her key tasks is to attract more people to work in the Middle East. "At the moment there's a huge focus on getting everything ready ahead of the FIFA World Cup 2022, so one of my main responsibilities is attracting more people to work in Qatar," Lyndsey said.

"It's a huge opportunity for people to move to the Middle East and work in a unique environment. It's such an exciting time to be living here." Qatar will become the first Arab country to host the soccer world cup when the tournament is held there. Lyndsey supports the Human Resources function across three hotels - the Grand Hyatt Doha Hotel and Villas in Qatar, Park Hyatt Doha and the Grand Hyatt Muscat in Oman.

Lyndsey started her human resources career after completing a work placement at the former Hyatt Coolom as part of a Tourism major in her final year at USC.



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making their mark

APRIL CUNNINGHAM
Bachelor of Education CQUni

A proud Noonuccal woman, April is very keen and passionate to share and educate the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures with others, and is an active peer adviser and student representative at the CQUni Sunshine Coast campus. April has represented Australia at international forums, where she joined a number of world leaders. April was selected as an Australian Global Voices delegate to attend the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) World Forum, where healthcare systems and the homeless sector were key topics discussed. Most recently April was chosen to attend the 2020 Ashoka U Exchange - one of the largest global conferences on educating people to be Changemakers - in Minnesota, USA.



SKILLS-BASED TRAINING COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

- national accreditation
- students gain practical skills in real world environments

The Sunshine Coast hosts more than 100 Registered Training Organisations where students can achieve their career aspirations by studying a Certificate level, Diploma or Advanced Diploma qualification. Each year there are over 5,000 apprentices and trainees and more than 13,000 students on the Sunshine Coast who graduate with vocational job-ready skills (VOCSTATS, 2018).

Study and career areas include: Health and Community Services, Education, IT, Electronics and Cybersecurity, Engineering and Construction,

Tourism and Events Management, Sports and Recreation, Music, Hair and Beauty, Business and Commerce; Performing Arts and Photography.

Queensland is internationally renowned for its high quality, industry focused vocational education and training system. Led by industry and responsive to local and international needs, vocational education and training providers on the Sunshine Coast are focused on delivering skills-based training that gives students a competitive edge.

100⁺
REGISTERED TRAINING ORGANISATIONS

13K
GRADUATES EACH YEAR

5K
APPRENTICESHIPS & TRAINEESHIPS

STUDENTS making their mark

NOAH VAN DER STELT
Certificate III in Information, Digital Media and Technology (ICT30118)

I've wanted to work in IT since I was in grade 10. With TAFE Queensland, I've been able to undertake a very practical and hands on traineeship, while also completing my Certificate III in IT, giving me the opportunity to learn on the job and gain important and invaluable skills and knowledge that will help me to fast track my career.

Through my training I'm learning about how to look after and care for computers inside and out as well as being able to assist end users. These skills are essential in any business as not everyone finds it easy to learn about and care for their computers themselves and it's always good to have an IT staff member around.

The training has been awesome, even when the going gets tough I've had constant support from both my work colleagues and teacher. Further down the track I'd also like to continue my studies and achieve a Diploma in Cyber Security. Cyber Security is important for any business because of the ever expanding ways that people can be prone to cyber-attacks. This is why having people to combat cyber threats is essential and also a field that I am quite interested in.

A VIBRANT PLACE TO LEARN



TAFE QUEENSLAND

TAFE Queensland is the largest, most experienced training provider in the state, with a history of serving Queensland's communities for more than 135 years. TAFE Queensland offers hundreds of practical, industry-relevant courses from entry-level certificates to bachelor degrees. Training is delivered to over 111,000 students each year across more than 50 locations in Queensland. TAFE Queensland delivers to students via online, face to face on campus, remotely, in the work place and off shore every year.

Operating across three main locations on the Sunshine Coast - Mooloolaba, Nambour and Sunshine Coast Health Institute - TAFE Queensland offers a wide range of study areas including Health and Community Services, Building, Construction and Engineering, Information Technology, Business, Hospitality and Cookery, Tourism and Events, Cyber Security, Sports and Recreation, Creative and Visual Arts and Electrical.

TAFE Queensland programs have been designed in close consultation with business and industry. Combined with highly qualified and experienced teachers, this approach means students gain the skills and knowledge that gives them a competitive advantage when entering the workforce, or continuing on to further education.

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training in high demand industries

internationally recognised qualifications



SUNSHINE COAST HEALTH INSTITUTE (SCHI)

The Sunshine Coast Health Institute, located on the Sunshine Coast University Hospital (SCUH) campus, is a collaborative partnership between the Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service, the University of the Sunshine Coast, TAFE Queensland and Griffith University. Together, the SCHI partners provide a range of educational tools and training to develop and improve the skills of doctors, nurses, allied health workers, health professionals and vocational students.

Teaching and research are integral to the SCUH, and the SCHI plays a vital role in training the next generation of staff, fostering innovation and maintaining a culture of ongoing clinical audit, redesign and clinical practice improvement to support excellence in the delivery of care.

One of the key educational areas at the SCHI is the state-of-the-art high-fidelity simulation suites which provide interactive, hands on, scenario-based clinical education in an environment that replicates the equivalent physical hospital setting and equipment. The simulation programs, involving all levels of participants from undergraduate to senior staff as well as all healthcare disciplines and specialties, assist students to transition from studying healthcare into the workforce.

shealthinstitute.com.au

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LEESA ABERDEEN

Diploma of Nursing (HLT54115), TAFE Queensland SCHI campus

The institute is amazing – you're surrounded by other health care students and being based across from the hospital, you see the doctors and the patients. It feels like you're actually amongst it. The equipment we use is practically brand new and I've met people who I think will be lifelong friends. Getting the courage to return to study was a challenge, but everyone here wants you to succeed. Our classes are smaller in size, so you get to know everyone and we help one another. In the long term after graduating, I plan to get a position as an enrolled nurse, and then once my son starts school, go to university to become a registered nurse. I'm really interested in post-operative recovery, but nursing can take you in lots of different directions, so I'll see what happens.





FLOURISHING INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM

SUNSHINE COAST TELSTRA INNOVATION AWARDS

Each year students in years 10 to 12 from high schools across the Sunshine Coast are challenged to develop innovative ideas through the creative use of technology. The competition, delivered by Sunshine Coast Council in partnership with Telstra and SCRIPT, brings creative ideas to life, while connecting students with industry mentors to develop and refine their ideas. Ideas which could include the creation of new app, new concepts in social media, gaming technology or robotics that could lead to improvements in transport, health, agriculture and other important industries.

The winning school shares in technology prizes and receives an all-expenses-paid Telstra Experience in Sydney where they tour the Telstra Experience Centre to receive further mentoring from senior Telstra technology leaders and visit a start-up incubator.

sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/techawards

Pictured above, all-girl team RoboGems from Chancellor State College who took out top prize in the 2019 competition with their entry of Parki-bit, a wearable device aimed at assisting sufferers of Parkinson's disease.

THE PERFECT PLACE

FOR CREATING BRIGHT FUTURES

\$1.8 billion
TEACHING HOSPITAL



AUSTRALIA'S FASTEST DATA LINK TO ASIA FROM THE EAST COAST



EXPANDED INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

The Sunshine Coast has a full range of high-quality education and training facilities including two universities, a multi campus vocational education and training institute (TAFE Queensland), over 100 Registered Training Organisations and more than 80 private and public schools. The Sunshine Coast's education sector is one of the largest in regional Queensland and is predicted to grow by 50% by 2033.

The Sunshine Coast is home to a flourishing innovation ecosystem built on networks and collaboration, which is a magnet for big thinkers, experienced leaders and world class talent. An exciting future for the Sunshine Coast is being developed on the back of strong economic foundations and valuable capital assets including: a \$1.8 billion teaching hospital that provides hands on medical learning; Australia's fastest data link to Asia from the East Coast via the Sunshine Coast International Broadband Network which connects a global community and; an expanded

International airport which will connect students to the world.

With the region driving the development of seven high-value industries identified as having the greatest potential for success, and being well placed to service demand from domestic and global markets, education on the Sunshine Coast has a vital role in developing talent and skills through an education and training offering that is aligned to the demands of a global economy.

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THE DELOREAN PROJECT AT GLASSHOUSE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

The DeLorean Project excites, engages and prepares Year 10 students for careers in the 21st century through innovation, collaboration and community mindedness. Through technology students learn to: discover how to collaborate with others; determine where their passions lie and how to create something meaningful within that sphere; embrace change and innovation, and; seek to genuinely and selflessly contribute to their community. Discovery and learning is extended beyond the classroom with students collaborating with mentors from USC Phd programs.

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CREATING BRIGHT FUTURES

Situated in one of the fastest growing areas of Australia, Queensland's Sunshine Coast provides world class education pathways empowering students with the knowledge, skills and networks to make their mark locally and globally.

Come and start your bright future with us on the Sunshine Coast.

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