

Brisbane South (Parkinson) Year 12 Destinations 2024

Y Schools Queensland Brisbane South (Parkinson) had 52% of Year 12 2024 graduates complete the online Destinations Survey (n=16). The survey is sent out to all Year 13s of the previous year to gain insights into the post-school activities of recent graduates during their first year after completing Year 12. Brisbane South had the highest proportion of respondents (28%) across all six Y Schools Queensland campuses.

Pathways Achievements

In 2024, the most commonly completed qualification among Brisbane South Year 12 graduates was a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE), followed by a Certificate II, and no formal qualification (see Figure 1). This indicates that the majority of graduates are leaving Y Schools Queensland with a recognised qualification, enhancing their post-school pathways and employment opportunities. The vocational achievements of the Y Schools Queensland Brisbane South Year 12 class of 2024 are outlined in Table 1. Notably, there was a significant increase in the number of Y Schools Queensland Year 12 students awarded a QCE in 2024 across all campuses. A total of 21 students received their QCE, representing 13.5% of the entire Y Schools Queensland cohort—an increase of 2.7% from 2023 and 10.4% from 2022.

Figure 1: Highest qualifications completed by Y Schools Queensland Brisbane South 2024 graduates.

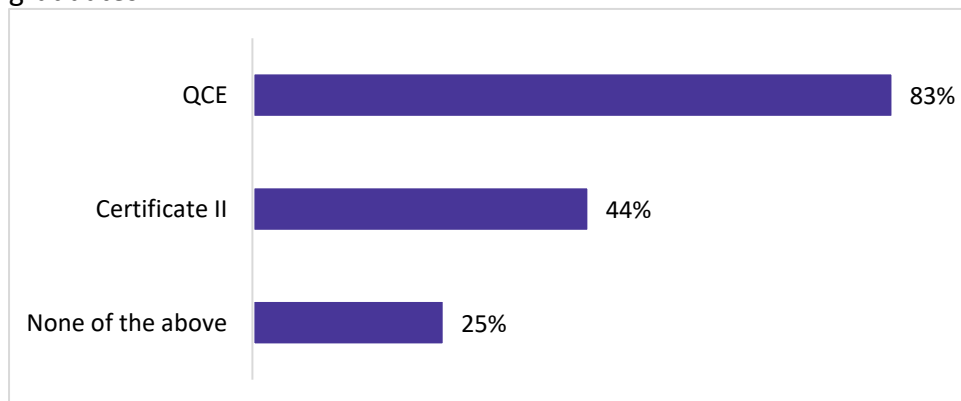


Table 1: Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority, 2024 Cohort Summary, Y Schools Queensland (Brisbane South).

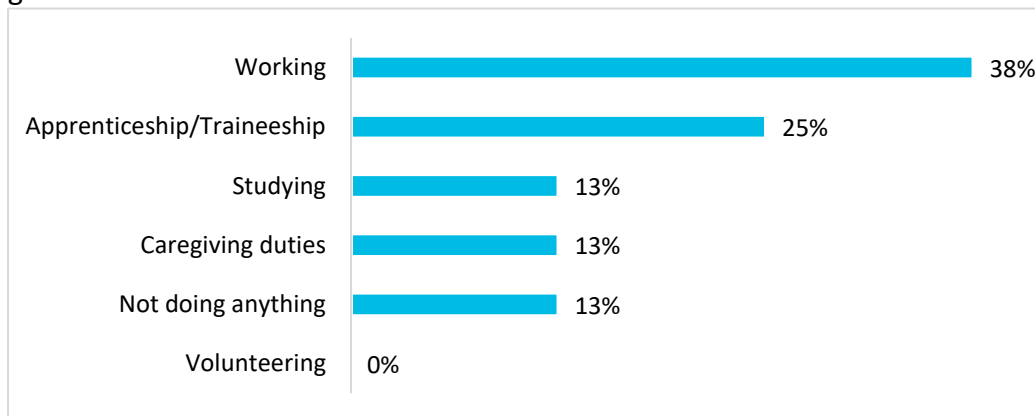
Certification	Number of students
Senior Education Profile (SEP)	30
Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)	3
Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA)	0
International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBD)	0
Senior Statement only	27
Awarded one or more VET qualifications	16
Completing/completed a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship (SAT)	2
Number of students awarded a VET qualification:	
Certificate I	1
Certificate II	16

Certificate III	2
Certificate IV	0
Diploma	0
Advanced Diploma	0

Of the 16 Year 13 respondents from Brisbane South, 50% identified as female, and 50% as male. Additionally, 19% identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, 19% indicated they have a disability, and no students were culturally diverse. The average duration of education at Y Schools Queensland was 1.7 years.

As shown in Figure 2, respondents' most common post-school focus was employment, followed by apprenticeships or traineeships, studying, caregiving responsibilities, and not currently engaged in any activities.

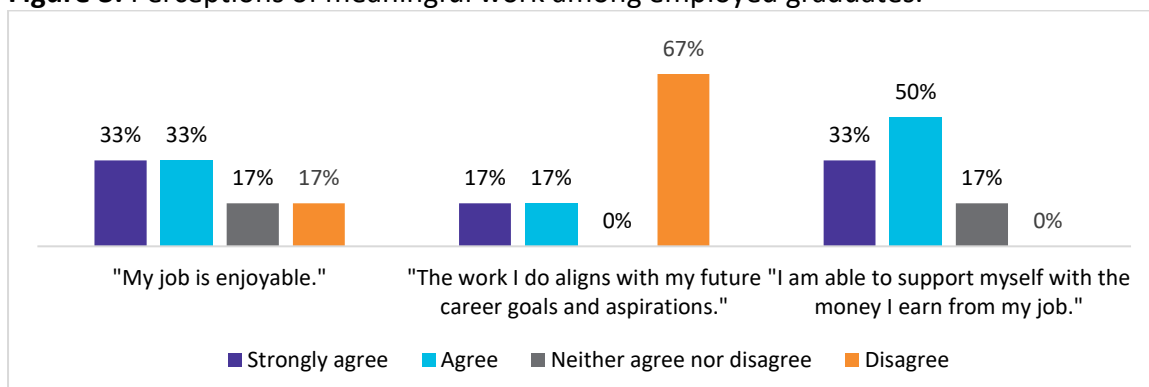
Figure 2: Primary post-school focus of Y Schools Queensland (Brisbane South) 2024 Year 12 graduates.



Employment

A total of six respondents reported that their main focus in 2025 is employment. Among them, 50% are in casual roles, 33% in full-time positions, and one in part-time work. The most frequently reported industry was retail (33%). Additional industries, each reported by one respondent, include food services, cleaning, printing, and sales. All employed respondents indicated that this is their sole job. These respondents also provided feedback on their perceptions of meaningful work, as depicted in Figure 3.

Figure 3: Perceptions of meaningful work among employed graduates.



Apprenticeship/Traineeship

Four graduates reported that they are focused on completing an apprenticeship or traineeship. The most frequently mentioned industry was construction (33%). Other industries, each cited by one respondent, included body modification (i.e. piercings and tattoos), and childcare. Half of these graduates reported they were also enrolled in formal study, one undertaking a Certificate II and the other a Certificate III.

Studying

Two respondents indicated that studying is their primary focus for the year. Both graduates are enrolled part-time and are studying a Certificate II. One of these graduates is also engaged in paid employment alongside their studies.

Caregiving Duties

Two graduates identified caregiving as their primary focus for 2025. None reported receiving government support for these duties. When asked about their future plans, both graduates expressed an intention to pursue both employment and further education.

Not doing anything

Two respondents indicated they are currently not engaged in any form of work, study, apprenticeship/traineeship, or volunteering. When asked about future intentions, both graduates said they had no plans to seek employment.

Message to Y Schools

The survey prompted past students to list anything about their life, since leaving Y Schools Queensland, that they would like to share. The following quotes were written by Brisbane South 2024 graduates.

"The Y impacted my life in so many ways. I'm grateful to the Y because I wholeheartedly believe that I would not have graduated high school without this school."

"After the YMCA, I was left feeling more confident in what I was able to accomplish despite my mental health."

"It's been weird, a good weird but it feels surreal realising I'm an adult now and I'll never be back at school ever! I miss the Y and I miss the youth workers and teachers and my class and some mates I don't see nor talk to anymore since leaving but eh life goes on anyway, a lot of the moments I took for granted at the Y and I never realised I made quite a few amazing memories there until now."

"I've been studying fashion styling and finishing up my certification in May! I'm thinking about starting some other courses, possibly in teaching."

"I love my baking course. Thanks for everything Y school."

"It was a great school very caring and very engaging love this school."

"The school is just so laid back it makes it fun wanting to learn."

"Amazing school!!! Helped in so many ways, supportive teachers and youth workers! I would send all my children here if I ever had the chance."

"I loved it, it's sad I didn't discover the Y until I was in grade 11, but I'm glad I got to graduate there, the Y was perfect for me."

"The staff are the most amazing, helpful and supportive people."

"Absolutely fantastic school! Environment, learning structure, staff, facilities were exceptional and I much prefer the inspired approach to learning. The Y Schools actually care about us kids, navigating the world is scary as heck but I've since grown confident that I can handle it in a way that is useful to myself and others."