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FROM THE GATEWAY MANAGER

Sabrina Kerr

It has been an exciting year for Health Gateway, full of opportunities for students to explore the wide world of health careers. Our second annual #GoHealth Careers Expo in Brisbane, in partnership with the Queensland Government, brought students, teachers and industry together for hands-on experiences, live demonstrations, and inspiring panels. We also celebrated the first-ever Cairns #GoHealth Careers Expo, in partnership with the Cairns Regional Jobs Committee and the Queensland Government, extending career exploration to Far North Queensland for the very first time.

This year, we strengthened long-standing partnerships and forged many new connections with hospitals, aged care providers, and community health organisations, giving students invaluable real-world insights into health careers. Across our network, both returning and new schools participated in career expos, workplace tours, and interactive workshops, helping students imagine and plan their futures.

We also celebrated achievements through the Health Gateway Awards, recognising outstanding students, teachers and educators throughout the network.

Looking back on 2025, it's clear that Health Gateway continues to grow, inspire, and connect students with pathways into health careers. The support of our schools, industry partners and the Department of Trade, Employment and Training for their support enables these opportunities to happen. We look forward to another year of growth, innovation, and inspiration in 2026.



2025 #GOHEALTH CAREERS EXPO: INSPIRING QUEENSLAND'S FUTURE HEALTH WORKFORCE

This year, the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre came alive with the energy and excitement with the second annual #GoHealth Careers Expo. Hosted by CheckUP's Health Gateway Team and proudly supported by the Queensland Government, the event brought together thousands of Queensland students, teachers and career advisors explore the diverse and rewarding career opportunities within the health sector.

Building on the success of the inaugural 2024 Expo, this year's event was bigger and more interactive than ever. More than 50 exhibitors, representing clinical, allied health, administration, and support service roles, provided engaging displays, live demonstrations, and opportunities to speak directly with industry professionals. Education and training providers, including universities, TAFE, Registered Training Organisations, Group Training Organisations,

Peak Bodies and other health organisations, guided students through the many pathways into health careers.

The Expo floor buzzed with activity as attendees tested vital signs, explored high-tech simulation equipment, tried their hands at medical procedures on training models, and discovered the latest innovations shaping healthcare delivery.

Indigenous health organisations and rural and remote healthcare providers offered valuable insights into the unique challenges and rewards of working in these vital areas, while a dedicated careers advice hub helped attendees connect their skills and interests to future opportunities.

Teachers and career advisors also benefited from the event, gaining up-to-date information about industry needs and emerging job roles, ensuring they can better guide students toward fulfilling and sustainable careers.





For many students, the #GoHealth Careers Expo was a first step in imagining themselves in a health role; whether as a nurse, doctor, allied health professional, technician, administrator, or support worker. By bridging the gap between education and industry, the Expo strengthened the connection between Queensland's future workforce and the organisations who will employ them.

The 2025 #GoHealth Careers Expo was more than just a showcase, it was a celebration of possibility. The enthusiasm on display demonstrated that with the right inspiration and guidance, the next generation of Queensland health professionals is ready to rise to the challenges of the future.



NEW HEALTH GATEWAY PARTNERSHIP OPENS DOORS AT BRISBANE PRIVATE HOSPITAL



CheckUP's Health Gateway program has welcomed a new partnership with Brisbane Private Hospital, offering students the chance to experience the dynamic world of healthcare first-hand.

As part of this collaboration, the hospital welcomed students from six Health Gateway schools for two engaging facility tours. These visits gave students a rare behind-the-scenes look at the inner workings of a major private healthcare provider in the heart of Brisbane.

During the tours, students rotated through a variety of hospital areas, gaining first-hand insight into the diverse roles that keep a hospital running smoothly. From clinical spaces to administrative areas, students were able to connect classroom learning with real-world practice. They met with health professionals across a range of disciplines, who generously shared their career journeys, training pathways, and day-to-day responsibilities.



Brisbane Private Hospital staff highlighted the breadth of career options in healthcare, not only for doctors and nurses, but also for allied health professionals, support staff, and those working in operational and management roles. Students were encouraged to ask questions and reflect on the skills and attributes needed to work in a fast-paced, patient-centred environment.

For many attendees, the experience was both inspiring and eye-opening. “It really showed me how many different jobs there are in a hospital and how they all work together to care for patients,” one student shared.

The tours also underscored the value of partnerships between education and industry. By connecting students directly with healthcare workplaces, the Health Gateway program helps bridge the gap between school and the workforce, sparking interest in careers that are in high demand across Queensland.

CheckUP thanks Brisbane Private Hospital for their warm welcome and commitment to supporting the next generation of health professionals. This partnership will continue to create opportunities for students to experience the hospital environment, learn from industry experts, and make informed choices about their future pathways in health.

“THE TOUR GAVE US A REAL INSIGHT INTO HOW EVERY ROLE CONTRIBUTES TO THE HOSPITAL, WITH HONEST AND TRANSPARENT CONVERSATIONS THAT HELPED US UNDERSTAND THE MANY DIFFERENT JOBS NEEDED TO MAKE IT ALL WORK.”

STUDENT

INSPIRING HEALTH CAREERS IN THE NORTH WEST: STUDENTS EXPLORE PATHWAYS IN MOUNT ISA AND CLONCURRY

This year, the Health Gateway to Industry Schools Project (GISP), in collaboration with Mandy Elliott from the Queensland Department of Education, hosted an inspiring bus tour for 17 Year 10 and 11 students from Spinifex State College. The group explored TAFE Queensland, the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS), and Mount Isa Hospital, gaining a first-hand look at the diverse career opportunities within the health sector.

For Mount Isa, a community committed to “growing their own” workforce, this was more than just a tour. It was a chance to show young people the pathways available to begin their healthcare careers while still at school, with local training options, work

experience, and employment opportunities available right on their doorstep.

The momentum continued the next day, when GISP partnered with QLD Ambulance, Indigenous Allied Health Australia (IAHA), TAFE Queensland, Cloncurry and Mount Isa Hospitals, and the Department of Education to deliver a Healthcare Pathways and Careers Day for Year 9 and 10 students at Cloncurry State High School. The program was packed with interactive sessions and presentations, showing students the diverse range of roles in healthcare, from emergency services to allied health, and the study options that could take them there.



The results were immediate and tangible. Many students expressed interest in casual employment at local hospitals and enrolling at TAFE in the coming years. As Luella (Ella) Kay, TAFE Queensland Mount Isa Campus Manager, shared:

“Following the Careers Day, I had three students come in yesterday afternoon to begin working on their resumes. The other two students did attend the Careers Day last week, and it was genuinely a lightbulb moment for them at the RFDS. This was a sliding-door moment for them, and thanks to all of you, we’ll continue to walk alongside them and ensure they progress with confidence.”

This kind of direct engagement doesn’t just inform students, it empowers them. For some, it was the first time they could clearly see themselves in a health career, and for others, it sparked curiosity about opportunities they hadn’t previously considered.



Gabriel Oth, National VET Reform and Redesign Lead at IAHA, summed it up perfectly:

“Warms the heart and this is why it’s important to collaborate and inspire the future. It speaks truly to how things work and fits so well when we all come together.”

Both events demonstrated the power of partnership. By bringing together schools, health providers, training organisations, and government, students were not only informed about career option, they were shown that their community is ready to support them every step of the way.

A heartfelt thank you goes to partner organisations including QLD Ambulance, IAHA, TAFE Queensland, the Royal Flying Doctor Service, Mount Isa Hospital, Cloncurry Hospital, and the Department of Education, as well as to Spinifex State College and Cloncurry State High School for their enthusiastic participation. Most importantly, thank you to the students whose curiosity, questions, and ambition made these events such a success.

Together, we are building the next generation of healthcare professionals for the North West, one conversation, one visit, and one opportunity at a time.



HANDS-ON HEALTH CAREERS: BUDERIM PRIVATE HOSPITAL INSPIRES STUDENTS

Buderim Private Hospital once again opened its doors to Health Gateway’s Sunshine Coast and Moreton High Schools, welcoming 100 students over two tours from Years 10–12 for an immersive and inspiring career experience.

The day began with a warm welcome from Joanne Castner, Clinical Placement Coordinator, who spoke about the vital role Buderim Private Hospital plays in the local community. From there, students embarked on a guided tour through key areas of the hospital, each offering unique insights into the many facets of healthcare.

In the Maternity Ward, Midwife Vicky shared her inspiring career journey, a perennial highlight for visitors. The Rehabilitation Gym offered a hands-on learning moment as physiotherapy students on placement discussed the variety of roles and activities in the space. At the ICU training room, Nurse Sarah outlined the critical responsibilities of nurses in patient care, while the Emergency Department Resuscitation Room provided a rare glimpse into the fast-paced world of emergency medicine.





"GOING TO BUDERIM PRIVATE HOSPITAL WAS SUCH A GOOD DAY. EVERYTHING WAS INTERESTING, BUT THE MIDWIFERY SESSION WAS MY FAVOURITE. THE HEALTH PANEL WAS REALLY HELPFUL TOO BECAUSE IT GAVE ME A BETTER IDEA OF WHAT DIFFERENT JOBS IN HEALTH ARE ACTUALLY LIKE AND HOW PEOPLE GOT THERE."

STUDENT

The experience concluded with a Health Panel featuring professionals from various disciplines who shared their career pathways, challenges, and rewards. Students also had the chance to connect with representatives from the University of the Sunshine Coast (UniSC) and TAFE Queensland to learn about the wide range of health degrees available to help them take the next step in their careers.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Buderim Private Hospital for generously hosting the visit, to the staff and placement students who gave their time and expertise, and to the enthusiastic students and teachers from our Health Gateway schools.

Experiences like this not only showcase the many career options in healthcare but also spark a passion that could one day see these students return to Buderim Private Hospital, not as patients or visitors, but as future health professionals.



ST STEPHEN'S HOSPITAL WELCOMES HEALTH GATEWAY STUDENTS FOR A DAY OF DISCOVERY

St Stephen's Hospital in Hervey Bay opened its doors to Health Gateway students for the very first time, strengthening our long-standing partnership with sister hospital, Buderim Private Hospital and expanding opportunities across the region. Seventeen enthusiastic students from Fraser Coast Anglican School and Urangan State High School stepped inside a real hospital environment to explore the many career pathways available in health.

Throughout the day, students toured key areas of the hospital including the surgical ward, cancer treatment centre, allied health gym, medicine room and pathology lab. Guided by experienced staff, they gained a behind-the-scenes look at how teams work together to deliver safe and compassionate care.

Practical, hands-on activities helped bring clinical skills to life. Students practised CPR, completed blood glucose testing and learned correct PPE donning and doffing techniques. These sessions not only boosted confidence but also highlighted the importance of accuracy, teamwork and communication in health care settings.





The program concluded with a powerful panel discussion featuring health professionals who generously shared their career journeys, insights and advice. Their stories inspired students to consider the many rewarding pathways available in the health sector.

Thank you to the dedicated staff at St Stephen's Hospital, the participating schools and our valued tertiary partners CQUniversity, UniSC and TAFE Queensland. Together, you helped create an inspiring and memorable experience for our future health workforce.



"SEEING STUDENTS STEP INTO A REAL HOSPITAL ENVIRONMENT AND BEGIN IMAGINING THEMSELVES IN THESE ROLES IS EXACTLY WHY HEALTH GATEWAY PROGRAMS MATTER. TODAY PLANTED SEEDS FOR OUR FUTURE WORKFORCE."

- DONNA, HEALTH GATEWAY COORDINATOR, CHECKUP



EXPLORING CAREERS IN AGED CARE WITH VACENTI



“THE TOUR WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE, THE STAFF WERE ENGAGING AND THEY MADE US FEEL WELCOME. IT GAVE US A VALUABLE GLIMPSE INTO THE AGED CARE INDUSTRY AND LEFT US WANTING MORE TIME TO CONNECT AND LEARN.”
STUDENT

This year, CheckUP’s Health Gateway team was proud to launch a new partnership with Vacenti Aged Care Brisbane, an organisation that has been providing quality care and support to families in Brisbane for over 40 years.

As part of this collaboration, Vacenti welcomed students from four Health Gateway schools into two of their facilities, offering an invaluable opportunity to expand their understanding of the aged care sector.

During the visits, students met with a variety of aged care professionals who shared their personal career journeys, insights into a typical day in their role, and the rewards and challenges of working in aged care. These conversations painted a vivid picture of the diversity of roles within the sector and the profound impact aged care workers have on the lives of residents and their families.

The experience went beyond the classroom, with students taking guided tours behind the scenes of the facilities. From observing the daily routines to understanding the operational aspects of aged care, the visits gave students a first-hand look at how a supportive, respectful, and compassionate care environment is created.

The sessions also included a presentation from Natalie at OSMAC, who outlined the traineeship opportunities and pathways available for those interested in entering the aged care workforce. This practical advice helped students see a clear link between their current studies and future career possibilities.

Through this new partnership, Vacenti and CheckUP's Health Gateway project are not only showcasing aged care as a meaningful and rewarding career choice but also inspiring the next generation of health professionals.



INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Students from Health Gateway high schools had the chance to step into the dynamic world of allied health during not one, but two industry exposure events with Logan Healthy Living this year.

These opportunities are part of an ongoing partnership between the Health Gateway project and Logan Healthy Living, an organisation dedicated to supporting individuals living with type 2 diabetes, obesity, and other chronic health conditions. Their multidisciplinary team includes exercise physiologists, physiotherapists, dietitians, psychologists, and diabetes educators, all working together to improve health outcomes for the Logan community.

Across the two events, students gained a behind-the-scenes look at the diverse roles within the allied health sector. Hands-on activities and interactive sessions allowed them to see first-hand how these professionals work collaboratively to empower patients and promote healthier lifestyles.

For many, the experience opened their eyes to career pathways they hadn't previously considered. The chance to speak directly with practitioners, ask questions, and witness the impact of allied health in action provided valuable insight into the skills, compassion, and teamwork required in these professions.



These events reflect the Health Gateway program’s commitment to connecting students with real-world industry experiences, helping them make informed choices about their future careers. They also highlight Logan Healthy Living’s dedication to nurturing the next generation of health professionals while continuing to serve the community with expertise and care.

A big thank you to Logan Healthy Living for welcoming our students and inspiring them to see the difference they can make in people’s lives through a career in healthcare.

“TALKING WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE PROFESSIONALS THROUGH OPEN Q&AS MADE THE EXPERIENCE INCREDIBLY USEFUL, INSPIRING, AND A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN NEW THINGS.”

STUDENT



FRASER COAST ANGLICAN COLLEGE STUDENTS GET FIRSHTHAND LOOK AT HEALTH CAREERS

Fifteen students from Fraser Coast Anglican College in Hervey Bay took their first step into the world of healthcare, participating in an engaging and immersive tour of Wide Bay Hospital. As one of the newest schools to join the Health Gateway Network, this was CheckUP's first interaction with the college, and it was an inspiring start.

The visit offered students a comprehensive look at the many different departments that work together to deliver quality patient care. From Administration to Medical Imaging, the Kitchen, Simulation Room, and Allied Health facilities, each stop on the tour showcased a unique aspect of the hospital's operations.

What set the day apart were the hands-on activities at every stage of the tour. Students had the opportunity to actively participate and see how each role contributes to patient wellbeing, giving them a genuine taste of life in a healthcare setting. The chance to speak directly with hospital staff also provided valuable insights into the wide range of career pathways available, from clinical roles to vital behind-the-scenes positions.

Wide Bay Hospital went above and beyond to make the day memorable, ensuring students not only learned but also enjoyed the experience. The enthusiasm and generosity of the hospital staff left a lasting impression, sparking curiosity and excitement among these future health heroes.





The Health Gateway team thanks Wide Bay Hospital for their commitment to inspiring the next generation of healthcare professionals, and to Fraser Coast Anglican College for embracing the opportunity to explore the many possibilities within the health sector.

“WIDE BAY HOSPITAL’S TEAM WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND, CREATING AN UNFORGETTABLE DAY THAT TRULY INSPIRED FRASER COAST ANGLICAN COLLEGE STUDENTS TO SEE THEMSELVES AS FUTURE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.”

- DONNA, HEALTH GATEWAY COORDINATOR, CHECKUP





REDLANDS COLLEGE: EXPLORING THE HEALTH SECTOR IN 2025

Students at Redlands College have enjoyed a remarkable range of opportunities to explore the health sector throughout 2025. These experiences were made possible through the College’s strong partnership with CheckUP, as part of the Health Gateway project. From expos and training to hospital experience and aged-care insights, students from Years 9 to 12 have engaged in meaningful learning that is already shaping their future pathways.

#GoHealth Careers Expo

This year, senior students attended the #GoHealth Careers Expo, an optional event designed for Year 10–12 students. Hosted at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, the 2025 expo was bigger and more interactive than ever before, giving students the chance to explore a wide range of health careers.

Marebello Aged Care Community Visit

A group of Year 12 students visited Marebello Aged Care Community, thanks to the generous support of Vacenti. During their visit, students gained valuable insights into aged-care services, workforce roles, and the importance of teamwork across the sector. Many remarked on their renewed appreciation for the critical role aged-care professionals play and how ongoing staff development directly influences residents’ wellbeing.



“I REALISED THERE ARE MANY MORE OPTIONS IN THE HEALTH INDUSTRY THAN I ORIGINALLY THOUGHT.”

STUDENT

Health Career Rotation Day – A Great Success!

Our Year 9 students participated in a highly successful Health Career Rotation Day in November. Industry representatives visited the school to introduce students to a wide range of health careers, giving them meaningful insight into real pathways across the sector. Throughout the day, students engaged in small-group rotations, where they were exposed to fields such as:

- Nuclear Medicine
- Allied Health
- Midwifery
- Oral Health
- Nursing
- Psychology

The event gave students an excellent early understanding of the breadth of the health sector, helping to inform future subject selection and career planning. Feedback from students and staff reflected how valuable and engaging the experience was—an outstanding addition to our 2025 health program.

Year 10 Hospital Work Experience

Two Year 10 students were selected to undertake work experience at Redland Hospital during the June/July school holidays. This included Ella Bayldon (pictured below), the first Redlands College student to participate in the Metro South Health Year 10 Work Experience Program. Their time in a real hospital environment gave students valuable exposure to professional roles, patient care, and the daily operations of a busy health facility.

Training Pathways Through Axiom College

Redlands College continues its successful partnership with Axiom College, offering students the opportunity to complete a Certificate II in Health Support Services either during school hours or through an intensive holiday program. Students who complete the Certificate II in Year 11 can choose to progress to the Certificate III in Health Services Assistance in Year 12 (as a fee-for-service option). This qualification supports pathways into roles such as Assistant in Nursing (AIN) at Redland Hospital or in local aged-care residential facilities upon graduation.



HEATLEY STUDENTS EMBARK ON REAL-WORLD AGED CARE EXPERIENCE WITH ST VINCENT'S AGED CARE

This year the Health Gateway project facilitated a meaningful step into the healthcare workforce for three students from Heatley Secondary College, securing placements at St Vincent's Aged Care in Townsville.

These placements offered students a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in the aged care environment, gaining firsthand experience in compassionate care, teamwork, and professional communication. Through their time at St Vincent's Aged Care, the students were able to observe and contribute to the daily operations of a residential aged care setting, deepening their understanding of the vital role aged care workers play in supporting older Australians.

Congratulations to the students for embracing this opportunity with enthusiasm and professionalism and thank you to St Vincent's Aged Care for welcoming and mentoring the next generation of health professionals.



AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC COLLEGE STUDENTS SHINING IN HEALTH PATHWAYS

Three students from Australian International Islamic College have turned their passion for health into exciting and rewarding career pathways. Their journey demonstrates how hands-on learning opportunities and strong partnerships can empower young people to take confident steps toward their future in healthcare.

After successfully completing their Certificate II in Health Support Services with Mater Education, the students have now advanced to the next stage of their learning journey by securing School-Based Traineeships in Certificate III in Health Services Assistance. These traineeships allow them to gain valuable real-world experience while continuing their senior studies, with placements across a range of healthcare settings including Vacenti Aged Care, Logan Hospital, and QEII Hospital.

The initiative, supported by CheckUP and the Gateway to Industry Schools Program – Health, has opened meaningful pathways for students to explore a range of careers across the health sector. With dedicated support from the AIIC VET & Careers Department, the students participated in group discussions, mock interviews, and preparation sessions designed to build their employability skills and industry readiness. Their professionalism, enthusiasm, and resilience were evident throughout the rigorous selection process, resulting in all three being successfully placed into traineeship positions.

This achievement is a testament to the value of collaboration between schools, training providers, and industry partners in building Queensland’s future health workforce. Australian International Islamic College is proud of these young women and the example they set for their peers. Their achievements highlight how early exposure to vocational training and industry experience can inspire students to pursue meaningful careers in healthcare and make a lasting difference in their communities.





PROSERPINE STATE HIGH SCHOOL HOSTS FIRST HEALTH GATEWAY EVENT

Proserpine State High School proudly celebrated its first Health Gateway to Industry Schools Project event early in 2025, marking an exciting milestone as the school begins its journey as an official Health Gateway School.

More than 60 students from Years 10, 11 and 12 from various schools across the Whitsundays region took part in the event, gaining valuable exposure to the wide range of education, training and career pathways available within Queensland's growing health industry. The event created a vibrant and supportive space where students had the opportunity to connect with health professionals, ask questions, and deepen their understanding of real-world roles across the sector.

Throughout the day, students engaged with guest speakers and industry experts who shared their career stories, workplace insights and advice for young people beginning to explore their future in health. Representatives from the Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS), Proserpine Nursing Home, Connect & Grow, and the Mackay Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Employment Program inspired students with their experiences and highlighted the diverse opportunities available within the field.

The Gateway program will continue to guide and support students by providing access to resources, industry engagement activities and practical learning experiences, helping them make informed decisions and thrive as they pursue their chosen health pathways.

Through the partnership with the Health Gateway team, Proserpine State High School, and the visiting industry partners, this event has helped to ignite enthusiasm and aspiration among the next generation of health professionals in the Whitsunday region.



2025 HEALTH GATEWAY STUDENT & TEACHER/EDUCATOR AWARDS

Celebrating Excellence Across the Health Gateway Network

The Health Gateway community came together online in October to recognise outstanding students and educators across Queensland. The virtual ceremony brought warmth and excitement as participants celebrated achievements from every corner of the network.

Honouring Future Health Professionals

Student Award recipients were acknowledged for their enthusiasm, initiative, and commitment to health career pathways. Their leadership, compassion, and strong engagement in school programs and placements highlighted the promise of the next generation of health workers.

Celebrating Exceptional Educators

Teacher and Educator Award recipients were recognised for their dedication to guiding students toward meaningful health careers. Their innovative teaching and strong partnerships continue to shape real world learning opportunities across the Health Gateway program.

A Connected Community

The 2025 Awards celebrated not only individual excellence but also the strength of the Health Gateway network. Schools, educators, and industry partners all contribute to a supportive environment that helps students explore and pursue their future in health.



A PASSION FOR CARE: CHLOE'S JOURNEY INTO THE HEALTH SECTOR

Gympie Flexible School student Chloe Murphy says her health studies have been a rewarding introduction to the industry she hopes to join. Through her Certificate II in Health Support Services and Certificate III in Health Services Assistance, she has gained practical skills, workplace confidence, and a strong understanding of what it means to work in a professional health environment.

Chloe highlights her work placements as the most valuable part of her learning. Supportive staff and mentors helped her build essential skills and guided her through challenges such as time management and balancing school with work commitments. She also credits her TAFE teacher, who supported her across both years and played an important role in her success.

Health Gateway opportunities, including experiences at Buderim Hospital, gave Chloe a clearer sense of her future direction. Seeing different areas of care in action helped her imagine what her own career might look like and confirmed that she wants to continue in the health sector.

As she completes Year 12 and her Certificate III, Chloe plans to begin a Diploma of Nursing next year. She is applying for work in aged care as an Assistant in Nursing, after receiving positive feedback during her placement for her strong connections with residents and quick learning.

Although she once considered becoming a paramedic, her experiences have inspired her to work with children. She hopes to study a Bachelor of Nursing with the goal of entering paediatrics, neonatal intensive care, or midwifery.

Chloe says she is grateful for the opportunities provided through the Health Gateway Program and for the support of her teachers. These experiences have strengthened her confidence and prepared her well for the next steps in her health care journey.





BUNDABERG STATE HIGH SCHOOL TRAVELS HUNDREDS OF KILOMETRES TO ATTEND #GOHEALTH CAREERS EXPO

Bundaberg State High School showed incredible commitment to future health pathways last week, travelling more than 700 kilometres from Bundaberg to Brisbane and back to attend the 2025 #GoHealth Careers Expo. Their dedication to providing students with meaningful exposure to health careers was evident from the moment they arrived, eager, engaged, and ready to explore the opportunities the Queensland health sector has to offer.

Throughout the day, Bundaberg SHS students immersed themselves in interactive experiences, spoke with universities and health organisations, and participated enthusiastically in hands-on demonstrations across a wide range of health fields. Their curiosity and energy made them stand-out contributors to the event.



That enthusiasm paid off in a particularly memorable way: one of their students, Maddison won the event’s iPad prize draw for completing the student evaluation. Maddison was thrilled to receive the prize and was formally presented with the iPad back at school in front of classmates and staff, a proud moment for both the student and the school community.

Reflecting on the experience, one student shared: “Travelling all the way to Brisbane was completely worth it. The expo showed me careers I didn’t even know existed, and it’s made me even more excited about working in health one day.”

The presence of Bundaberg State High School at the #GoHealth Careers Expo highlights the school’s strong commitment to building the next generation of health professionals. Their long-distance journey demonstrates just how dedicated the school is to ensuring students have access to high-quality career education, no matter how far they need to travel.

“THE HEALTH EXPO WAS AN INSPIRING EXPERIENCE THAT HELPED ME DISCOVER THE HEALTH CAREERS I’M PASSIONATE ABOUT. I’M INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND-AND WINNING THE IPAD HAS BEEN SUCH A BONUS FOR MY STUDIES. THANK YOU FOR AN AMAZING DAY.”

- MADDISON



CAIRNS #GOHEALTH CAREERS EXPO SHOWCASES

The 2025 Cairns #GoHealth Careers Expo connected students, jobseekers and career-changers with a wide range of healthcare opportunities, sparking interest and supporting the development of a strong future workforce for the region.

Held in Cairns, the free event was a vibrant and inspiring showcase of careers across the health and social services sector, attracting more than 1,300 attendees including high school students, parents, jobseekers and career-changers keen to explore the diverse and growing range of local health career pathways.





“A CAREER IN HEALTH IS MORE THAN A JOB, IT’S A CHANCE TO MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE”

-ATTENDEE

With more than 300 career pathways on display, the expo featured 45 exhibitors representing fields from allied health to IT and aged care to emergency response. Attendees experienced live demonstrations, hands-on activities, and engaging panel discussions with industry professionals, offering valuable insights into what it takes to succeed in a health career.

“A career in health is more than a job, it’s a chance to make a real difference,” said Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service CEO, Lena Singh.

With the sector forecast to grow by over 3,300 jobs in Cairns by 2028, the event highlighted the strong local demand for skilled workers. The expo was proudly presented by the Cairns Regional Jobs Committee in partnership with CheckUP, with funding support from the Queensland Government. This collaboration ensured that attendees not only gained practical information but also left inspired and equipped to take their next career step.

From those taking their first step into the workforce to experienced professionals seeking a career change, the 2025 Cairns #GoHealth Careers Expo opened doors, sparked passion, and strengthened the future of healthcare in the region.

SUPPORTING EDUCATORS, EMPOWERING STUDENTS

In 2025, CheckUP partnered with the Department of Education to host the Townsville Teacher Professional Development (PD) Day, a dedicated event aimed at equipping educators with the tools and knowledge to guide senior students exploring careers in the ever-growing health sector.

The PD day offered teachers a hands-on experience of the health industry through a series of presentations, tours, and informative sessions. Highlights included a presentation and facility tour at TAFE Townsville, a visit to St Vincent’s Aged Care to gain insights into aged care services, an informative session at Mater Private Hospital, and a comprehensive tour of Townsville Hospital.

Throughout the day, educators were able to connect with industry professionals, gain practical knowledge about career pathways, and develop a deeper understanding of the opportunities available to students pursuing health-related professions.

Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive. One participant reflected, “The event was both insightful and informative... a well-organised and enriching day!”

By bringing together educators and health sector professionals, the Townsville PD Day highlighted the importance of supporting teachers and educator so they can, in turn, inspire and empower the next generation of health workers.





BEHIND THE SCENES AT BUNDALEER LODGE: STUDENTS DISCOVER CAREERS IN AGED CARE



In 2025, the Health Gateway network strengthened its commitment to exposing students to real-world health careers by forming a new partnership with Bundaleer Lodge Aged Care in Ipswich. This exciting collaboration offered students an invaluable opportunity to explore the aged care sector firsthand and understand the range of career pathways it offers.

Two tours were held this year, welcoming students from Ripley Valley State Secondary College and St Peter Claver College. Teachers from Ipswich State High School also joined, gaining insight into the experiences their students were enjoying. The tours guided participants through key areas of the facility, including the bustling kitchen, the lively recreation room, and the cozy tea room.



“THESE VISITS GIVE STUDENTS A REAL SENSE OF PURPOSE AND POSSIBILITY, BY ENGAGING WITH RESIDENTS AND STAFF, YOUNG PEOPLE GAIN A DEEPER APPRECIATION FOR THE VITAL ROLE AGED CARE PLAYS IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND THE MANY MEANINGFUL CAREERS IT OFFERS.”

-TEACHER

A standout part of the experience was the engaging question and answer session, where students spoke directly with health professionals and residents. They asked thoughtful questions about daily routines, care responsibilities, and the personal rewards of working in aged care. Residents shared their stories, giving students a deeper understanding of the human side of healthcare, while staff provided insights into the skills, training, and career pathways available in the sector.

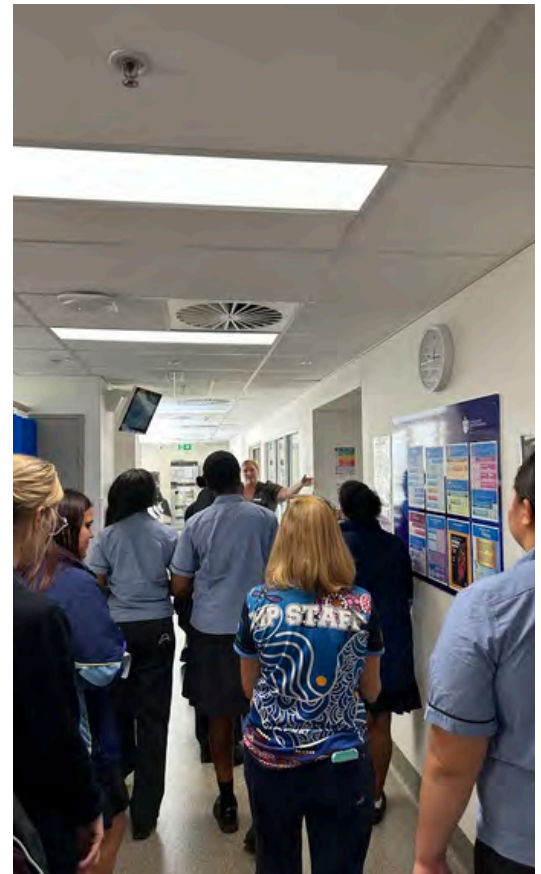
The visits to Bundaleer Lodge not only offered a behind-the-scenes look at aged care operations but also inspired students to consider the wide array of health careers available in community services. By connecting students with real-world experiences and industry professionals, Health Gateway continues to open doors for the next generation of health workers.



WALKING THE WARDS: STUDENTS EXPLORE LIFE IN HEALTHCARE

Students from Logan's Park Ridge State School and Mabel Park State High School stepped inside the bustling world of St Vincent's Private Hospital at Kangaroo Point, gaining an up-close look at the careers that keep healthcare running.

Known for its high-quality patient care and wide range of medical services, St Vincent's Private Hospital combines cutting-edge facilities with a welcoming, holistic environment. Beyond its clinical excellence, the hospital also offers spaces that nurture wellbeing, including a stunning chapel and an inspiring art gallery, both highlights for the visiting students.





During the tour, students explored essential areas that keep the hospital functioning day-to-day. They saw the operating theater in action, wandered through various patient wards, and visited the physiotherapy gym, occupational therapy rooms, and even the kitchen. Each space offered a glimpse into the many roles, both clinical and behind-the-scenes, that contribute to patient care.

This experience is part of an ongoing partnership between St Vincent's Private Hospital and the Health Gateway project, providing students with hands-on exposure to real healthcare careers. Opportunities like this help students discover the wide variety of pathways in the health sector and imagine themselves making a difference in the lives of others.

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-ST VINCENT’S PRIVATE HOSPITAL STAFF

CONNECTING EDUCATORS, INSPIRING FUTURES

Teachers and staff from across our South-East Queensland Health Gateway Schools recently came together for a dynamic professional development session hosted by TAFE Queensland. The event provided an excellent opportunity for educators to strengthen their knowledge of post school health pathways and explore new ways to support students considering careers in the sector.

During the session, teachers and staff gained valuable insights into the broad range of study options available through TAFE Queensland. A highlight of the day was a guided tour of the state-of-the-art Clinical Nursing laboratory. Seeing the realistic, industry standard training environment firsthand helped spark fresh ideas about how students can engage with practical learning and prepare for future studies in health.

CheckUP extends a sincere thank you to all the teachers and staff who attended and to the dedicated team at TAFE Queensland for generously sharing their time, expertise, and enthusiasm. Their support plays an important role in helping schools provide accurate, relevant information about study opportunities within the VET sector.

These connections between schools and training providers build stronger pathways, broaden perspectives, and inspire confidence in students as they consider their next steps in health education.







EXPLORING HEALTHCARE CAREERS AT ST ANDREW'S PRIVATE HOSPITAL

Students from St Mary's College in Ipswich had the opportunity to step inside the world of healthcare during an engaging and informative visit to St Andrew's Private Hospital. A group of twenty-five students and two teachers spent the day discovering the wide range of careers that keep a hospital running and learning directly from the professionals who live this work every day.

Throughout the visit, students heard firsthand from a variety of healthcare experts, including members of the Allied Health team, nursing staff, a General Practitioner, and the hospital's executive team. Each speaker shared insights into their career journey, the rewards and challenges of their roles, and the pathways available to young people who are considering a future in healthcare.

The group then took part in a guided tour of the hospital, where they explored key areas such as the Intensive Care Unit, the Rehabilitation Gym, and a Ward. This behind-the-scenes experience helped students gain a deeper understanding of the hospital environment and the essential roles that contribute to quality patient care.

Thank you to CheckUP's new partner, St Andrew's Private Hospital for the generosity in hosting such a valuable learning experience. CheckUP also extends appreciation to the staff and students of St Mary's College for their enthusiasm and participation and hopes the visit inspired curiosity, confidence, and excitement about the many possibilities within the healthcare sector.

REDLYNCH STUDENTS STEP INTO THE WORLD OF PARAMEDICINE

This year, 34 enthusiastic Year 11 and 12 students at Redlynch Secondary College took part in an inspiring Health Gateway careers workshop delivered in partnership with Queensland Ambulance Service.

The session gave students a valuable opportunity to explore the world of paramedicine and discover the diverse range of career pathways within the Ambulance Service. From touring an ambulance to participating in hands-on activities and equipment demonstrations, the morning was filled with curiosity, connection, and future-focused learning.

Thanks goes to Paramedics Claine, George, and Leanne from Edmonton Ambulance Station for generously donating their time and for sharing their professional insights and real-world experiences. Their guidance helped bring the possibilities of a health career to life.

The Health Gateway project is proud to support young people from Redlynch Secondary College as they explore their futures in health and continue to build the next generation of skilled and passionate health professionals.



TOWNSVILLE STUDENTS EXPLORE HEALTHCARE PATHWAYS AT TAFE

Thirty enthusiastic Year 11 and 12 students from Heatley Secondary College, Kirwan State High School, and Thuringowa State High School took part in a special healthcare immersion session at Townsville TAFE.

Delivered in partnership between CheckUP's Health Gateway project and TAFE Queensland, the experience brought students together from across the region to explore what a future in the health sector could look like and to learn about the diverse training opportunities available.

Inside TAFE's state-of-the-art healthcare training facilities, students stepped into simulated real-world clinical environments designed to mirror modern healthcare settings. Guided by knowledgeable TAFE

staff, they rotated through a range of practical activities that showcased the skills and expectations taught across TAFE's health courses. Students explored industry-standard equipment, practiced basic clinical tasks, and gained a hands-on understanding of the responsibilities involved in various health roles.

Throughout the session, educators highlighted the many study pathways available to those considering a health career after school. Students learned about vocational entry points, certificate and diploma programs, and long-term career opportunities across areas such as aged care, disability support, acute care, allied health, and community services. These discussions helped students connect their interests with potential future roles and understand how further training could support their goals.





Students were engaged, worked collaboratively during practical activities, and showed strong interest in learning more about health qualifications. Many shared that the hands-on nature of the experience helped them better understand the realities of working in healthcare and strengthened their confidence in pursuing study after school.

This collaborative event reflected the core purpose of CheckUP's Health Gateway project, which builds meaningful connections between schools, training providers, and the health sector to help young people explore future career pathways. With the growing demand for skilled health professionals across Queensland, opportunities like this give students valuable insight into the next steps on their vocational journey.

It was an inspiring and interactive experience for future health professionals, offering a memorable opportunity to imagine themselves stepping into a career that makes a real difference.



RIVERMOUNT COLLEGE STRENGTHENS STUDENT PATHWAYS THROUGH HEALTH GATEWAY PARTNERSHIP

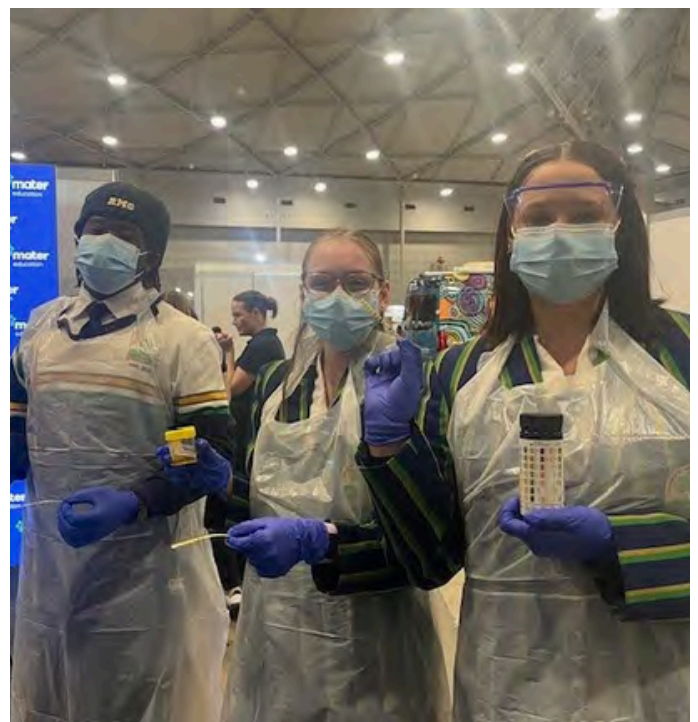
For the second year in a row, Rivermount College has been privileged to participate in the Health Gateway to Industry Schools Project. This valuable partnership invited students at Rivermount College the opportunity to explore career pathways within the health sector and gain a deeper understanding of what it means to work in one of Australia's most vital industries.

This year, our school had seventeen students take part in the program, either completing school-based traineeships or undertaking work experience placements across a range of health-related fields. From aged care and nursing to allied health and community support, students have been able to experience firsthand the diversity of roles and the rewarding nature of working in healthcare.

This project has been instrumental in connecting students with industry professionals who have generously shared their time, skills, and insights. Through these interactions, students have developed a clearer picture of the expectations and responsibilities that come with working in health and community services. They have also gained valuable workplace skills such as communication, teamwork, and empathy, all qualities that are essential in any healthcare setting.

These experiences have helped our students make informed decisions about their future studies and career goals. By stepping into the world of healthcare, they are discovering their passion for helping others and building the foundations for meaningful and fulfilling careers.

Rivermount College is proud to continue its partnership with the Health Gateway to Industry Schools Project and looks forward to supporting more students as they explore the many opportunities within Queensland's growing health sector.



2025 HEALTH GATEWAY SCHOOLS

Australian International Islamic College
Bentley Park College, Cairns
Brisbane Bayside State College
Brisbane State High School
Bundamba State Secondary College
Bundaberg State High School
Cairns State High School
Canterbury College, Waterford
Carmel College, Thornlands
Charters Towers State High School
Cloncurry State School P-12
Coolum State High School
Djarragun College, Gordonvale
Elanora State High School
Emmaus College, Jimboomba
Faith Lutheran College, Plainland
Ferry Grove State High School
Fraser Coast Anglican College
Grace Lutheran College - Rothwell
Gympie Flexible School
Heatley Secondary College
Ingham State High School
Innisfail State College
Kawana Waters State College
Keebra Park State High School
Kelvin Grove State College
Kings Christian College, Reedy Creek
Kings Christian College, Pimpama
Kingston State College
Kirwan State High School
Loganlea State High School
Lourdes Hill College, Hawthorne
Mabel Park State High School
MacGregor State High School
Marsden State High School
Maryborough State High School
Mt Maria College, Mitchelton

Newman Catholic College, Smithfield
North Lakes State College
Our Lady's College, Annerley
Park Ridge State High School
Proserpine State High School
Queensland Pathways State College, Townsville
Ripley Valley State Secondary College
Rivermount College, Yatala
Redlands College
Redlynch State High School
San Damiano College, Yarrabilba
San Sisto, Carina
Shalom College, Bundaberg
Spinifex College, Mt Isa
Siena Catholic College, Sippy Downs
St Augustine's College, Augustine Heights
St Columban's College, Caboolture
St Francis College, Crestmead
St James College, Brisbane
St James Lutheran College, Hervey Bay
St Joseph's College, Toowoomba
St Mary's College, Ipswich
St Mary's College, Maryborough
St Patrick's College, Mackay
St Patrick's College, Shorncliffe
St Patrick's College, Townsville
St Peter Claver College, Riverview
St Rita's College, Clayfield
St Saviour's College, Toowoomba
St Ursula's College, Yeppoon
Stuartholme School, Toowong
Smithfield State High School
Tamborine Mountain State High School

Tec-NQ, Douglas
The BUSY School, Ipswich
The Bust School, Shailer Park
The BUSY School, Coolangatta
The Industry School, Redlands
The Industry School, Gold Coast
The Industry School, Sunshine Coast
The Industry School, Brisbane
The Industry School, Ipswich
The Industry School, Toowoomba
Thuringowa State High School
Toogoolawah State High School
Trinity College, Beenleigh
Urangan State High School
Unity College, Caloundra
Varsity College, Varsity Lakes
Western Cape College
Wellington Point State High School
Woree State High School
WestEC Technical Training Centre - Trading as Woodcrest State College
Whites Hill State College
Yarrabilba State Secondary School
Yeppoon State High School
Y Schools Queensland - Brisbane South
Y Schools Queensland - Bundaberg
Y Schools Queensland - Ipswich
Y Schools Queensland - Logan
Y Schools Queensland - Moreton Bay
Y Schools Queensland - Redlands

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CheckUP would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the participating schools in the Health Gateway to Industry Schools project for their support in enabling young people to acquire the knowledge, skills and attributes needed to contribute effectively to the future health workforce in Queensland. Our sincere appreciation also goes to the Department of Trade, Employment and Training for its ongoing support of this important program and ongoing commitment to securing Queensland's future health workforce.

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