

# Media Release

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## TAFE Queensland Brisbane's Senior Studies students connect with local businesses

TAFE Queensland Brisbane's Senior Studies students took part in an Industry Liaison Day on the 4 May 2015 as part of their assessment.

Training and education came together as the Year 11 and 12 students visited a variety of workplaces while others attended presentations by guest speakers from training organisations visiting the TAFE Queensland Brisbane's Alexandra Hills campus. The Industry Liaison Day activity forms part of the assessment for the Certificate II in Skills for Work undertaken through the Senior Studies program.

Depending upon the students' interests, the excursions included visits to Redland City Council, Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC), Capalaba Police Station and Goodlife Gym. Organisations who presented on campus were the Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA), the Defence Force (Army) and a wide variety of tradespeople.

The goal of the Industry Liaison Day was to give students an opportunity to gain insights into careers they may be considering, as well as asking questions about career paths in general and what qualifications may be needed to reach their dream job. This meaningful learning approach aims to increase future job outcomes by providing the opportunity to connect with local businesses.

Amanda Daly, Human Resources Manager at Redland City Council said that the students were welcomed to Council and it was a wonderful opportunity to educate about the myriad career paths available to Council employees.

"Council offers a diverse career path for our employees and we were excited to be able to share the stories of some of our employees with the TAFE students. Students were given an overview of roles we have here at Redland City Council, and the many benefits of working for our Council, including contributing positively to our community and working in a great location.

"Employees who spoke with the students included those who have completed a Full Time traineeship with Council and have developed their career here, along with Officers working in Business Support, Finance, HR, Communications and Planning".

TAFE Queensland Brisbane Senior Studies Teacher Liz Morgan said the activity was aimed at starting to prepare students to consider their employment future.

“One of the things I really hoped for was to help our students gain a strong understanding about the jobs they’re considering through meeting people in those industries. Future decisions about further study or work are so crucial and we want to ensure our students feel confident in approaching this exciting chapter in life.”

If you’d like to find out more about the Senior Studies program, call 13 72 48 or visit [tafebrisbane.edu.au](http://tafebrisbane.edu.au).

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