

Queensland sites that Re-engage High-School-Age Young People in Learning Opportunities

The following is a summary of findings from a scan to identify sites that re-engage young people, that have rejected or been rejected by mainstream schooling, in meaningful learning opportunities in Queensland, Australia.

Sites on this list:

- **Re-engage with high-school age young people**
- **Are alternative schools, flexible learning centres, or other school-like settings that provide on-going, sustained opportunities for students to work towards learning goals.**

Sites were identified through consultation with representatives from regional networks that seek to support services for young people across Queensland in February and March 2012 (for more on methodology – please contact education@yanq.org.au).

This scan is meant to complement a pilot study undertaken by YANQ in 2010 in collaboration with the University of Queensland and Griffith University. In this study data was collected from a small, diverse group of alternative schools in South-East Queensland, identified some of the practices that have engaged marginalised young people facing very difficult life circumstances and resulted in a YANQ publication: [Re-engaging Students in Education: Success Factors in Alternative Schools](#).

Summary of Findings from Scan

- ◆ **Most regions across Queensland have only a few alternative education or flexible learning sites that seek to move young people towards particular learning goals.** Many of these programs align with high school equivalence certifications or other general education requirements.
- ◆ **Most sites serve just a few young people** (less than 100 in most cases and many serving around 20 young people) when compared to ‘mainstream’ high school
- ◆ **Sites are diverse in structure and affiliation.** Many sites are linked with a ‘mainstream’ high school or other organisations that work with young people.
- ◆ **Curriculum is diverse at sites.** However, it should be noted that many schools utilise TAFE, Access10, or online options. In addition, many sites rely on the unique expertise of their staff in custom designing opportunities for their students.
- ◆ **It is not uncommon for a site to only operate for a few years.** Unfortunately, we were unable to include sites in the scan that have recently closed due to funding cuts or other reasons. However, we acknowledge that many of these sites may have used curriculum or service delivery models that should be documented as possible in future scans.

Other Issues of Note

- ◆ Important efforts of programs that offer short-term, part-time, or other types of supports to re-engage young people across Queensland are also acknowledged but not included on the below list (e.g., Youth Support Coordinator, Youth Connections, Get Set for Work programs).

- ◆ There are many sites across Queensland that work with young people before they are high-school aged. These programs are important and in the future scans should include these programs.
- ◆ Finally, there are many sites that work with young people in the juvenile justice or foster care system that do offer alternative or flexible learning opportunities. These sites are also not included in the below list - but many may offer innovative models and ideally would be included in future scans.

Re-engagement Sites in Queensland by Region

Site Name	Program	Suburb
Central		
Careers Employment Australia	Language Literacy & Numeracy Program	Rockhampton
North Rockhampton High School	LEAP High	Rockhampton
Yeppoon State High School	Keppel Education Pathways (KEP)	Yeppoon
Central West		
Longreach Pastoral Campus	Hands-on Learning	Long Reach
Far North		
Cairns School of Distance Education / Youth Justice Cairns	Willing To Learn	Manunda
Choice Australia Management	Youth Crime prevention	Parramatta Park
Department of Education Training & Arts (DETA) - Far North Queensland	Flexible Learning Centre Cairns	Manunda
Nintiringanyi Cultural Training Centre	West Cairns Youth Prevention and Diversion Program	Manunda
Vocational Partnerships Group Inc (VPG)		Cairns, Atherton, Innisfail, Wepa, Thursday Island
Mid-North: No known programs		
North		
Edmund Rice Education Australia Youth+	Townsville Flexible Learning Center and Bridge Programme and Upper Ross Outreach	West End, Townsville
Industry-School Training Partnership Association Inc (IN-Step)	Various	Aitkenvale
In-Step Townsville	CYPIC Program - during 10-20 day suspension	Townsville
Townsville PCYC	Supporting & Strengthening (SAS)	Aitkenvale
Weir State School	Townsville Positive Learning Centre	Thuringowa
North West		
Edmund Rice Education Australia Youth+	Mt Isa Flexible learning center and Bridge Program	Sunset Heights
Spinifex Senior College (Ed Queensland)	Steps program/ Fresh Starts	Winston
South East		
Ashmore PCYC	Annex program	Ashmore
Edmund Rice Education Australia Youth+	Centre Education Program and Beaudesert and Creastmead Outreach	Logan City
Keebra Park State High School	Annex program	Southport
Merrimac State High School	Positive Learning Centre	Bundall
SCISCO Career Pathways	Alternative Learning Coolamon	Southport
SCISCO Career Pathways	Alternative Learning Arcadia	Palm Beach
Toogoolawa School - Ashmore Campus	Independent Schools Queensland Strategic School - Flexible Learning Program	Ormeau
Wesley Mission Brisbane	Youth At-risk Alliance, Get Set for Work, Youth Support Coordinators	Gold Coast
Sunshine Coast (continued on next page)		
Arethusa	Arethusa College	Burpengary
Burnett Youth Learning Centre		Bundaberg South
Burnside State High School	STEMM Alt Ed Program	Nambour
Burpengary Ministry Church	Shekinah	Burpengary
Caboolture Flexible Outreach	It's Up to You	Caboolture

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Deception Bay Community Youth Programs and Deception Bay State High School	GOALS	Deception Bay
Edmund Rice Education Australia Youth+	Gympie Flexible Learning Centre	Gympie
Edmund Rice Education Australia Youth+	Noosa Flexible Learning Centre	Sunshine Beach

Site Name	Program	Suburb
Sunshine Coast (continued)		
Edmund Rice Education Australia Youth+	Deception Bay Flexible Learning Centre and Caboolture Outreach	Deception Bay
Fraser Coast T.E.S.S	Youth Connections	Maryborough, Hervey Bay & Gympie
Hervey Bay Neighbourhood Centre	Fraser Coast Youth Mentoring Program	Hervey Bay
Integrated Family & Youth Services Inc.	Sunshine Coast Flexi School	Beerwah
Maleny State High School	Maleny Flexi School	Maleny
Maryborough S.H.S & Aldridge S.H.S	School Based AEP Program	Maryborough
Queensland Baptist Care	Glendyne Education	Nikenbah, Hervey Bay
Redcliffe Area Youth Services (RAYS)	Checkpoint	Redcliffe
Salvation Army Youth Outreach Service	YOS Flexi-School	Caboolture
Sunshine Coast PCYC	SWAG (Students With A Goal) Flexible Learning Program	Nambour
Uniting Care Community	Fraser District Youth Support Program	Maryborough, Hervey Bay
Worklinks	Youth Connections Alternative Learning Facility	Redcliffe
Worklinks Inc.	Youth Connections Alternative Learning Facility	Caboolture
Worklinks Inc.	Youth Connections Alternative Learning Facility	Lawnton
South West		
Catholic Education	Youth and Community Learning Centre	Toowoomba
Centenary Heights State High School	Toowoomba Flexi	Toowoomba
Centenary Heights State High School	Schools to Skills	Toowoomba
Kingaroy State High School	Alternative Education Program	Kingaroy
Nanango State High School	Flexi School	Nanango
Toowoomba State High School (Wilsonton - based at Youth Justice)	TALES	Toowoomba
Brisbane Metro		
Arethusa	The Skateboard Factory	Spring Hill
Arethusa	The Mossford Program	Spring Hill
BoysTown	Multiple	Various
Coorparoo Secondary College	Acess10/TAFE	Coorparoo
Eagleby Learning Centre	Various programs for years 10-12	Eagleby
Edmund Rice Education Australia Youth+	Ipswich Flexible Learning Centre	Ipswich
Edmund Rice Education Australia Youth+	Albert Park Flexible Learning Centre	Milton
Edmund Rice Education Australia	Hemmant Flexible Learning	Hemmant

Youth+	Centre	
Education Qld/Virtual Schooling Service/Brisbane School of Distance Education	Stepping Stones	Coorparoo DC
Ipswich Community Youth Service	Education Support Program	Ipswich
Jabiru Community Youth & Children's Services	Jabiru Community College	Bracken Ridge
Music Industry Community Services Ltd	Music Industry College (Starving Kids)	Fortitude Valley
Salvation Army	Lawnton Flexischool	Lawnton
Salvation Army Youth Outreach Service with Everton Park State High School	ACE Program	Stafford
Salvation Army Youth Outreach Service with St. James College	Flexi School	Fortitude Valley
Southside Education		Sunnybank
YMCA - Clem Jones Campus	The YMCA Vocational School	Kingston

