



Career Pathways Expos 2018 Overview Report

Explore Overview

The Explore program offers a creative approach for developing the breadth of students' career aspirations throughout the upper primary years. The program has a scaffolded suite of resources for students in Years 4, 5 and 6 which are based on the themes of adventure and discovery.

Explore is a partnership activity for schools which is funded through the Australian Government's Higher Education Participation and Partnerships Program (HEPPP).

The EXPLORE careers pathways Expo is part of the EXPLORE year 5 component. Students come onto campus to learn about various careers through presentations and hands-on activities.

The EXPLORE project targets quartile 1 schools in the first instance and then looks to quartile 2 schools.

Explore Objective

The objective of HEPPP funded programs such as Explore is to raise student's aspirations to higher education.

Explore Website

The Access & Diversity Team have created a website for the Explore Program, "career inspiration for years 4, 5 and 6". You may view the EXPLORE [website](https://explore.edu.au/) at <https://explore.edu.au/>.

The website holds PowerPoint lessons, lesson plans and activity sheets for participating school teachers. The site also has a small gallery of Explore Expo photographs as well as testimonials from visiting students and teachers.



Explore Expos Outreach 2018

In 2018 the Explore Expo footprint expanded to include the inaugural Expo at USC's Caboolture campus.

777 students attended the EXPLORE Expos in 2017 and this increased to 1043 in 2018, resulting in a 34% increase.

The following year 5 students attended an Explore Expo in 2018.

Gympie - 502

Caboolture - 106

Fraser Coast - 257

Sunshine Coast - 178

This result construes that each EXPLORE exhibitor and USC student partaking in the Expos, contributed to a total outreach figure of over 1000 students in 2018.

Aspirational Shift

Feedback was received from students attending the EXPLORE Expos. Of the 777 students who responded, **78% strongly agreed or agreed that the Explore Expo made them more interested in attending TAFE or University.**

Teacher Feedback

37 teachers provided Expo feedback. Of these, **82% agreed or strongly agreed that the Expo encouraged their students to consider tertiary study.**

Student Feedback

93% of students agreed or strongly agreed that they learnt new information about jobs.

When asked if students would like to make comment about the EXPLORE Expos, the following are a sample of responses provided.

That it is very exciting and fun, I would love to go again.

It was really fun and I learnt a lot that day.

It was a great opportunity to learn more about jobs.

Got me thinking about jobs.

Activities were fun, it was an opportunity to understand the jobs.

It made me be excited.

I can't wait until I am old enough to do a course for teaching :)!

I think it's a very good opportunity for kids like us to have a look at some jobs and experience what it's like.



Student Feedback captured in Word Cloud

athletics Expo come back excursion something place come much enjoyed lot every Explore enjoyed see exhibits really enjoyed hope good day learn new things learn want to go make taking us great opportunity university experience best excursion amazing great time nurse new things technology cool stuff looks funny physical wash hands properly something play people robotics virtual reality

Explore Schools Engaged

Of the 1000 plus students who attended the EXPLORE Expos, students attending the four campuses came from 23 local schools.

Caboolture

Dakabin State School
Delaney Creek State School



Gympie

Amamoor State School
Chatsworth State School
Glenwood State School
Gunalda State School
Gympie Central State School
Gympie East State School
Gympie South State School
Gympie West State School
Jones Hill State School
Kia Ora State School
Monkland State School
One Mile State School
Tin Can Bay State School
Two Mile State School
Widgee State School

Fraser Coast

Maryborough West State School
Sandy Strait State School
Torbanlea State School
Urangan Point State School

Sunshine Coast

Kawana Waters State College
Nambour State College
Taigum State School



Explore Exhibitors

In 2018 Explore students engaged in an opportunity of visiting numerous and varied career exhibits including the following:

Animal Ecology
Art Curator
Creative Design
Creative Writing
Education
Exercise Physiology
High Performance Musicians
Lab of Awesome
Law & Criminology
Libraries
Marketing Consultant
Nursing Paramedics
Qld Fire & Emergency Services
Qld Police
Science
Sports & Exercise Science
TAFE Auto Mechanic
TAFE Fashion
TAFE Hairdressing

Explore Career Pathways Expos 2019

The EXPLORE Expos will be expanded upon this year with an increase in student numbers being made available at both USC Caboolture and Sunshine Coast campuses. The expanded footprint will include approximately 500 additional students in the EXPLORE Expos, with invitations being sent to 10 additional schools.

Thank You

Thank you for your contribution to our EXPLORE Career Pathways Expos. Your involvement has had a significant impact on year 5 students within USC's expanding footprint. We would not be able to carry out this event without your generous donation of time and expertise, and we are extremely grateful for your contribution.

We welcome any feedback you may like to provide.

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