



## Annual Report 2018 (Based on 2017 data)

*"Taking the Challenge ... Inspiring Hope" by providing learning opportunities and holistic care for youth experiencing learning barriers.*

Burnett Youth Learning Centre is a Special Assistance School that aims to assist and support those who may not have achieved well in mainstream education, or who have exited early, but want to continue their education. BYLC is a registered not-for-profit school that offers an alternative, practical, hands-on, supported approach to inspire personal learning. The Centre offers disengaged youth the opportunity to train with support to be ready to gain employment and be a contributing member of our community through a unique range of training opportunities.

### School Sector:

Independent

### School's Address:

3693 Goodwood Road, Bundaberg 4670

### Total Enrolments:

51

### Year Levels Offered:

While BYLC students are ungraded, age equivalence to years 7 - 12 are offered.

### Co-educational or Single Sex:

Co-educational

### Characteristics of the Student Body:

All BYLC students have disengaged from formal education and have been referred to the Learning Centre. Percentages fluctuate but approximately 33% of BYLC's student body are indigenous students, 3% are students with verified disabilities [using the ISQ verification definition] however 80% require supplementary or substantial adjustments for other disabilities or disorders. 24% are female.

### **Distinctive Curriculum Offerings:**

BYLC operates a 70 acre farm featuring stock, tree and small crops. Training opportunities: Personal wellbeing support and Life Skilling; Pre-vocational training; Work Readiness training; Vocational Certificate 1 ICT and Certificate 2 Rural Operations; Training is also provided in: Metal Fabrication, General Construction, Automotive, Hospitality, Technologies, ICT and Music. Vocational Language and Literacy and Numeracy training is a major focus in conjunction with student Individual Learning Plans.

The curriculum encompasses the English and Mathematics Learning Areas of the Australian Curriculum, whilst focusing heavily on the General Capabilities of Literacy, Numeracy, Information and Communication Technology, and Personal and Social Capabilities. Due to the disengaged nature of our students, these areas form the focus of the BYLC curriculum, however other Learning Areas, General Capabilities and Cross-Curriculum Priorities are offered as required or appropriate for an individual's learning plan.

The Centre has a collaborative approach drawing on the strengths of families, support agencies and dedicated staff. We seek practical partnerships, advisors, sponsors and community links to enhance the sustainability, value and benefit of the training opportunity.

### **Extra-curricular Activities:**

BYLC has an intentional focus on building relationships with our students and their families or care givers. This is achieved through placing an emphasis on staff role modeling together with regular recreational activities. Activities include Beach excursions, team building & sporting sessions including at other venues, RYDA (Driver Safety and Awareness), Arts Council presentations, Outdoor Adventure activities, Bush walking, photography, Local Industry Work Experience, visiting musicians and artists and other youth organisations like YWAM. Personal development activities and programs also are delivered including DRUMBEAT, Reboot, TAFE careers Ed. Artius and Headspace also provide intervention and counselling services for students requiring Social and/or Emotional support.

### **Social Climate:**

Students are supported by an experienced team of staff where building positive relationships is the focus. Basic breakfasts and lunches are provided each day. Transport to and from the farm is provided if needed. A Counsellor and a Chaplain are available to address student issues that prevent or hold back enjoyable and meaningful learning.

Youth at risk and disengaged youth face complex issues and educational risk is rarely an isolated problem. Young people who are disengaged from learning often have a wide range of circumstances that generate needs and concerns. Some have urgent and immediate concerns about their survival and safety, consequently formal education may be a low priority. In the BYLC culture, developmental provision of pastoral care support to students and families is therefore vital.

### **Parental Involvement:**

Parents and Caregivers are an integral part of the operation of the Centre. Opportunities for

involvement exist from mentoring, skills sharing, recreational activities, advisory and voluntary involvement. Regular contact and involvement is strongly encouraged. Parental consultation and feedback is an important part of the Individual Learning Plan process. This consultation is ongoing throughout the year, to ensure each individual student's needs are considered and provided for.

### **Parent, Teacher and Student Satisfaction with the School**

#### **Satisfaction Data:**

As part of the Learning Centre's Pastoral Care Program regular contact is maintained with student parent/s or care givers. Contact may focus on student welfare, family environment, student Individual Learning Plans together with open conversation regarding school issues. Together with on-going communication, regular feedback of students, staff and parents and care givers is sought.

#### **Contact Person for Further Information:**

For further information on the Learning Center or its Policies contact the Principal – Mr. Scott Sadler.

### **School Income Broken Down by Funding Source**

School funds are provided by the State and Federal Governments and supplemented by income generated by the farm and enterprise projects.

### **Staffing Information**

#### **Staff Composition, Including Indigenous Staff:**

The Learning Centre's full-time equivalent staffing is: 9 full-time teaching staff and 6 part-time non-teaching staff.

#### **Qualifications of all Teachers:**

Qualification	Number or the percentage of classroom teachers and school leaders at the school who hold this qualification
Doctorate or higher	-
Masters	-
Bachelor Degree	4
Diploma	2
Certificate	11

**Expenditure on and Teachers/Staff Participation in Professional Development:**

**a) Teachers/staff Participation in Professional Development**

Description of PD activity	Number of teachers/staff participating in activity
Reboot #1 – Engage life and learning workshop	4
Reboot #2 – Create engaged learning workshop	12
ISQ SAS Supporting our young people to learn	8
Continuous improvement of BYLC program and QCT	7
ISQ NCCD introductory workshop	1
ISQ Educational Adjustment program	1
ISQ VET and career coordinator workshop – Sharing success	2
CPR and first aid	8
ISQ Connect and learn – Child protection resource	8
ISQ Role of the New School Business Manager	1
Introduction to MIG welding	1
Operating load shifting equipment	1
2017 Qld schools VET conference	
Bachelor of Learning Management Sec VET	1
ISQ NSO forum	1
ISQ Governance Short Course #2	1
ISQ Governance Short Course #4	1
Child Protection	1
NCCD Refresher workshop	1
ISQ Support for small schools	1
ISQ Cert IV in Career Development #1	1
ISQ Cert IV in Career Development #2	1
ISQ Cert IV in Career Development #3	1
Velg Training – The ultimate RTO Administrator workshop part 1	1
Cert IV in Training and Assessment	2
Certificate III in Hospitality – Prepare and serve coffee	1
Diploma of Hospitality	1
Total number of teachers participating in at least one activity in the program year	9

## b) Expenditure on Professional Development

Total Number of Teachers/staff	Total expenditure on teacher/staff PD (as recorded in Financial Questionnaire)	Average expenditure on PD per teacher/staff
15	\$12600	\$840
The total funds expended on teacher professional development in 2017		\$12600
The proportion of the teaching staff involved in professional development activities during 2017		100%

### Average staff attendance for the school, based on unplanned absences of sick and emergency leave periods of up to 5 days:

Number of Staff	Number of School Days	Total Days Staff Absences	Average Staff Attendance Rate
15	200	42	98%
For permanent and temporary staff the average staff attendance rate was 98% in 2017			

### Proportion of staff retained from the previous year:

Number of permanent staff at end of previous year	Number of these staff retained in the following year (the program year)	% retention rate
16	13	81%
From the end of 2015 81 % of staff were retained for the entire 2017 school year		

## Key Student Outcomes

### Average student attendance rate (%) for the whole school:

The average attendance rate for the whole school as a percentage in 2017 was 52%

### Average student attendance rate for each year level:

Burnett Youth Learning Centre is an ungraded school and as such the average attendance rate for each level is not applicable.

### A description of how non-attendance is managed by the school:

Non-attendance at BYLC can be a reflection of student marginalisation. Reasons for non-attendance are many and varied but treated with high importance. Administration staff, student support staff and the Centre Director [together with the Centre's bus drivers] form a cohesive team to address student absenteeism. Absentee phone calls are made daily. Four absent days without reason are followed up by the Chaplain. Prolonged absences are followed up by the Principal, Youthworker and/or administration correspondence. Department of Child Safety "Mandatory Reports" can be made and possible disenrollment after due process. Generally, a high level of support is offered to non-attenders and their families as BYLC seeks to maintain student attendance incentives and improvement. Student attendance incentives are offered as encouragement to parents/carers.

### NAPLAN results for Years 3, 5 and 7 and 9 in 2017

Burnett Youth Learning Centre seeks exemptions from Naplan testing for attending students. The majority of BYLC students consistently rate below the National minimum standard in; Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, Numeracy, due to educational disengagement. LL&N education remains a critical area of effort and student support.

### Apparent Retention Rate Year 10 to 12:

Year 12 student enrolment as a percentage of the Year 10 cohort is 40%

### Year 12 Outcomes:

Outcomes for our Year 12 cohort 2018	
Number of students awarded a Senior Education Profile	5
Number of students awarded a Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement	5
Number of students who received an Overall Position (OP)	0
Number of students or are completing or completed a School-based Apprenticeship or Traineeship (SAT)	1
Number of students awarded one or more Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualifications	1
Number of students awarded a Queensland Certificate of Education at the end of Year 12	0
Number of students awarded an International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBD)	0
Percentage of Year 12 students who received an OP1-15 or an IBD	0%
Percentage of Year 12 students who are completing or completed a SAT or were awarded one or more of the following: QCE, IBD, VET qualification	0%
Percentage of Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) applicants receiving a tertiary offer	0%

### \*\*\*Post-school Destination Information

At the time of publishing this School Annual Report, the results of the 2018 post-school destinations survey, *Next Steps – Student Destination* report for the school was not available.

**\*\*\*Post-school Destination Information - Mandatory Information to be published by 30 September each year**

Post-school destination information from the current Next Steps survey as follows:

**Background information on how the Next Steps survey was conducted:**

Background information: N/A

**School Response Rate to the Survey**

Number of Year 12 students in 2018 (a)	Number of responses received from students (b)	Percentage response rate (b/a x100)
0	0	0%

**Definitions of main destinations (see table below)**

**Summary of findings in relation to main destinations of students**

School Year 2018	Number of Students in each category	Percentage of Students in each category
University (degree)		%
VET total (Cert IV+ III, I-II, apprenticeship, traineeship)		%
Working full-time		%
Working part-time/casual		%
Seeking work		%
Not studying or in the labour force		%
Total Year 12 Students	0	