



## Media Release

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### TAFE Queensland Brisbane's Senior Studies students *making* a difference for local homeless

TAFE Queensland Brisbane's Senior Studies students have supported local homeless and not for profit organisation Rosies by organising a fundraising BBQ as part of their assessment on Monday, 18 April 2016.

Education, opportunity, and a good cause came together as the Year 11 and 12 students at the TAFE Queensland Brisbane's Alexandra Hills campus. The BBQ fundraiser forms part of the assessment for Business Studies undertaken through the Senior Studies program. Students nominated Rosies as their charity beneficiary as they wanted to make a difference to local homeless people.

TAFE Queensland Brisbane Senior Studies Teacher Liz Morgan said the activity was designed to enable students to experience the planning and organisation of a realistic event within a business environment.

"Students applied the marketing principles they learnt in their Business Studies class to organise this BBQ. This involved holding meetings, issuing invitations, designing posters, and other forms of promotion whilst considering work place health and safety," said Mrs Morgan.

"Our students chose to raise funds for Rosies after they had studied youth homelessness as part of English Communication and were moved by the plight of some of their fellow students who have experienced this," she said.

Andrew O'Brien, Rosies General Manager, said that the organisation has a long established youth program to provide education and awareness, which play a vital role in prevention and support, and are at the core of the mission.

"Rosies aims to acknowledge human dignity and inspire an increased self-reliance, and it's amazing what a simple cuppa, bite to eat, and a chat with a friend can do," Mr O'Brien said.

"Over 95% of Rosies work is funded through kind donations from our local communities and support from friendships like this with TAFE Queensland makes the difference," he said.

Tonight, 20,000 Queenslanders are homeless. Most people are not homeless by choice -it is their only option. Once started homelessness can become a cycle, especially when young.

You can make a difference too. It is as simple as having a cuppa4rosies. Find out how or donate now at [rosies.org.au](http://rosies.org.au)



## About Rosies- Friends on the Street

Rosies provides unconditional acceptance and friendship to people who are marginalised within our community - especially those who are homeless, at risk of homelessness or simply lonely.

Rosies is a volunteer-based not for profit organisation that commenced in Queensland in 1987 as a youth mission. Today, Rosies have grown to reach out to all of our friends on the street, in the courts, detention centres, prisons, and drop-in centres. Rosies continues to engage youth, and the community, through education, awareness, and volunteer programs. These all play a vital role in prevention and support. Over 95% of Rosies work is funded through kind donations from our local community.

It's amazing what a difference a cuppa, bite to eat, and a chat can do.  
Inspiring dignity, one cuppa at a time...

For more information visit [rosies.org.au](http://rosies.org.au)

## About TAFE Queensland Brisbane Senior Studies

TAFE Queensland Brisbane is where over 40,000 local and international students get their world-class education and training each year. Practical, hands-on classes combined with state-of-the-art facilities and purpose-built learning areas make it a standout amongst training providers. Many of its facilities are acknowledged by industry as being amongst the best in Australia.

The TAFE Queensland Brisbane Senior Studies and Vocational Pathway Programs are proven and valid alternative study options to secondary school. The Senior Studies program is a full-time program individually designed to meet the needs, abilities and future goals of students. It consists of the mentor program plus a selection of Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) or QSA Registered subjects and vocational qualifications.

For more information visit [tafeqld.edu.au](http://tafeqld.edu.au)

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