The Gold Coast has long been known as a desirable location, with its stunning natural environment and enviable lifestyle. Located on the edge of the Asia-Pacific rim, with access to two international airports, the Gold Coast is perfectly positioned as a destination for study, vocational training, research, careers and employment.

What does the Gold Coast’s emerging workforce look like?

Thousands of job-ready, knowledge-based graduates

Education and training contributes more than $1.7 billion to the local economy and with almost 30,000 international students from more than 130 different countries studying in the City, the Gold Coast is growing in popularity as a study destination both nationally and internationally.

The most engaged workers of the mid-21st Century will be knowledge workers who can and will choose where they work. That is the market, that is the niche, that is a future for the Gold Coast that builds on the past and that capitalises on the way in which the broader economy is shifting.

Bernard Salt. (Future Gold Coast – KPMG Beyond the Horizon report 2015)

69% of all knowledge-based students graduated with an undergraduate qualification and 31% achieved a postgraduate qualification.

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% of Gold Coast Science graduates in 2017

Undergraduate

Psychology
Biomedical & Biomolecular Science
Science
Medical Laboratory Science
Pharmacy & Pharmacology
Health Science
Environment Science

Postgraduate

Psychology & Social Sciences

Continued growth in knowledge-based workers
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% of Gold Coast Health graduates in 2017

Undergraduate

Dental
Health, Allied Health & Human Services
Sport & Exercise Science
Occupational Therapy
Nutrition & Dietetics

Postgraduate

Dental
Physiotherapy
Speech Pathology
Health, Allied Health & Human Services

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