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The St Vincent de Paul Society is an international, voluntary, catholic organisation dedicated to tackling poverty and disadvantage by providing assistance to anyone in need.



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We provide a hand up rather than a hand out



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Northern Diocese Operations

8 Program Areas:

- Retail & Distribution (Vinnies Shops)
- Food Division
- Housing
- Child & Family Programs
- Homeless Support
- Compeer / Mental Health
- Give a Child a Chance
- Disaster Relief



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*People we assisted
in 2012-2013*



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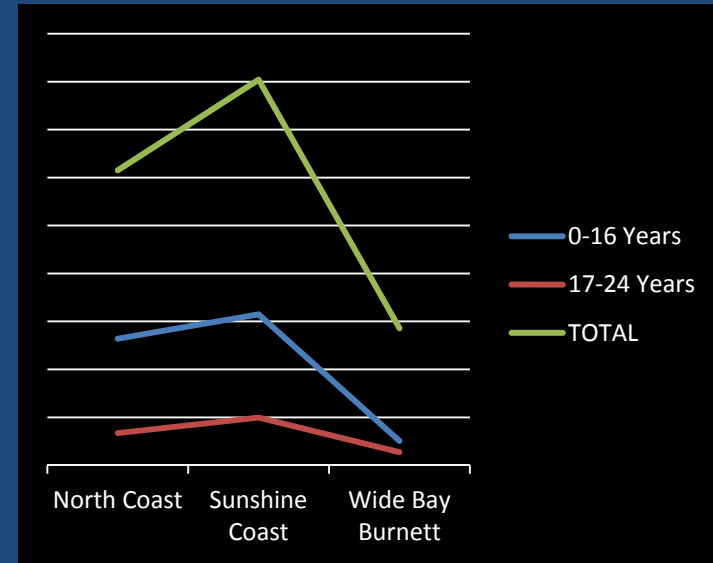
Works of our Conferences in Providing a Hand Up in 2012-2013

Programs	Dioceses	Detail	SOL Actual Clients
Vincentian Good Works	Brisbane South		34,046
	Gold Coast & Country		39,752
	Northern		41,588
(inc Emergency Relief, Home Visitation, Support Centres)	Western		38,054
	FNQ		13,588
	Rockhampton		23,004
	Toowoomba		24,103
	Townsville		23,614
	TOTAL		237,745



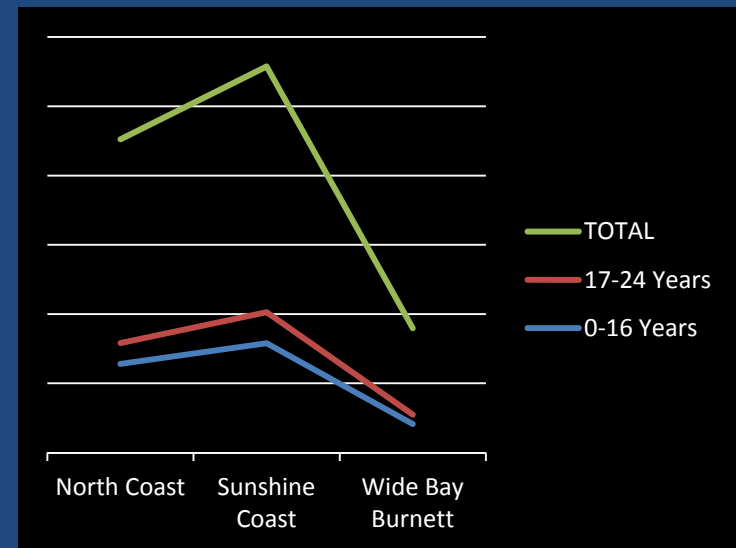
1 Jan 2011 - 31 Dec 2011

	North Coast	Sunshine Coast	Wide Bay Burnett
0-16 Years	5281	6300	1018
17-24 Years	1345	1989	550
TOTAL	12306	16086	5718



1 Jan 2012 - 31 Dec 2012

	North Coast	Sunshine Coast	Wide Bay Burnett
0-16 Years	6406	7893	2063
17-24 Years	1499	2241	675
TOTAL	14713	17746	6242





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Providing a hand up to a safer life

A client assisted in the Brisbane area wrote to us about the help she received when she needed it most.

“ I am writing to you today to say thank you for our assistance during a very trying time in my family's life. My children and I had to escape domestic violence, we had to flee for our lives and leave everything behind. St Vincent de Paul Society came to the rescue as we arrived at a Catholic Church on the Southside of Brisbane. We arrived at the church with the clothes we were wearing and two plastic bags of clothing three pillows and very tired children. The Conference provided us with furniture, household goods, clothing, food and financial assistance for the children's schooling and we now have a lovely little house to call home. It is with tears in my eyes that I wrote to you today, on a borrowed computer and sitting at my donated desk. ”

This letter has not been edited or changed in any way.





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In the last twelve months the Northern Diocese Homelessness Support Program had 240 support periods opened

- *61% male*
- *39% female*
- *14% Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander*
- *68% had been homeless in the past month*
- *71% homeless in the past year.*

In the week before interview 75 people had been sleeping in a tent, a car or on the street/park.

65% of people assisted are on Newstart or Disability Allowances.

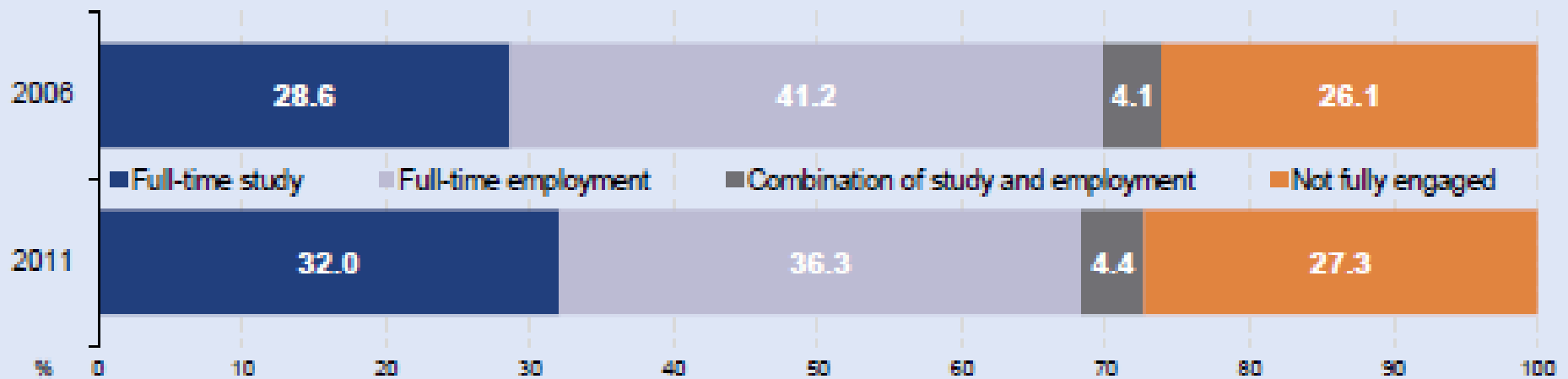
20% of people assisted had at least one child.

At the close of their support period, 33% of people had been assisted into tenancies in units/houses/caravan parks/transitional housing/community housing/social housing.

23 unknown due to loss of contact.

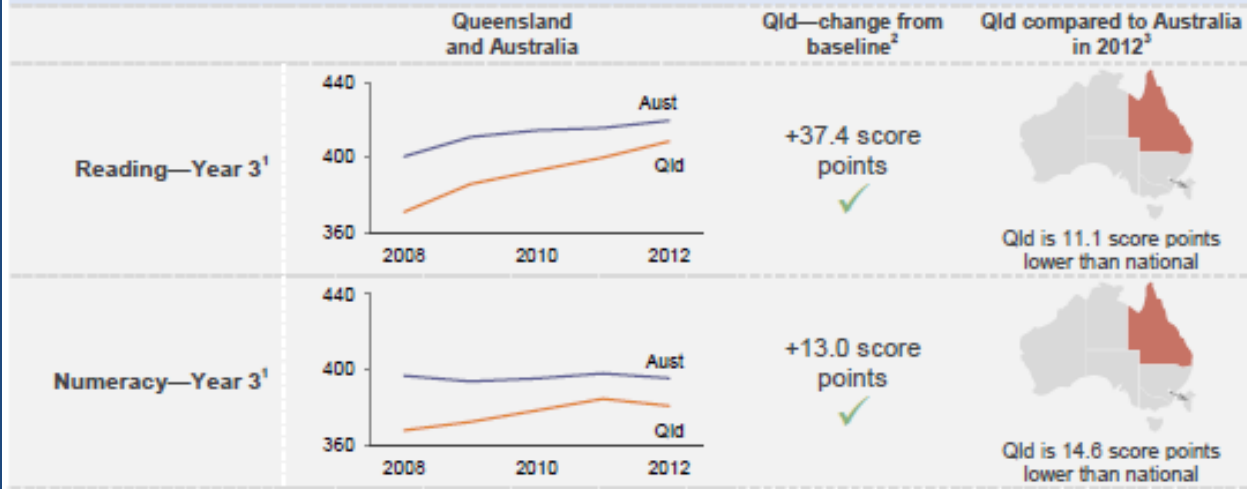


17-24 year olds fully engaged in work or study, Australia, 2006 and 2011

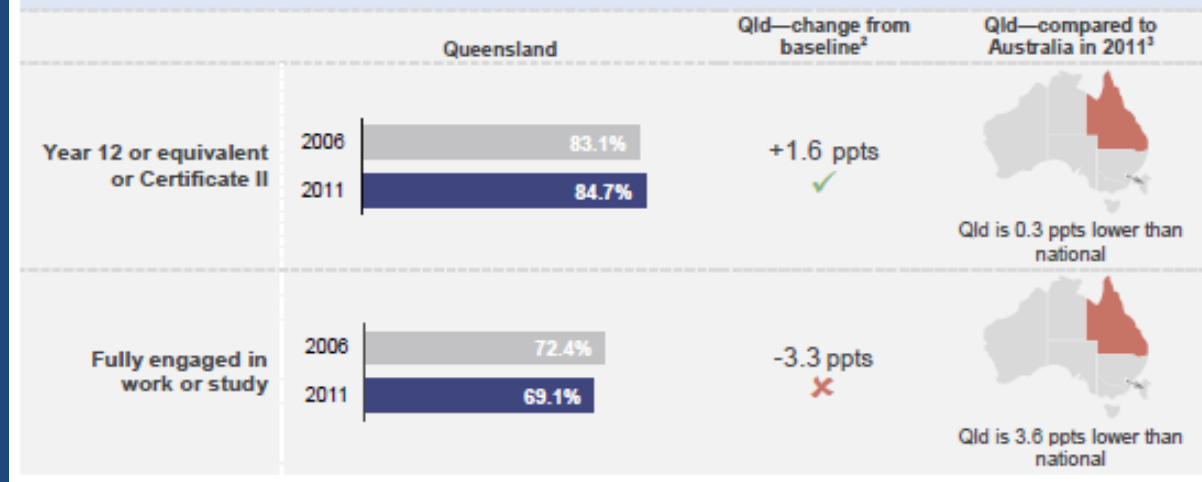




Are literacy and numeracy improving?



What happens to young people when they leave school?





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What the literature tells us very clearly is that work remains an important source of identity, meaning and social affiliation (Work Employment & Society March 2009 vol. 23 no. 1 p. 84-101).

The economic costs of unemployment or underemployment, as demonstrated throughout the day, are manifest in the cost burden the social and health consequences impose on our community, as well as the loss of young people from the Region as they search for work elsewhere.



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Way Forward:

- *Future Leaders (SCYP)*
- *Young Women's Strategy (SCYP)*
- *Youth Forum (SCYP)*
- *Buddies Programs (SVDP)*
- *Drink Safe (SCYP)*
- *Y Youth Paper (SCYP)*
- *Raw Sounds - Youth Stage at Caloundra Music Festival (SCYP)*