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SUBJECT: Numbers of school students grow

The growth of Hervey Bay has been mirrored in a growing student population.

The city has 17 schools (government and private and alternative training) with a student population of 8509 at the end of 2005.

There are 10 state and three private primary schools, two state high schools, the Hervey Bay Senior College which caters for Years 11 and 12, a special school and Glendyne Farm Education and Training facility as well as the Fraser Coast Anglican College and Xavier Catholic College.

Xavier caters for students in years 8 to 11 and is about to embark on its next building phase. The college will eventually cater for students from preschool to Year 12.

The Fraser Coast Anglican College caters for students from preschool to Year 12 as well as international students.

There are also a number of private and non-profit kindergartens and preschools in the city.

The city also is home to the University of Southern Queensland Wide Bay Campus.

Since the USQ Wide Bay campus opened it has been growing and is now the first choice of many students applying for tertiary education, especially in informatics, business, teaching marine studies and nursing.

It offers a diverse range of Bachelor Degrees, Associate Degrees and Tertiary Preparation courses.

To keep pace with demand for places, the USQ is about to start on stage 3 of its building program.

The Wide Bay TAFE also houses the Hervey Bay Senior College which offers courses in Years 11 and 12. The Wide Bay Institute of

TAFE offers a number of certificate, diploma and short fee-for-service courses

For more information on education facilities in Hervey Bay check out www.edherveybay.org

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