

# GROWING SKILLS AND OPPORTUNITY CLOSE TO HOME

## SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL UNIVERSITY STUDY HUBS



Across regional Queensland, access to higher education is one of the biggest factors influencing whether young people stay, leave, or return to their communities.

When study options are far away, students often face the cost of relocation, separation from family and support networks, and limited options to continue working locally while they study.

Regional University Study Hubs are helping to change that.

These hubs provide a supported space for students to complete university or vocational study close to home, with access to technology, study facilities and learning support.

They help students succeed without having to leave their community to do it.

In places like Isaac, these hubs are already strengthening local skills, local workforce and local confidence about the future.

## WHY IT MATTERS?

When people have to leave town to study, many do not return. This affects the workforce, local services, childcare, health, small business and community organisations.

Regional University Study Hubs help people stay connected to where they live while they train for the careers our communities rely on.

They open doors for school leavers, career changers, apprentices, parents returning to work and professionals gaining new qualifications.

Education access is not just a learning issue. It is central to the long-term sustainability and liveability of regional Queensland.

## WHAT WE'RE ADVOCATING FOR

We are calling on the Queensland Government to create an ongoing funding program to support the operational needs of Regional University Study Hubs.

This funding should have both capital and operational aspects that support these hubs to be built and operate across regional Queensland.

## WORKING TOGETHER

Councils, local industry and community partners are already stepping up. Regional University Study Hubs have strong local support. With stable funding, these centres can become long-term anchors for skills, employment and opportunity.

This is a practical, proven and community-led approach to building strong regional futures. With State partnership, we can ensure all Queenslanders have the chance to learn, work and stay in the places they call home.

