

Inspiring the Next Generation of Leaders in Tourism and Hospitality

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Students battled it out in the 24th annual QTIC Salute to Excellence Awards Skills Test Day to gain the title of the best in the state in three categories: Tourism, Food and Beverage and Cookery.

This year's program involved 24 motivated young professionals from across the state who are all eager to learn more and explore a career in tourism and hospitality.

All students participate in Vocational Education and Training (VET) in schools and have now completed stage two of the Salute program which included: a cookery competition in a commercial kitchen, food and beverage service competition, tourism holiday itinerary presentation, written assessments and an interview with judges.

QTIC Chief Executive Daniel Gschwind said, "It was inspiring to see students come together from across the state and compete in an industry they are all passionate about.

"With the current skill shortages, it has never been more important to support emerging professionals and equipping them with the skills to take on the opportunities our industry offers.

"It is important to put a spotlight on the importance of vocational education and training in secondary schools across the state, that is where we will find the next leaders in for industry".

The Salute to Excellence Awards encourages the next generation of leaders and is a stepping-stone for students to progress in their career.

The winners of the event will be announced at the Salute to Excellence Awards Dinner to be held on Monday 26 July.

Quotes from the students are included in a separate document attached.

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