IPSWICH NURSE IS RECOGNISED FOR HER SUCCESS

Ipswich resident Nicola Lang, known for her caring and dedication, has been recognised as Vocational Student of the Year at the recent Metropolitan Region Queensland Training Awards.

The mature age Diploma of Nursing (Enrolled/Division 2 nursing) graduate studied at TAFE in Bundamba and is currently working as an enrolled nurse at St Andrew’s Ipswich Private Hospital.

“I was very surprised and more than a little bit thrilled to have won this award and I hope that it will present opportunities for me to inspire others to commit to further education,” said Nicola.

“Age should never be a barrier; I am a strong example of what one can achieve even after a thirty-year absence from any form of study.”

While studying, Nicola discovered just how much she enjoyed both the classroom and practical environment of TAFE Queensland South West which has helped fuel her love for helping others.

“It was surprising how much I enjoyed studying, I loved the classroom environment where there were teachers to ask questions of and such a wonderful practical room available to us,” she said.

“Going on clinical placement was always somewhat daunting, at least it was for me. I would find myself doubting my skills and knowledge but ended up really enjoying my placements and learning so much from the wonderful nurses I had the luck and privilege to work with.”

“I love my new career with a passion, I love being able to help people at a time when they are feeling quite vulnerable and if I can make a small difference to the improvement of their health and wellbeing during their illness and recovery, then I have accomplished what I set out to do.”

“For anyone else considering studying, I would say go for it as the satisfaction and pride in oneself at having successfully completed your training is indescribable.”

Since completing her Diploma, Nicola has gone on to complete an Advanced Diploma and is looking forward to her next learning challenge.

TAFE Queensland South West Executive Director of Studies, Jenni Butler, said that she was incredibly proud of Nicola.

“A massive congratulations to Nicola, and to the educators who helped her reach such a wonderful outcome,” said Ms Butler.
“The Queensland Training Awards are about recognising and rewarding outstanding achievements within vocational education and training, which reflects the quality of training we provide at TAFE Queensland South West, and we wish Nicola the best of luck as she proceeds to the state level.”

Regional final winners advance to the state awards which are held in Brisbane on Friday, 11 September 2015.

For more information on the Queensland Training Awards please visit www.qta.qld.gov.au

Photo Caption 1: Nicola Lang at the Metropolitan Region Queensland Training Awards.
Photo Caption 2: Nicola Lang, ready for work at the hospital.

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