

COUNTRY KIDS KICK START CAREERS



Madalaine Munster is taking in all the training like a sponge.

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Chef Garry Samson finds many hands make light work of a recipe.



Sweet success ... Jacinta Litter, from Tulatten, finds sponges are the icing on the cake of her visit to TAFE



Cups runneth over ... with so much to learn for Lizzie Cochrane, from Atherton, and Jacob Nicholas, from Babinda



Stirred into achievement ... Lily Mason, from Atherton, adds a bit of 'elbow grease' to her cooking class.



Bowling along ... Russell Jones, from Cooktown, learns how to make pastry on his visit to Cairns TAFE campus.

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"TAFE has so much to offer in terms of career training and opportunities so it's wonderful to be able to work together and provide the students with real world experience," Ms Connell said. "The students are really positive and thoroughly enjoyed their time here. "I think we may have recruited a few extra for the tropical north Queensland tourism industry."

As part of the project, the participants spent four days at the Cairns TAFE campus learning first

hand a range of roles including cookery, cashiering, customer service and food handling and studied health and hygiene.

The remainder of their time was spent at their home away from home, the Cairns School of Distance Education at Manunda, where they also learnt first aid techniques and CPR.

TAFE and the Cairns School of Distance Education will explore opportunities for an extension of the Kick Starting Careers for Country Kids' program including making it an annual event.