



Media Release

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It's cap and gown time!

TAFE Queensland North student, Donna Morgan is about to make her dream come true.

The North Shore woman will don a graduation cap and gown on Thursday, December 8.

Ms Morgan is one of around 70 students who'll be attending the 2016 TAFE Queensland North graduation ceremony at The Ville Resort Casino.

Ms Morgan has completed a Diploma in Beauty Therapy.

"I started the course while I was living in Hervey Bay and when I moved to Townsville at the end of last year, I was really determined to finish it," she said.

Ms Morgan started class, but got some unexpected news just weeks into her studies.

"I found out that I was pregnant and I had some health complications along the way so I was induced at 37 weeks.

"That was quite daunting and I was really worried that I wouldn't finish, but I worked up until the day I was induced and I even messaged my teacher a day after to submit one of my assignments.

"My teacher has been wonderful and without her support I don't think it would have been possible to finish," she said.

Ms Morgan said she can't wait for the graduation ceremony to kick off.

"I'm really excited to be wearing my cap and gown because it's been a struggle this year with my health complications while pregnant.

"I had concerns I wouldn't get through my course work but I did and I'm really proud of myself.

"My partner and my baby will be in the crowd cheering me on at graduation.

"My partner is also really proud of me and he said that he wouldn't miss my graduation for anything," she said.

Ms Morgan is already a makeup artist and is looking forward to putting her new beauty therapy skills to use.

"Right now I'm taking some time to enjoy my baby and when I'm ready I'll look for work in the industry and I hope to eventually open my own salon," she said.

TAFE Queensland North General Manager, Joann Pyne said graduation is an exciting time.

“There is a real sense of accomplishment among our students and they should feel proud of everything they have achieved.

“This is a very rewarding time for our graduates and also their family, with many relatives registering to attend the ceremony to support their loved ones.

“I wish the 2016 graduates well with their career goals and higher education studies, as some of our students will use their diploma qualification as credit towards a university degree,” Ms Pyne said.

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Graduate, Donna Morgan pictured with her daughter, Stella and mother, Denise.

The media is invited for filming, photographic and interview opportunities.

Where: The Ville Resort Casino, Sir Leslie Thiess Drive

When: The ceremony starts at 12:00pm and is expected to finish at 1:30pm. ***The media can attend at any time during that window.***

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