



## **Media Release**

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### **Laura Johnson Homes welcomes TAFE Queensland North students**

A group of TAFE Queensland North TAFE at School students will get a rewarding experience tomorrow, rubbing shoulders with some golden oldies.

The senior students from Spinifex State College and Good Shepherd Catholic College will be volunteering at Laura Johnson Home on Friday, October 7.

The visit is part of their course work, as the students complete their studies for a Certificate II in Health Support Services through TAFE Queensland North.

TAFE Queensland North Health Care Teacher, Julia Meredith said the visit is a chance for students to get some hands-on experience.

“This will provide the students with some context to their learning and it will also give them an insight into what it is like to work in the aged care sector.

“It will be a great opportunity for them to spend some quality time with the residents at Laura Johnson Home and to see first-hand just how rewarding it is to be involved in this type of care,” Ms Meredith said.

Laura Johnson Home Chief Executive Officer, Betty Kiernan said the residents benefit from these types of visits, as they get to have enthusiastic, caring young people interact with them for the day.

“The Laura Johnson Home has developed a strong partnership over the past few years with TAFE Queensland North, offering placements for students doing Certificate III, Certificate IV and enrolled Nursing.

“The Home is delighted to extend the partnership to hosting school-based students who are interested in working with the elderly.

“Hopefully it will give the students real exposure to and an understanding of daily life in an aged care home,” Ms Kiernan said.

TAFE Queensland North General Manager, Joann Pyne said volunteering will help the students develop personally and gain some valuable hands-on experience.

“It is wonderful that the staff and residents at Laura Johnson Home support this type of student learning opportunity, in a real-life aged care setting.

“These types of partnerships help TAFE Queensland North produce well-rounded graduates,” Ms Pyne said.

**The media is invited for interview opportunities.**

**DETAILS: Please be at Laura Johnson Home, 41 Clarke Street between 11am – 12pm.**

For more information, please contact TAFE Queensland North Communications and Public Relations Officer Sarah Weir on 0408 746 747