



## **Media Release**

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### **A new era for TAFE Queensland North**

2017 has ushered in a new-look TAFE Queensland North in Charters Towers.

The vocational education and training provider has entered into an historic partnership with the Charters Towers School of Distance Education.

TAFE Queensland North's five Charters Towers-based staff have relocated to the Charters Towers School of Distance Education in time for the start of Semester 1, 2017.

TAFE Queensland North General Manager, Joann Pyne said it was an exciting step towards a mutually beneficial partnership.

"Our organisations have both been delivering quality education in Charters Towers for decades.

"This new agreement will see us work collaboratively to build on our collective educational capabilities.

"Moving forward, both of our organisations will look at ways to deliver a greater range of vocational education programs, which will benefit the community.

"The Charters Towers School of Distance Education has more than 1,000 students located across the state.

"This partnership will allow TAFE Queensland North to easily reach out to those students and offer them additional vocational education programs, to help them reach their study and career goals.

"TAFE Queensland North and the Charters Towers School of Distance Education are leaders in the delivery of online courses and we are keen to work collaboratively to share the best practices across all of our delivery staff," Ms Pyne said.

TAFE Queensland North will continue to build on its relationships with local high schools and will use the facilities at the Dalrymple Trade Training Centre on an as-needed basis.