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# New degree strikes a chord

## Partnership between uni and TAFE a hit

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IT'S music by degrees.

A partnership with the University of Canberra is giving Gold Coast musicians the chance to pursue a bachelor degree without having to leave the beaches.

TAFE Queensland – Gold Coast Region is about to award the first ever bachelor degrees to 15 Contemporary Music Practice, and Games and Interactive Design students.

Dylan Lindquist, 21, said the experience has been so much more than he had ever imagined.

“I have been studying at TAFE Queensland’s Coomera campus for the last three years and during that time I’ve made a lot of great friends and learned so much about the music industry. I will cherish the whole experience for a long time,” Dylan said.

“I’ve gone from making shabby little demos in my bedroom to creating and releasing professional songs that have been heard by thousands of

people in different venues across Brisbane and the Gold Coast.

“I’m now in my last two weeks of my bachelor degree and I have just successfully completed my third release and I am planning to release my EP at the start of next year.”

Graduates first completed either a Diploma of Music or Diploma of Sound Production which gave them credits

towards their degree and are now about to embark on careers in the music industry.

Choosing to study through this model allows students to combine uni thinking with TAFE’s hands-on learning.

Fellow classmate Navid Seisan, who is now a professional audio engineer, teacher and owner of the his own studio, Black Hertz Productions, said his decision to study the qualification was one of the best decisions of his career.

“Studying with world-class musicians and industry professionals taught me how

to conduct myself in a professional working environment,” Navid said.

“I encourage anyone wanting to get into music to study through this pathway because it opens up so many doors.”

TAFE Queensland, in partnership with the University of Canberra, will also be offering the Bachelor of Media Arts and Production in 2018.

For more information on what’s on offer, go to [tafegoldcoast.edu.au](http://tafegoldcoast.edu.au)



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