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Picture: DAVID CLARK

TAFE students and staff join the volunteer throng

AMANDA ROBBMOND AND KATHLEEN SKENE

MORE than 10,000 people have applied for coveted Commonwealth Games volunteering roles less than 24 hours after applications opened yesterday.

Goldoc CEO Mark Peters said that number would

continue to grow as international applications started flowing in.

"We need a lot of people and a variety of people, so we're encouraging everyone to apply," he said.

"It has been a fantastic initial response and we're seeing a lot of people from the Gold Coast – the majority are from the Gold Coast and Queensland.

"It's been a big day."

TAFE student Brianne Christou said she had signed up



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and was eager to be involved.

"I'm really excited, I'm really looking forward to putting the Gold Coast on the map," she said.

Ms Christou said it would be her first time volunteering and she hoped she could give back to the community.

"I went to the last Commonwealth Games and I'd always thought about volunteering," she said.

She said she would love to work in an administration position, similar to her current TAFE studies, but would be open to doing anything related to customer service.

TAFE Queensland is the official training partner for the Games and will be delivering special training to the 15,000 successful applicants.

General Manager TAFE Queensland Gold Coast Robert Petherbridge said training would cover up to 200 different roles and would include

venue-specific training.

"Goldoc will select volunteers and towards the end of the year there will be a training day orientation," he said.

Mr Petherbridge said the training received by volunteers would include skills they could apply outside the Games.



Games volunteer hopeful Alan Mildren.



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TAFE students and staff are super excited as they seek to be chosen to be volunteers. Pictured are hopefuls Alli Weger, Tayla Fien-Bourne, Francesca Pridham, Bronwyn Bender, Elisha Gillies, Lara Liddell, Brianne Christou, Alan Mildren and (front) Emma Watterson and Yu Ning. Picture: DAVID CLARK