

# Alternative options when job places are scarce

**H**IGH school graduates who miss out on their chosen career have plenty of options available to them.

Sarina Russo Schools Australia general manager and principal Jill Lange-Mohr said these options included upgrading an OP score through a diploma course, enrolling in vocational education and training, or “learning, earning and entering” the workforce full-time within 12 months.

“After 18 years as an educator, I have noticed a distinct shift in the attitude of schools leavers,” Ms Lange-Mohr said.

“Generation Y school leavers are into instant gratification — ‘what’s in it for me?’

“This phenomenon has seen education providers shift our

delivery focus by offering a range of short, sharp, industry-based training courses.”

Ms Lange-Mohr said many young people did not go on to further study, which reduced their chances for career advancement.

“Once locked into a job many young people tend to accumulate debt, such as car loans, which keeps them in the workforce and stops them from undertaking further study.

“Queensland will not always enjoy record low unemployment.

“I recommend young people get a qualification to improve their chances for career advancement.

“Even a short, three-month course can make a world of difference.” she said.