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GOLD COAST STUDENT HUB CELEBRATES 6th BIRTHDAY!

Today the Gold Coast Student Hub celebrated its sixth birthday and since first opening its doors in 2017 the Hub has become the focal point of the city's student community. In that time the facility has accumulated some very impressive stats:

- Over 65,000 visits from students representing 110 Gold Coast institutions
- More than 2,000 student support appointments
- 12,000 students attending a range of events and professional development workshops

With students of more than 130 different nationalities utilising the space the Gold Coast Student Hub has become a home away from home for our international students, a fact not lost on Mayor Tom Tate as he warmly praised the facility's achievements this morning.

"These days students can go online looking for help but it's so good to be able to come here and meet someone who can support you. That's the beauty of the Gold Coast Student Hub. It shows that we really do care about our students. We want to build relationships throughout the world and

become champions for our institutions and our city. Students are the next generation of leaders, so the more students we have the greater our influence.”

The Mayor’s sentiments were echoed by Kylie Cooper, Acting Executive Director of Study Queensland, which has been a major supporter of the Gold Coast Student Hub since its inception.

“It’s one thing to promote the amazing education and training opportunities we have, but it’s another to back that up with the wonderful inclusive support to ensure our students have the best experience possible. The Gold Coast Student Hub provides that connectivity with the local community. It’s such a wonderful space that has so successfully engaged with students from all around the world.”

With an average of 150 students now visiting the study and support facility daily, the Gold Coast Student Hub is a hive of activity brimming with opportunities. A key ingredient of its success is the friendly team of current and former students who embrace the Hub’s ethos of ‘Good Vibes Only’ as they welcome visitors as part of an extended family. It’s a feeling Canadian student Sarah Lelea knows all too well, having first visited the Hub long before she became a student on the Gold Coast.

“A few years ago I came to Australia for a vacation and visited the Gold Coast Student Hub. After my warm welcome and feeling the amazing atmosphere here I was given a little koala with the Study Gold Coast logo on it. Afterwards I took that koala with me everywhere and during the pandemic it became a symbol for me to come back and study here. Now four years later I’m studying at Griffith University and I got to hold a real koala. So I’ve come full circle and in many ways the Gold Coast Student Hub brought me home.”

**Photo: Acting Study Queensland Executive Director, Kylie Cooper; Acting Study Gold Coast CEO, Jennine Tax; Griffith University student Sarah Lelea.*

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