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### **Ipswich Resident Awarded Maths-Science Scholarship**

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Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan MP today congratulated Kathryn Wilkinson from Ipswich on receiving one of 25 scholarships awarded to graduates and professionals with a maths or science background to fast track their teaching career.

Mr Nolan said the Maths-Science Scholarship pilot program was a joint initiative of the State Government and Queensland University of Technology.

“Kathryn Wilkinson will receive \$6000 towards the cost of undertaking a full-time accelerated graduate-entry Bachelor of Education course to teach in state secondary schools,” she said.

“The course is QUT’s standard secondary teaching course but is fast tracked with scholarship winners undertaking two summer semesters, instead of spreading the course over two years.

“Ms Wilkinson will commence the course this month which includes intensive school-based components with participants receiving mentoring and extensive professional support at a host school.”

Mr Nolan said Ms Wilkinson has a Bachelor of Applied Science from QUT and has extensive experience in the meat processing industry as a laboratory scientist.

“This pilot program aims to boost the number of state school teachers with specialist maths and science skills,” she said.

“Those who satisfactorily complete the course and a suitability assessment will be guaranteed a permanent teaching job in Queensland state schools. Graduates are expected to start work as teachers in early 2006.”

Mr Nolan said applications for the scholarships were invited from university graduates and professionals with a maths or science degree.

“Scholarship winners include recent university graduates, university lecturers, professional scientists, a town planning and environmental lawyer, teacher aides and an intelligence analyst.”