

Connected Chefs Scholarship - Teaching the Sustainable Chefs of the future with Alison Taafe and Food Connect

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Launch of the new partnership between Food Connect and Alison Taafe - Offering Brisbane job seekers 30 culinary scholarship places in 2012

Alison Taafe will lead 30 Brisbane job seekers through a pre apprenticeship culinary scholarship in conjunction with local food advocates Food Connect.

After the success of the '12' culinary scholarship in 2011, Alison is teaming up with local food advocates Food Connect to offer 30 scholarship places to Brisbane's culinary hopefuls to train the sustainable chefs of the future.

This innovative and exciting program will offer successful applicants the opportunity to gain the skills and knowledge required to become a professional chef and will give each student a realistic experience in the life of a qualified chef.

Last year saw over 75% of students who finished the program placed in industry jobs and the program received great applause from the Queensland Tourism Industry Council as well as local employers and chefs. It is because of this great success that 2012 will see the implementation of the 30 new places.

Through Food Connect, who aims to supply local, sustainably produced food to the community, Alison will be focusing on teaching not only the required skills and knowledge in professional cookery but will also be emphasising a need to focus on environmental sustainability. The desire to focus on training the chefs of the future about seasonality, provenance and sustainability stems from Alison's personal journey with her sister's battle against terminal cancer. Where it has always been an interest of Alison's to eat and buy local it has now become a proven necessity to teach our up and coming chefs.

"Where as I used to teach people to 'live to eat' I am now focussed on teaching people, including my beautiful sister, Laura, to 'eat to live'"

Alison Taafe

Expressions of interest are sought now and official applications will open in January 2012 with the first program commencing February 6th, 2012 at the Food Connect Homestead in Salisbury.

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