

# MY PASSION FOR AGRICULTURE



Hello, my name is  
Tom and I go to  
Charters Towers  
School of Distance  
Education

My three main interests  
Interests are motorbikes, dogs  
and cattlework

My three favourite school  
subjects are I-See, maths and  
science

# MY FUTURE IN AGRICULTURE

At the moment I am in primary  
school and I am in grade 5. I live  
on a cattle station and help my  
Dad with cattlework whenever I  
can.

- 1) Continue studying for school
- 2) While studying, take available courses to learn more about cattle and their behaviours, as well as what sort of country they can thrive in.
- 3) Graduate and go to Ag College to learn more about cattle
- 4) While at Ag College, try to become known among cattle property owners.
- 5) Become a full-time Contract Musterer for beef cattle.



A Day in the life of a cattle musterer ...

My day starts early with a loud alarm. I hop out of bed, get dressed and have brekky. I go outside and fuel up my motorbike that I unloaded off my truck when I arrived the previous evening. I let two of my dogs out, who are keen and ready for the muster before meeting the other musterers at the yards. We head out to muster 600 head of cows with their calves from a large paddock. We get them into the yards by lunchtime. After lunch we draft the cattle, then brand and ear tag the calves before mothering them up and walking

the cattle back out in separate mobs. I get home, take my dogs for a run and go to the homestead for dinner and a yarn with the boss and his other workers. At the end of the day I am coated in dust and tired, but I still feel glad to have got the day's work done while enjoying my job.

