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Star role for TAFE chefs

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BUDDING Gold Coast chefs can brag about their three gold stars.

The Gold Coast Institute of TAFE's cookery department has been awarded a three gold star rating by The Institute for Trade Skills Excellence.

The star rating scheme recognises the

best training providers in the skills industry and enables employers, potential students and parents to distinguish excellence in trade.

Training organisations which meet or exceed industry standards are awarded a one, two or three gold star rating to show they have achieved amazing

results for their clients.

Gold Coast Institute of TAFE chief executive Deb Daly said it was great to come out on top.

"The process was really vigorous so to actually achieve the highest rating was a real honour for us," she said.

"It validates our place as Queensland's leading institute for tour-

ism and hospitality."

Apprentice chef with the TAFE, Ben Hersig, is about to complete his three-year course and has been working at Gold Coast Restaurant of the Year, Chill on Tedder.

He said the training facility had given him the skills he needed.



Brian Wexham (left back), Deb Daly (right back), Ben Hersig and Emma Thompson

● **Picture Brendan Radke**