GROWING UP IN QUEENSLAND 2020: ABORIGINAL, TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER & SOUTH SEA ISLANDER PERSPECTIVES

A snapshot of the voices of 479 Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and South Sea Islander children and young people

BIG ISSUES

The top 3 issues were

- Mental health and wellbeing (21%)
- Substance use (9%)
- Social media, media, internet & technology (7%)

HOPES & DREAMS

- Community
  - Being with my family and friends and playing with my pets. (18%, 12 years, North Queensland)

JUNIOR SURVEY

- 2 in 3 said they feel heard by their teachers (67%)
- 86% (84%) said they like being a student at their school

COMMUNITY

- Their favourite places in their communities were
  - Parks (22%, 11%)
  - Beaches, rivers, lakes & creeks (18%, 18%)

YOUTH SURVEY

- 40% (33%) said they have an emotional or mental health condition
- 23% (24%) identified as being LGBTQIA
- 4% (7%) speak a language other than Standard Australian English at home

LOCATION

- Far North Queensland: 8%
- North Queensland: 15%
- Central Queensland: 11%
- North Coast: 20%
- Metropolitan: 18%
- South East: 15%
- South West: 11%
- Location not provided: 1%

**FOOTNOTES**

1 JUNIOR SURVEY: 8 - 12 YEARS
2 YOUTH SURVEY: 13 - 18 YEARS

**Note:** Statistics in blue report findings for those who do not identify as being Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander or South Sea Islander.