GROWING UP IN QUEENSLAND 2020: EDUCATION

**YOUTH SURVEY**

- 12% saw education as a barrier to success
- 8% of young people said education was a big issue
- 79% were stressed about school or uni results
- 50% felt they belong to their school community

**Junior Survey**

- 48% of children said education would help them reach their goals
- 9% said ‘everyone having an education’ was the most important issue
- 84% said they liked being a student at their school
- Almost 90% of participants aged 13 - 16 years plan to finish high school

**Plans to Pursue University Education, by Group**

- 48% of Aboriginal people, 39% of Torres Strait Islander and/or South Sea Islander students, and 39% of students who do not identify as Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and/or South Sea Islander plan to go to university.
- 57% of students who speak a language other than English at home plan to go to university.
- 56% of students who have a disability plan to go to university.
- 50% of students who have a long-term physical health condition plan to go to university.
- 48% of students who have an emotional or mental health condition plan to go to university.
- 59% of LGBTQIA+ students plan to go to university.
- 56% of students plan to go to TAFE.

**In Their Words: What Is Important**

- My hope for the future is to be able to go to high school and to have a job in my local community.
  - **Male, 8 years, North Queensland**

- The most important issues with us young people is that we aren’t taught the stuff we will need when we have left school like how to do taxes and how to save.
  - **Aboriginal Female, 16 years, South East**

- What is taught in schools, especially history and LGBTQ issues.
  - **Gender Diverse Participant, 14 years, Metropolitan**

- Happy learning environments as well as safe spaces for struggling youth.
  - **Aboriginal Female, 15 years, Metropolitan**

- Getting better facilities for students and ALL schools.
  - **Male, 13 years, Metropolitan**

- Preparing the youth for the future.
  - **Female, 16 years, North Coast**

- Refocusing the system to allow kids to learn instead of be tested on knowledge recall.
  - **Male, 17 years, Metropolitan**

- Treating all paths towards careers (traineeships, Tafe, uni, etc.) as equals.
  - **Male, 17 years, Metropolitan**

- Altering the schooling system. It is outdated.
  - **Male, 17 years, Darling Downs South West**

- Ensuring to not overwhelm students with work all at once.
  - **Female, 14 years, North Coast**

- Teaching teenagers about basic life skills before they leave school.
  - **Gender Diverse Participant, 16 years, Metropolitan**

**In Their Words: What Needs to Be Done**

- Junior Survey: 8 – 12 years
- Youth Survey: 13 – 18 years