

# GROWING UP IN QUEENSLAND 2020: EDUCATION

## JUNIOR SURVEY<sup>1</sup>

**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

## YOUTH SURVEY<sup>2</sup>

**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

Fewer than **1 IN 3**

said they can go to their teacher or school counsellor for support

**50%**

felt they belong to their school community

WHEN THEY FINISH YEAR 12, YOUNG PEOPLE PLAN TO

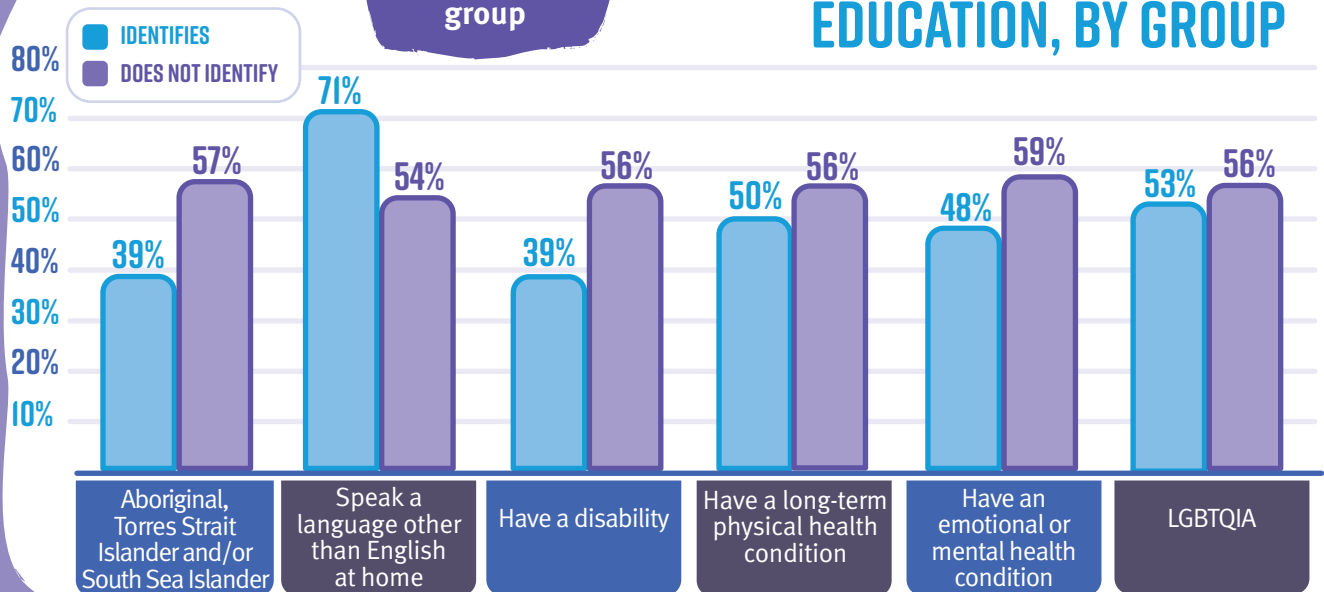
**15%**

go to TAFE

**78%**

go to university; however, these plans differ according to group

## PLANS TO PURSUE UNIVERSITY EDUCATION, BY GROUP



People specifically my age have been through a variety of changes i.e. first year go into high school in grade 7, first year to do the new ATAR exiting year 12 system and currently trying to navigate the most important year of our schooling with a global pandemic.

FEMALE, 17 YEARS, METROPOLITAN

[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

## IN THEIR WORDS:

# WHAT IS IMPORTANT

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 It is outdated.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

## IN THEIR WORDS:

# WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

Teaching teenagers about basic life skills before they leave school.

GENDER-DIVERSE PARTICIPANT, 16 YEARS, METROPOLITAN