

GROWING UP IN QUEENSLAND 2020: REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

The voices of 501 children and young people living in Central Queensland

HOPES & DREAMS

My hopes for the future are that the rainforests in tropical Queensland will not be cut down to make room for more houses.

FEMALE, 9 YEARS

CHILDREN² SAID THAT TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS, THEY NEED:

- EDUCATION
- EXPERIENCE / PRACTISE

COMMUNITY

People are close and most people know each other.

GENDER-DIVERSE PARTICIPANT, 13 YEARS

56%

of young people said they feel they belong to their community

26%

said they feel that adults in their community listen to what young people have to say

BIG ISSUES

There's so many issues that affect our future that we want to fix but aren't heard as 'we are too young and don't know what we're talking about'. We are seeing the issues but can't fix it.

FEMALE, 15 YEARS

BIG ISSUES FOR CHILDREN:

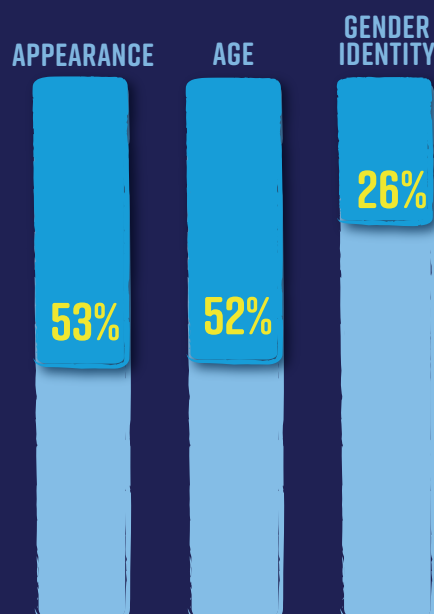
12% bullying (online)

12% environment

14% bullying (in person)

UNFAIR TREATMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE

was most frequently related to their



6% OF RESPONSES WERE FROM CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

WHO WE HEARD FROM

11

gender-diverse participants

337

females

147

males

146

reported having an emotional or mental health condition

110

identified as LGBTQIA

20

said they speak a language other than English at home

16

said they have a disability

46

told us they have a long-term physical health condition

55

identified as Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and / or South Sea Islander

WHEN THEY FINISH SCHOOL, YOUNG PEOPLE PLAN TO:

49% go to university

39% work

32% travel

12% go to TAFE

15%

do an apprenticeship or traineeship

YOUNG PEOPLE TOLD US THE TOP BARRIERS TO SUCCESS ARE:

- FINANCIAL (E.G. COST OF UNI)
- PERSONAL (E.G. LACK OF MOTIVATION)
- MENTAL HEALTH

My hopes for the future are to see those my age now, stress less but learn more, play more, earn more and enjoy full freedom of expression.

FEMALE, 16 YEARS

CHILDREN SAID

when they need help with a problem, they usually speak to

91% family at home

68% friends

61% teachers

WHEN YOUNG PEOPLE NEEDED SUPPORT they spoke to

70% friends

60% family

42% kept it to themselves

YOUNG PEOPLE SAID

a sense of community, small town / suburban / rural living, and beaches were what they value most about their community.

51%

of young people said they were aware of support services in their community and online

PARTICIPANTS SAID

better & more places, spaces, events and activities, and greater safety, would make their community a better place.

47%

said there are enough safe places to hang out with friends

YOUNG PEOPLE'S EXPERIENCES OF BULLYING

54%

had witnessed bullying

47%

had been bullied

5%

had bullied someone

BIG ISSUES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE:

32% mental health & wellbeing

9% education

6% social media, media, internet & technology