GROWING UP IN QUEENSLAND 2020:

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

The voices of 296 children and young people living in Far North Queensland

OF RESPONSES WERE FROM FAR NORTH OUEENSLAND

gender-diverse participants

201 females

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males

reported having an emotional or mental health condition

identified as **LGBTOIA**

said they speak a language other than English at home

said they have a disability

told us they have a long-term physical health condition

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

[When I grow up, I think I would like to be a] *neurologist* / neurosurgeon. The brain is

50%

of voung people said they feel positive about their future

WHEN THEY FINISH SCHOOL, YOUNG **PEOPLE PLAN TO:**

54% go to university 43% work

12% **37**% do an travel apprenticeship or traineeship

go to TAFE

CHILDREN SAID THAT TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS,

THEY NEED:

EDUCATION

EXPERIENCE / PRACTISE

MINDSET / ACTIONS

YOUNG PEOPLE TOLD US THE TOP BARRIERS TO SUCCESS ARE:

- FINANCIAL (E.G. COST OF UNI)
- COVID-19
- PERSONAL (E.G. LACK OF MOTIVATION)

COMMUNITY

I strongly believe that if my community was to ask for young people opinions it would be a better place for people my age.

FEMALE, 15 YEARS

of young people felt safe in their community

CHILDREN SAID

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

at home **75**%

96% family

friends **73**%

teachers

WHEN YOUNG PEOPLE **NEEDED SUPPORT**

they spoke to

73% friends

58% family

45% kept it to themselves

of young people felt they

belong to their

community

felt adults in their community listen to what young people have to say

protecting the

environment

YOUNG PEOPLE SAID

a sense of community, natural environment, and convenience & proximity were what they value most about their community.

of young people were aware of support services in their

community and online

said there are enough safe places to hang out with friends

BIG ISSUES

The lack of mental health facilities and funding for young people, particularly in regional areas.

FEMALE, 18 YEARS



bullying

(in pérson)

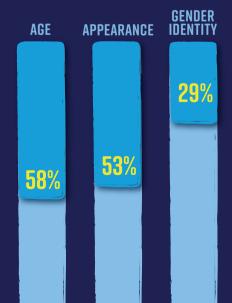
everyone having a

home

Queensland Family & Child Commission

UNFAIR TREATMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE

was most frequently related to their



mental health & wellbeing

8%

education

8% environment

YOUNG PEOPLE'S EXPERIENCES OF BULLYING

witnessed

had been bullied



² CHILDREN: 8 - 12 YEARS



NOTE: NOT ALL QUESTIONS (INCLUDING DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS) WERE ASKED OF ALL PARTICIPANTS