

# GROWING UP IN QUEENSLAND 2020: REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND

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

## WHO WE HEARD FROM

4%

OF RESPONSES WERE FROM FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND

5

gender-diverse participants

201

females

84

males

80

reported having an emotional or mental health condition

59

identified as LGBTQIA

13

said they speak a language other than English at home

10

said they have a disability

27

told us they have a long-term physical health condition

39

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

## HOPES & DREAMS

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

FEMALE, 11 YEARS

50%

of young people<sup>1</sup> said they feel positive about their future

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

54%

go to university

43%

work

37%

travel

12%

do an apprenticeship or traineeship

8%

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

55%

of young people felt safe in their community

### CHILDREN SAID

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

96%

family at home

75%

friends

73%

teachers

### WHEN YOUNG PEOPLE NEEDED SUPPORT they spoke to

73%

friends

58%

family

45%

kept it to themselves

56%

of young people felt they belong to their community

17%

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

### YOUNG PEOPLE SAID

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

52%

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

49%

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

### BIG ISSUES FOR CHILDREN:

23%

bullying (in person)

19%

everyone having a home

13%

protecting the environment

### UNFAIR TREATMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE

was most frequently related to their

AGE



APPEARANCE



GENDER IDENTITY



### BIG ISSUES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE:

27%

mental health & wellbeing

8%

environment

8%

education

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S EXPERIENCES OF BULLYING

43%

had witnessed bullying

41%

had been bullied

5%

had bullied someone