

GROWING UP IN QUEENSLAND 2020: REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS METROPOLITAN

The voices of 2,616 children and young people living in the Metropolitan region

WHO WE HEARD FROM

32% OF RESPONSES WERE FROM THE METROPOLITAN REGION

43 gender-diverse participants

1,662 females

860 males

621 reported having an emotional or mental health condition

471 identified as LGBTQIA

220 said they speak a language other than English at home

107 said they have a disability

200 told us they have a long-term physical health condition

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

HOPES & DREAMS

That we will strive to be a stronger and diverse community with hope, passion and kindness that will not be overcome by difficult and uncertain times.

MALE, 13 YEARS

55% of young people¹ said they feel positive about their future

WHEN THEY FINISH SCHOOL, YOUNG PEOPLE PLAN TO:

61% go to university

40% work

34% travel

10% go to TAFE

9% do an apprenticeship or traineeship

CHILDREN² AND YOUNG PEOPLE TOLD US THEIR TOP HOPES FOR THE FUTURE ARE:

- EMPLOYMENT
- CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

CHILDREN SAID THAT TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS, THEY NEED:

- EDUCATION
- EXPERIENCE / PRACTISE
- A SUPPORT NETWORK

YOUNG PEOPLE TOLD US THE TOP BARRIERS TO SUCCESS ARE:

- FINANCIAL (E.G. COST OF UNI)
- PERSONAL (E.G. LACK OF MOTIVATION)
- EDUCATION (E.G. GETTING A LOW ATAR)

COMMUNITY

What makes my community a great place is the nice people who live in the area. It makes me feel like I'm in a safe environment.

FEMALE, 12 YEARS

69% of young people said they feel safe in their community

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

- 93%** family at home
- 63%** friends
- 58%** teachers

WHEN YOUNG PEOPLE NEEDED SUPPORT they spoke to

- 74%** friends
- 62%** family
- 37%** kept it to themselves

63% of young people said they feel they belong to their community

25% said they feel that adults in their community listen to what young people have to say

YOUNG PEOPLE SAID a sense of community, convenience & proximity, and places & spaces were what they value most about their community.

50% of young people said they were aware of support services in their community

PARTICIPANTS SAID better & more places, spaces, events and activities, and greater care for the environment would make their community a better place.

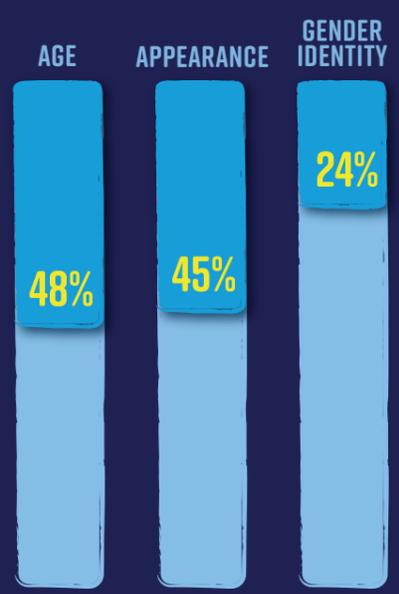
65% said there are enough safe places to hang out with friends

BIG ISSUES

Teenagers not being able to reach out for help and to manage their mental health.

FEMALE, 15 YEARS

UNFAIR TREATMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE was most frequently related to their



BIG ISSUES FOR CHILDREN:

- 15%** bullying (in person)
- 16%** protecting the environment
- 16%** everyone being safe

BIG ISSUES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE:

- 26%** mental health & wellbeing
- 10%** environment
- 8%** education

YOUNG PEOPLE'S EXPERIENCES OF BULLYING

- 42%** had witnessed bullying
- 34%** had been bullied
- 4%** had bullied someone