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

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.

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.

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

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

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

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

93% family at home

63% friends

58% teachers

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

When young people needed support, they spoke to

74% friends

62% family

37% kept it to themselves

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 for children:

16% protecting the environment

16% everyone being safe

15% bullying (in person)

Big issues for young people:

26% mental health & wellbeing

10% environment

8% education

4% had bullied someone

42% had witnessed bullying

34% had been bullied

Footnotes
1 Young people: 13 – 18 years
2 Children: 8 – 12 years

When they finish school, young people plan to:

9% do an apprenticeship or traineeship

10% go to TAFE

34% work

60% go to university

40% travel

16% said they speak a language other than English at home

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

471 identified as LGBTQIA

200 told us they have an emotional or mental health condition

107 said they have a disability

621 reported having an emotional or mental health condition

90% males

860 females

1,662 gender-diverse participants

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

24% identified as Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and/or South Sea Islander

24% gender identity

26% appearance

45% age

Note: Not all questions (including demographic questions) were asked of all participants.