GROWING UP IN QUEENSLAND 2020: REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS NORTH COAST

The voices of 1,480 children and young people living on the North Coast

WHO WE HEARD FROM

- 18% of responses were from the North Coast
- 944 females
- 486 males
- 27 gender-diverse participants
- 434 reported having an emotional or mental health condition
- 296 identified as LGBTQIA
- 88 said they have a disability
- 162 told us they have a long-term physical health condition
- 57 said they speak a language other than English at home
- 95 identified as Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and / or South Sea Islander

HOPES & DREAMS

- 56% of young people said they feel positive about their future
- Children and young people told us that employment is their top hope for the future
- 52% go to university
- 41% work
- 33% go to TAFE
- 12% do an apprenticeship or traineeship
- 10% said they feel that adults in their community listen to what young people have to say
- 56% family at home
- 58% friends
- 42% teachers

COMMUNITY

- The voices of 1,480 children and young people living on the North Coast
- 56% of young people said they feel that adults in their community listen to what young people have to say
- 58% of young people said they feel safe in their community
- 46% of young people said they were aware of support services in their community and online
- 89% family at home
- 56% friends
- 42% teachers

BIG ISSUES

- Looking after the oceans and fish in the wild.
- 11% environment
- 17% bullying (in person)
- 8% education
- 48% had witnessed bullying

Who we heard from includes:

- 49% of young people said they feel that adults in their community listen to what young people have to say
- 46% of young people said they were aware of support services in their community and online

Children and young people told us their top hopes for the future are:

- Employment
- Education

Participants said:

- Better places, spaces, events, activities and support services would make their community a better place.
- 50% said there are enough safe places to hang out with friends

Young people's experiences of bullying:

- 48% had witnessed bullying
- 41% had been bullied
- 6% had bullied someone

Big issues for children:

- 11% environment
- 17% bullying (in person)
- 11% everyone being safe

Unfair treatment of young people was most frequently related to their

- Mental health & wellbeing
- Education
- Environment

Big issues for young people:

- Employment
- Education
- Environment

Footnotes:

- *Young people: 13 - 18 years
- *Children: 8 - 12 years