GROWING UP IN QUEENSLAND 2020: REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS NORTH QUEENSLAND
The voices of 399 children and young people living in North Queensland

HOPES & DREAMS
To be able to go to high school and to have a job in my local community.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE
told us that employment was their top hope for the future.

60% of young people said they feel positive about their future

WHEN THEY FINISH SCHOOL, YOUNG PEOPLE PLAN TO:
46% go to university
37% work
25% travel
14% do an apprenticeship or traineeship
10% go to TAFE

COMMUNITY
Well I love how you can be free as you want here. You can adventure nearly anywhere.

57% of young people said they feel safe in their community

CHILDREN SAID that to achieve their goals THEY NEED:
EDUCATION
A SUPPORT NETWORK
EXPERIENCE / PRACTISE

YOUNG PEOPLE TOLD US THE TOP BARRIERS TO SUCCESS ARE:
FINANCIAL (E.G. COST OF UNI)
EDUCATION (E.G. GETTING A LOWATAR)
PERSONAL (E.G. LACK OF MOTIVATION)

51% of young people said they were aware of support services in their community and online

PARTICIPANTS SAID
better & more places, spaces, events and activities, and greater safety, would make their community a better place.

24% said they feel that adults in their community listen to what young people have to say

Big Issues
The stigma around mental illnesses and society’s inability to openly talk about them.

UNFAIR TREATMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE was most frequently related to their

AGE
APPEARANCE
GENDER IDENTITY

10% everyone being healthy
10% bullying (online)
25% mental health & wellbeing
12% education

BIG ISSUES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE:

16% everyone being safe
16% bullying (in person)
9% substance use
25% had witnessed bullying
49% had been bullied
38% had bullied someone
7%

FOOTNOTES
* YOUNG PEOPLE: 13 - 18 YEARS
** CHILDREN: 6 - 12 YEARS

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