

# GROWING UP IN QUEENSLAND 2020: REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS SOUTH EAST

The voices of 1,443 children and young people living in the South East

## WHO WE HEARD FROM

**18%**  
OF RESPONSES  
WERE FROM THE  
SOUTH EAST

**27**  
gender-diverse  
participants

**984**  
females

**413**  
males

**402**  
reported having an  
emotional or mental  
health condition

**257**  
identified as  
LGBTQIA

**84**  
said they speak a  
language other than  
English at home

**70**  
said they have  
a disability

**133**  
told us they have a  
long-term physical  
health condition

**73**  
identified as Aboriginal,  
Torres Strait Islander  
and / or  
South Sea Islander

## HOPES & DREAMS

To be successful. I hope  
Coronavirus goes away. That  
bullies start getting nicer.

MALE, 8 YEARS

**57%**  
of young  
people<sup>1</sup> said  
they feel  
positive about  
their future

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

**55%**  
go to  
university

**40%**  
work

**34%**  
travel

**11%**  
go to TAFE

**11%**  
do an  
apprenticeship  
or traineeship

CHILDREN SAID  
THAT TO ACHIEVE  
THEIR GOALS,  
THEY NEED:

- EDUCATION
- EXPERIENCE / PRACTISE
- RESOURCES

CHILDREN<sup>2</sup> AND  
YOUNG PEOPLE  
TOLD US THEIR  
TOP HOPES FOR  
THE FUTURE ARE:

- EMPLOYMENT
- POSITIVE LIFE (HAPPINESS, SUCCESS)
- EQUALITY / FREEDOM TO BE THEMSELVES

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

Age-friendly environments enable people  
to stay active, connected and able to  
contribute to the economic, social, and  
cultural life in their community.

MALE, 12 YEARS

**62%**

of young people  
said they feel safe  
in their community

### CHILDREN SAID

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

**90%**  
family  
at home

**64%**  
friends

**55%**  
teachers

### WHEN YOUNG PEOPLE NEEDED SUPPORT they spoke to

**73%**  
friends

**60%**  
family

**39%**  
kept it to  
themselves

**58%**

of young people  
said they feel  
they belong to  
their community

**21%**

said they feel that  
adults in their communi-  
ty listen to what young  
people have to say

### YOUNG PEOPLE SAID

convenience & proximity, sense of  
community, and peace & quiet  
were what they value most  
about their community.

**48%**

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 improved  
community attitudes, would make  
their community a better place.

**55%**

said there are enough safe  
places to hang out with friends

## BIG ISSUES

Mental Health. There is little awareness and  
so much misinformation around the topic.

GENDER-DIVERSE PARTICIPANT, 16 YEARS

### BIG ISSUES FOR CHILDREN:

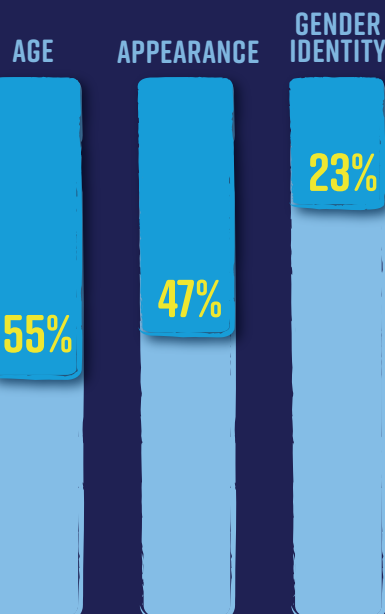
**20%**  
bullying  
(in person)

**15%**  
everyone  
being safe

**15%**  
bullying  
(online)

### UNFAIR TREATMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE

was most frequently  
related to their



### BIG ISSUES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE:

**28%**  
mental health  
& wellbeing

**8%**  
social media,  
media, internet  
& technology

**8%**  
education

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S EXPERIENCES OF BULLYING

**48%**  
had  
witnessed  
bullying

**39%**  
had been  
bullied

**6%**  
had  
bullied  
someone