LIVIG THROUGH **GROWING UP IN QUEENSLAND** 2021

1,542 **QUEENSLANDERS**

aged 13–18 had their say

SURVEY SNAPSHOT

COMMUNICATING YOUNG PEOPLE

Participants were asked what they would do differently if they were a government leader communicating to young people about COVID-19.

> These are some of the recurring themes...

WORST THINGS LOCKDOWNS

Not seeing 33% friends or family

The worst thing for me was not being able to see friends but more importantly see family.

> Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and/or **Central Queensland***





Recreational impact

The worst part of lockdowns for me was the inability to do the basic things I love to do like going to the beach, or going for a hike up in the mountains. and it made it harder to learn.

Male, 16 years, Metropolitan





Female, 17 years, Metropolitan



my freedom more

I appreciate

Sleeping in more, staying late, going to the bathroom whenever and eating whenever!

Gender not provided, 17 years, Metropolitan



More ability to be myself and to focus on school work, leading to better grades and ultimately a better me.



I appreciate school more

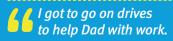
I learnt the value of face-to-face interactions ... I also have a new appreciation for my teachers and different technology.



I've become closer to friends around me (we've really found our ways through tough times)...



I became closer to my family

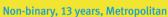


Female, 17 years, Darling Downs South West



LOR COMMUNICATION

Make a cartoon or show about COVID and put it on the kids channels so they can see what's happening and understand.





Make it more accessible, like using simpler language or info graphics and putting it all on Instagram, etc.

Female, 18 years, Darling Downs South West

BE REASSURING



I would have reassured teenagers and suggested ways to deal with the negative outcomes.

Female, 16 years, Central Queensland

Let them know that it's not that scary but you just gotta be careful and smart.

Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and/or South Sea Islander, Male, 17 years, South East

PROVIDE CLEAR INFORMATION

Providing more information to young people. It gives us a sense of security. With this information we might cope better and not constantly feel overwhelmed and unsure.

Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and/or South Sea Islander, Male, 17 years, North Queensland*



The vaccine information was confusing for me. It was hard to understand why I didn't have to get it then all of a sudden I did.

Non-binary, 15 years, Metropolitan

* The Oueensland Family and Child Commission recognises Aboriginal people, Torres Strait Islander people and South Sea Islander people as three unique peoples, with their own rich and distinct cultures, strengths and knowledge.