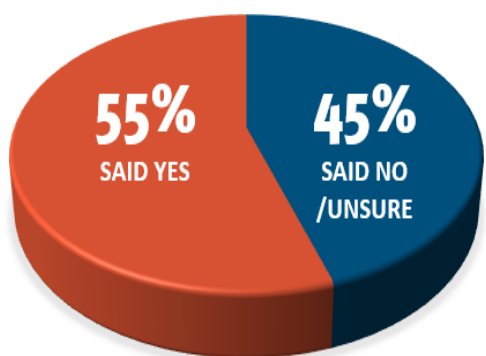


# Safe spaces for young people

Are there enough *safe spaces* in the community where young people can spend time with friends?



Young people aged 13 – 18  
Growing Up in Queensland 2020

Why do spaces for spending *time with friends* matter?

40%

said these spaces make their community a great place.

47%

said more spaces would make their community even better.

Young people aged 8 – 18  
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## Growing Up in Queensland 2022: Safe Spaces Focus

4 schools in Queensland

44 students aged 13 - 15

Darling Downs and Far North Queensland

### Where do young people spend time?

Outdoor recreational spaces (e.g., skate park)

Supervised, structured recreational spaces (e.g., gym, pool)

Natural areas (e.g., beach)

Small local shops or cafes

Fast food places

### What helps them feel safe?

Crowds

Open space

Friends and nice people

Welcoming staff

Adult supervision

Being close to other popular spaces

### What makes them feel unsafe?

People who seem unsafe

Rude people

Poor lighting

Insufficient security guards, police officers, or cameras

Poor maintenance (e.g., long grass)

### What features would an ideal safe space have?

Lighting

Security guards, police, and cameras

More and cleaner toilets

Ways to move between spaces safely (e.g., bridges)

Friendly people, including adults

