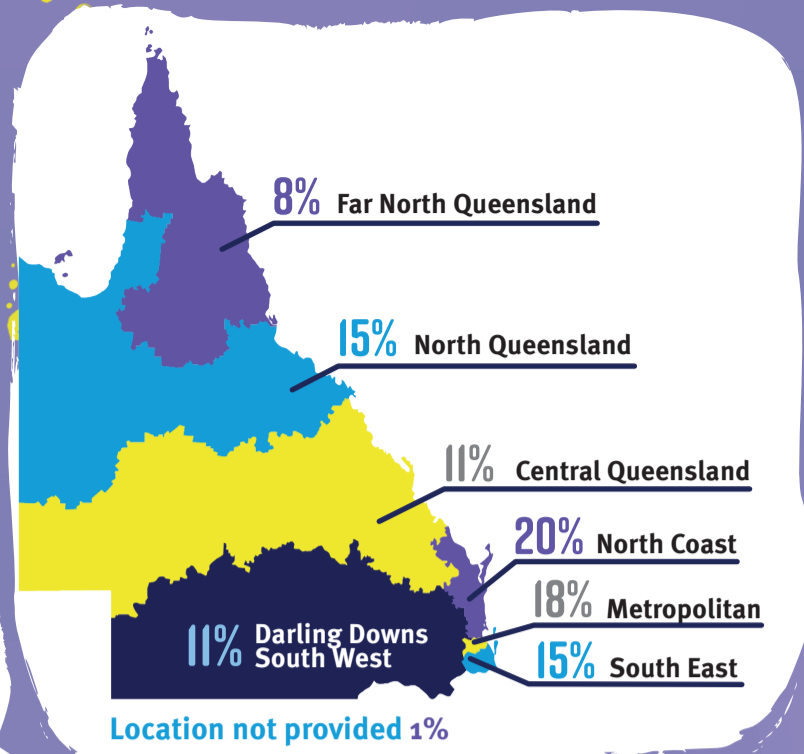
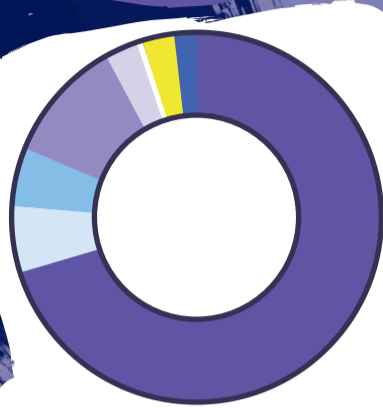


GROWING UP IN QUEENSLAND 2020: ABORIGINAL, TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER & SOUTH SEA ISLANDER PERSPECTIVES

A snapshot of the voices of 479 Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and South Sea Islander children and young people

7% OF SURVEY PARTICIPANTS IDENTIFIED AS ABORIGINAL, TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AND / OR SOUTH SEA ISLANDER



BIG ISSUES

24% (*17%) bullying (in person)

15% (14%) everyone being safe

12% (8%) everyone having an education

I think all kids need a safe home to live in and that kids shouldn't be bullied for anything about them.

ABORIGINAL FEMALE, 9 YEARS, DARLING DOWNS SOUTH WEST

22% (8%) be better role models

THEY WOULD LIKE ADULTS TO:

11% (8%) spend more time with children

18% (11%) listen to children more

11% (16%) care for the environment and wildlife

HOPES & DREAMS

Being with my family and friends and playing with my pets.

ABORIGINAL FEMALE, 12 YEARS, NORTH QUEENSLAND

WHEN THEY GROW UP, THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE A

18% (7%) teacher

8% (4%) police officer

The use of drugs and smoking in our community and state.

ABORIGINAL MALE, 15 YEARS, DARLING DOWNS SOUTH WEST

JUNIOR SURVEY¹

2 IN 3 (67%) said they feel heard by their teachers

86% (84%) said they like being a student at their school

COMMUNITY

THEIR FAVOURITE PLACES IN THEIR COMMUNITIES WERE

22% (11%) parks

18% (18%) beaches, rivers, lakes & creeks

14% (7%) skate parks & places to ride their bikes

BIG ISSUES

The constant desire to be accepted and noticed. The stigma surrounding different.

SOUTH SEA ISLANDER FEMALE, 17 YEARS, SOUTH EAST

THE TOP 3 ISSUES WERE

21% (28%) mental health and wellbeing

9% (3%) substance use

7% (7%) social media, media, internet & technology

40% (33%) told us they have an emotional or mental health condition

23% (24%) identify as being LGBTQIA

YOUTH SURVEY²

16% (11%) said they have a long-term physical health condition

7% (6%) reported having a disability

4% (7%) speak a language other than Standard Australian English at home

COMMUNITY

56% (63%) feel safe in their community

HOPES & DREAMS

72% (80%) said they are stressed about school or uni results

63% (58%) said they have a say in decisions that impact them

48% (48%) said they know where to find services in their communities or online

60% (79%) of those aged 13 – 16 years said they plan to finish year 12

39% (57%) plan to go to university

37% (55%) of those aged 15 – 18 years are currently employed