

GROWING UP IN QUEENSLAND 2020: HEALTH & COVID-19

HEALTH OF YOUNG QUEENSLANDERS

11% of young people¹ told us they have a long-term physical health condition

6% said they have a disability

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

IN THEIR WORDS: HEALTH AS A BARRIER TO SUCCESS

My disabilities, I'm house bound and losing my ability to walk. I'll soon rely on an assistance dog and wheelchair to get me out of the house and that makes finding employment of any kind extremely difficult.

MALE, 16 YEARS, NORTH COAST

My disability and mental illness may stop me from achieving these goals even though I would like to think that I will work past them, it can be hard at times and support through my goals may be hard to find.

FEMALE, 14 YEARS, CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

My ADHD can make certain things that may seem easier to some, impossibly complicated to me... It's kinda hard to explain.

MALE, 15 YEARS, CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

IN THEIR WORDS: WORRIES ABOUT COVID-19

Coronavirus - Fearful of people dying.

MALE, 8 YEARS, CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

Covid-19 is scary. I talked to my mum and dad about it but it's hard to understand why everything is different to how it use to be.

FEMALE, 8 YEARS, SOUTH EAST

The current epidemic of corona virus and focus on how this will impact teens and children's mental health as being locked up in the house is very much a struggle for growing youths.

FEMALE, 15 YEARS, CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

COVID-19 was mentioned in **12%** of responses

16% of 17-year-olds said COVID-19 was the top barrier to success

6% of children² and young people asked adults to pay more attention to COVID-19

COVID-19

IN THEIR WORDS: COVID-19 & EDUCATION

Covid-19 I do a vocational pathway at school so I can't do my work online as it majority practical so if school doesn't reopen I would have to repeat which I will not be doing.

MALE, 18 YEARS, DARLING DOWNS SOUTH WEST

I am worried that the corona virus impacts on school will effect my results for ATAR and at school in general which may result in me not being able to get into the course I want as easily.

FEMALE, 15 YEARS, FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND

IN THEIR WORDS: COVID-19 & SOCIAL ISOLATION

Not having play dates with friends during isolation.

MALE, 8 YEARS, METROPOLITAN

The coronavirus, trapping us to be in houses, when a lot of young people today like being out doors and with friends.

FEMALE, 16 YEARS, SOUTH EAST

Swimming with my friends which I can't even do right now due to covid-19 and my senior year is being ruined due to it so it is hard to be happy.

FEMALE, 16 YEARS, METROPOLITAN

IN THEIR WORDS: HOPES FOR THE FUTURE

For the covid 19 to stop and to hopefully find a vaccine as soon as possible. And that none of my family members get infected.

MALE, 10 YEARS, METROPOLITAN

Dear Government, my hopes for the future is that the people of the world will come together and help those in need, if they are sick or injured and that we can have a covid-19 free world.

FEMALE, 13 YEARS, METROPOLITAN

Go camping after covid19.

MALE, 8 YEARS, METROPOLITAN

Keep social distancing.

FEMALE, 9 YEARS, NORTH COAST

Making sure children and youth understand the current covid 19 situation...making sure they are able to ask questions if they want to.

FEMALE, 16 YEARS, SOUTH EAST

IN THEIR WORDS: WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

A vaccine for coronavirus so that I can travel to my grandma.

FEMALE, 8 YEARS, METROPOLITAN

Currently with the corona virus I think leaders have done all they can currently to stop the spread. The next thing they need to do is look at our future economy and lifestyle as we go through this harsh time because it is going to be different than what it is before or will be after this pandemic.

MALE, 15 YEARS, CENTRAL QUEENSLAND