

GROWING UP IN QUEENSLAND 2020: REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS NORTH COAST*

The voices of 1,480 children and young people living on the North Coast

WHO WE HEARD FROM

18% OF RESPONSES WERE FROM THE NORTH COAST

27 gender-diverse participants

944 females

486 males

434 reported having an emotional or mental health condition

296 identified as LGBTQIA

57 said they speak a language other than English at home

88 said they have a disability

162 told us they have a long-term physical health condition

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

HOPES & DREAMS

I want to become a policeman, stop all the bullies in schools. I want all the bad people to stop doing bad things and the world to be safer.

MALE, 12 YEARS

56% of young people¹ said they feel positive about their future

WHEN THEY FINISH SCHOOL, YOUNG PEOPLE PLAN TO:

Children² and young people told us that employment is their top hope for the future



CHILDREN SAID THAT TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS, THEY NEED:

- EDUCATION
- EXPERIENCE / PRACTISE
- MINDSET / ACTIONS

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE TOLD US THEIR TOP HOPES FOR THE FUTURE ARE:

- EMPLOYMENT
- EDUCATION

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

The quiet paths we can ride bikes on, and all the sporting areas in the area.

MALE, 13 YEARS

58% of young people said they feel safe in their community

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



WHEN YOUNG PEOPLE NEEDED SUPPORT they spoke to



56% of young people said they feel they belong to their community

22% said they feel that adults in their community listen to what young people have to say

YOUNG PEOPLE SAID a sense of community, convenience & proximity, and beaches were what they value most about their community.

46% of young people said they were aware of support services in their community and online

PARTICIPANTS SAID better places, spaces, events, activities and support services would make their community a better place.



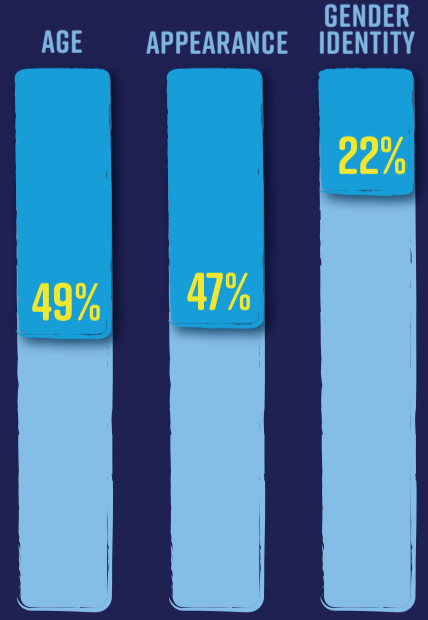
BIG ISSUES

Looking after the oceans and fish in the wild.

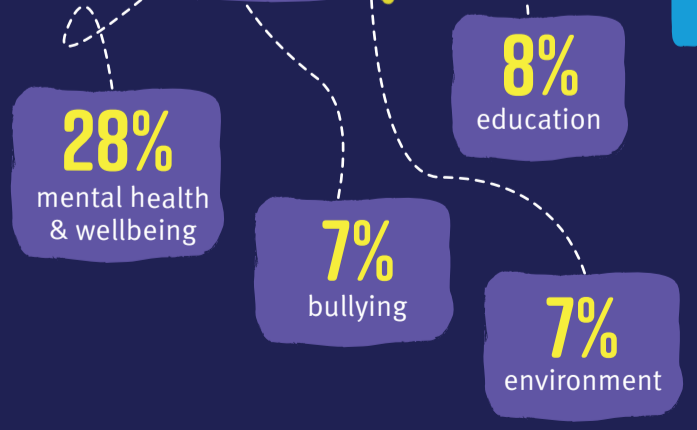
MALE, 8 YEARS



UNFAIR TREATMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE was most frequently related to their



BIG ISSUES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE:



YOUNG PEOPLE'S EXPERIENCES OF BULLYING

