

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Strategy

We want every young Queenslander to succeed at school and to transition to further study or work. Each young person deserves access to a quality and meaningful education as a foundation of success for individuals, their families and the Queensland economy.

That's why as part of Our Future State: Advancing Queensland Priorities, the Queensland Government has set a target of 91 per cent of young people participating in work, training or study by 2022.

The Department of Education is leading a range of initiatives to help achieve this target.

Supporting students to stay at school

Supporting our schools

We will enable schools to engage and retain every student. This includes providing the right data, and identifying and promoting the precise skills and practices to recognise and respond to students who are disengaged or at risk of disengaging.

Rolling-out FlexiSpaces

Building on the success of recent pilots, we will roll-out FlexiSpaces in up to 52 Queensland state schools to equip them with high-quality built environments that facilitate flexible learning opportunities for students who are at risk of disengaging.

Delivering a Digital Engagement Strategy

We will strengthen our online engagement with young people and their parents. New digital platforms with friendly and accessible information will help young people stay on track and equip their parents to support them in navigating their options.

Promoting high-quality alternative settings

Our Quality Pathways for all young people; a commitment to alternative education lays out the shared commitment of the non-state and Queensland Government schooling sectors to provide high-quality education to young people in alternative schools. This commitment is imperative because, while we know mainstream school is the best place for most young people, there is a small number of students who cannot thrive in mainstream schools and require an alternative learning setting.

Establishing Spotlight Schools

We will work with the non-state sector to establish ten Spotlight Schools over the next two years. These Spotlight Schools will exemplify high-quality practice and provide insights for continuous improvement across all alternative settings.



Catching students if they fall

Investing in Regional Youth Engagement Hubs

Through re-investing in our Regional Youth Engagement Hubs [hyperlink] we will continue to re-engage children and young people who are disconnected from work or study. This includes working closely with Youth Justice, Health, Child Safety, Housing, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Small Business, Employment and Training, the non-state schooling sector, Registered Training Organisations and other partners.

Strengthening the transition to further education and work

Introducing Link & Launch

We will roll-out Link & Launch services in up to 30 school sites over the next four years to support young people who have completed Year 12 but are not in education, employment or training to navigate their options and choose a pathway that will equip them to successfully transition to study, training or work.

Collaboration through the Youth Engagement Alliance

Many young people face complex challenges, and although schools play an important role in supporting young Queenslanders, some young people need additional support. The Youth Engagement Alliance [hyperlink] provides Queensland Government agencies with the opportunity to work together to overcome the barriers young people and their families face in successfully participating in education.

A renewed commitment

The Queensland Government's renewed commitment to youth engagement will see our world-class education system enhanced. The 2022 participation target sets a goal for all Queensland schools and education settings to meet quality standards, set high expectations, and deliver tailored support and bespoke learning environments to ensure all young Queenslanders succeed in their education.

