

## Question on Notice

No. 1548

Asked on 30 November 2006

Mr Jason O'Brien asked the Minister for Education and Training and Minister for the Arts (Mr Welford) —

### QUESTION:

What action has been taken by the Pormpuraaw State School to adhere to the "Bound for Success" Program?

### ANSWER:

All schools implementing the *Bound for Success: Education Strategy for Cape York* are finding ways to respond to the obstacles children must overcome to attend school and remain engaged in education. Pormpuraaw State School is one of the schools successfully implementing the Bound for Success Strategy.

Actions implemented under Bound for Success include:

- Pormpuraaw State School staff are working with parents on the Strong and Smart Parenting Project to address local barriers, including attendance, to the education of students.
- The Indigenous Student Support Unit supports the school to develop and implement programs to deliver high quality education programs.
- Pormpuraaw has a well established early childhood program to prepare students for entry to Year 1. Parents and community members are encouraged to engage in the learning experience of these children.
- Pormpuraaw State School delivers a New Basics curriculum to Year 7 with all staff actively building a culture of high expectations. This has resulted in a small number of students performing in the top 25 per cent of Queensland in aspects of literacy and numeracy in the Year 3, 5 and 7 Queensland Studies Authorities tests.
- The school assists year 7 students through an ongoing transition program to prepare them for attending schools outside their community to complete their education.
- The school is a participant in the Hand in Hand Action Research Project. Attendance has improved from 63 per cent in Term 3, 2002 to 67 per cent in Term 3, 2006.
- The Executive Director (Schools), Torres Strait and Cape District supervises and monitors Pormpuraaw and other Cape schools in their implementation of Bound for Success.