

Question on Notice

No. 1873

Asked on 27 November 2008

Mr Langbroek asked the Minister for Education and Training and Minister for the Arts (Mr Welford) —

QUESTION: Will he provide a report for each of the Academies in Queensland listing (separately for each academy) (a) capacity, (b) number of students enrolled, (c) number of regional and remote students enrolled, (d) number of students who have left (to date) before completing this academic year and (e) the percentage of students achieving less than a pass grade in at least one subject.

ANSWER:

The Queensland Academy of Science, Mathematics and Technology, the Queensland Academy for Creative Industries and the Queensland Academy for Health Sciences offer world-class credentials to our most talented students. The selection process is highly competitive with only students who reach an international testing benchmark and then pass stringent auditions and/or interviews, offered a place in the International Baccalaureate courses. The academies have a maximum capacity of up to 450 students..

At this stage the number of students enrolled for the 2009 school year has yet to be finalised. However, there are approximately 850 students eligible for study at the academies

There are 20, 16 and 149 regional and remote students at the Academies.

In the 2008 academic year, 21, 11 and 21 students transitioned back to mainstream schooling.

The percentage of students achieving less than a pass grade in at least one subject for each of the academies is unavailable at this stage, as results are not released by the International Baccalaureate until January and then there is an appeal process to follow..