

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1200**  
**Asked on 15 September 2009**

**Mr Moorehead** asked the Minister for Education and Training (Mr Wilson) —

**QUESTION:**

How will Turnaround Teams assist schools and students to improve literacy and numeracy?

**ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for his question.

I have been advised by my Department that Turnaround Teams will provide targeted support to those state schools in regions of greatest need.

This strategy will involve deploying specialist teachers, led by an experienced principal as additional staff to work in schools located in the most disadvantaged parts of our state.

Turnaround Teams will work with school leaders and staff to support whole school reform processes and systems. In addition to literacy and numeracy support, Turnaround Teams will provide specialist advice to schools so that whole school, innovative and flexible approaches are used to address issues such as:

- student attendance
- personalised learning
- parent and community engagement
- school accountability and
- performance management of staff

Two Turnaround teams of 3 - 4 specialist teachers will be trialled in the Wide Bay – Burnett Region from the start of the 2010 school year, each headed by an experienced principal.

Over 330 teachers from Bundaberg State High School, Bundaberg South SS, Bundaberg West SS, Gin Gin SS, Gin Gin SHS, Aldridge SHS, Murgon SHS, Murgon SS, Nanango SHS, Blackbutt SS will benefit from the trial.

Turnaround Teams are planned to benefit schools in the Logan and Moreton Regions from July 2010.

Darling Downs-South West and Far North Queensland Regions are planned to benefit from July 2011.