

Question on Notice

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MS S BOLTON ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

With reference to failed funding applications for the Sunshine Coast Individualised Learning and Support (SCILS) program at Noosa—

Will the Minister advise what other pathways besides SCILS are available to ensure students disengaging from learning in years 7, 8 and 9 develop practical life and work skills as well as re-engaging them into the learning process?

ANSWER:

The Department of Education has established a Regional Youth Engagement Hub in every education region to work in partnership with government agencies, schools, registered training organisations, community-based organisations and other stakeholders to help young people to re-engage in education, training or employment.

In 2018, a total of 3037 young people were supported to re-engage through the Regional Youth Engagement Hubs. The Hubs will continue to expand their reach to reconnect school-age young people across Queensland and increase multi-agency networks and planning to reach those most vulnerable.

State schools in the North Coast Region (NCR) support students to engage in learning using a range of in class and external strategies, designed and implemented in consultation with their school communities.

Principals are able to utilise *Investing for Success* (I4S) funds provided through the department to develop innovative solutions to address student disengagement concerns specific to their local communities.

In NCR, some additional funding is available through *Youth Pathways* and *Passing the Baton* funding grants. This additional funding can be used by principals to implement new student engagement initiatives and support the further establishment and growth of existing initiatives. Funding is secured through an annual expression of interest and application process.

Programs receiving funding from NCR funding sources are encouraged to build sustainability into their programs. This enables NCR to be responsive to areas of emerging need across schools in the region and continue to support all schools to develop new engagement initiatives.