

Question on Notice
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DR M ROBINSON ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND MINISTER FOR RACING (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise in which state schools does the Confucius Institute conduct or fund programs and in each school what is the nature of the activity undertaken?

ANSWER:

In Queensland, the Confucius Institute is affiliated with universities and state and non-state schools that choose to participate in the Confucius Classroom program.

Queensland schools apply directly to the Confucius Institute Queensland for funding to create a Confucius Classroom. The Department of Education is not party to this arrangement.

I am advised that Confucius Classroom arrangements currently operate at the following Queensland state schools:

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| - Cairns State High School; | - Marsden State High School; |
| - Cairns School of Distance Education; | - Merrimac State High School; |
| - Corinda State High School; | - Trinity Bay State High School; |
| - Centenary State High School; | - Urangan State High School; |
| - Cleveland District State High School; | - Varsity College; |
| - Indooroopilly State High School; | - William Ross State High School; and |
| - Kedron Park State High School; | - Yeronga State High School. |

Queensland state schools, including schools which create a Confucius Classroom, teach the *Australian Curriculum: Chinese* or a syllabus developed by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority.

I am advised there are also Queensland state schools which participate in activities as Network Schools with the Queensland University of Technology Confucius Institute, but do not receive funding for these activities. These include:

- Queensland Academies Creative Industries;
- Brisbane State High School;
- Charters Towers School of Distance Education;
- Maryborough Special School;
- Maryvale State School; and
- Varsity College.