

Question on Notice
No. 277
Asked on 20 March 2024

MR J LANGBROEK ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR YOUTH JUSTICE (HON D FARMER)

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide a list of schools in indigenous communities that have an indigenous language program to specifically teach indigenous languages?

ANSWER:

In 2023, 151 Queensland state schools and six Outdoor Environmental Education Centres (OEEC) were investigating, developing, or implementing a First Nations language program in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples (2022 data¹).

44 of these schools are at the 'fully implementing' stage and are engaged with teaching and learning in 26 different First Nations languages.

A further 29 different First Nations languages are in the process of becoming ready to teach, making a potential total of 55 distinct First Nations languages being taught in coming years.

Of the 151 Queensland state schools and six OEECs that currently have an Indigenous Language program, the following are in Indigenous communities: Aurukun State School (SS); Cherbourg SS; Doomadgee SS; Hopevale Campus of the Cape York Aboriginal Australian Academy; Kowanyama SS; Laura SS; Mornington Island SS; Normanton SS; Northern Peninsula Area College – Bamaga Junior Campus; Northern Peninsula Area College – Injinoo Junior; Pormpuraaw SS; Tagai State College (SC) – Badu Island Campus; Tagai SC – Darnley Island Campus; Tagai SC – Dauan Island Campus; Tagai SC – Horn Island Campus; Tagai SC – Kubin Campus; Tagai SC – Mabuiag Island Campus; Tagai SC – Malu Kiwai Campus; Tagai SC – Mer Campus; Tagai SC – Poruma Campus; Tagai SC – Saibai Island Campus; Tagai SC – St Pauls Campus; Tagai SC – Stephen Island Campus; Tagai SC – Thursday Island Primary Campus; Tagai SC – Thursday Island Secondary; Tagai SC – Warraber Island Campus; Tagai SC – Yam Island Campus; Tagai SC – Yorke Island Campus; Urandangi SS; Woorabinda SS; and Yarrabah SS.

¹ This data is provided with the caveat that it was self-reported by schools as part of the *Aboriginal Languages and Torres Strait Islander Languages Programs in Queensland State Schools 2022* collection survey, implemented in Semester 1, 2022. All Queensland state schools and Outdoor Environmental Education Centres (OEECs) were invited to respond to the survey. 1,133 schools (88.4%) and 14 OEECs (56%) responded to the survey. Data analysis was supported by the Analysis and National Data Policy unit, Performance Monitoring and Reporting, Strategy and Performance within the Policy, Performance and Planning division.