

Question on Notice

No. 423

Asked on 22 April 2026

MS J PUGH ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND THE ARTS (HON J LANGBROEK)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Department of Education Service Delivery Statement for the 2025-26 Budget which stated the department would “improve education outcomes for Aboriginal students and Torres Strait Islander students by increasing the number of students in attendance,”—

Will the Minister advise for the 2024 and 2025 calendar years (reported separately in table format by region, year-level (e.g. primary and secondary)) (a) the attendance rate of First Nations students in State Schools and (b) the attendance rate of First Nations students separately in each of the discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

(a) The attendance rates of First Nations students in State Schools are as follows:

Region	Year Level Category	Attendance Rate 2024	Attendance Rate 2025
Central Queensland	Primary	82.1%	82.1%
Central Queensland	Secondary	73.7%	73.5%
Darling Downs South West	Primary	83.1%	82.7%
Darling Downs South West	Secondary	74.4%	75.0%
Far North Queensland	Primary	73.9%	73.7%
Far North Queensland	Secondary	67.0%	66.4%
Metropolitan North	Primary	83.4%	83.5%
Metropolitan North	Secondary	75.2%	76.9%
Metropolitan South	Primary	82.2%	82.7%
Metropolitan South	Secondary	75.1%	76.5%
North Coast	Primary	85.1%	84.9%
North Coast	Secondary	76.4%	76.2%
North Queensland	Primary	75.8%	74.2%
North Queensland	Secondary	68.5%	69.9%
South East	Primary	83.4%	83.8%
South East	Secondary	77.1%	77.6%
Queensland	Primary	80.6%	80.5%
Queensland	Secondary	72.9%	73.4%

(b) The attendance rates of First Nations students separately in each discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community are as follows:

Community	Region	Year Level Category	Attendance Rate 2024	Attendance Rate 2025
Aurukun	Far North Queensland	Primary	46.8%	38.2%
Aurukun	Far North Queensland	Secondary	27.2%	14.6%
Cherbourg	Darling Downs South West	Primary	78.1%	72.5%
Coen	Far North Queensland	Primary	88.7%	80.7%
Doomadgee	North Queensland	Primary	45.9%	45.8%
Doomadgee	North Queensland	Secondary	37.1%	39.8%
Hope Vale	Far North Queensland	Primary	67.1%	65.1%
Hope Vale	Far North Queensland	Secondary	54.2%	49.5%
Kowanyama	Far North Queensland	Primary	57.2%	62.1%
Kowanyama	Far North Queensland	Secondary	34.8%	48.2%
Lockhart River	Far North Queensland	Primary	70.0%	60.9%
Lockhart River	Far North Queensland	Secondary	27.0%	29.5%
Mapoon	Far North Queensland	Primary	60.0%	70.5%
Mornington Island	North Queensland	Primary	59.1%	54.3%
Mornington Island	North Queensland	Secondary	30.5%	23.9%
Mossman Gorge	Far North Queensland	Primary	69.2%	70.0%
Mossman Gorge	Far North Queensland	Secondary	60.8%	50.4%
Napranum	Far North Queensland	Primary	54.6%	59.1%
Napranum	Far North Queensland	Secondary	49.3%	51.4%
Northern Peninsula Area	Far North Queensland	Primary	61.5%	61.8%
Northern Peninsula Area	Far North Queensland	Secondary	50.8%	49.9%
Palm Island	North Queensland	Primary	58.2%	54.2%
Palm Island	North Queensland	Secondary	37.7%	55.1%
Pormpuraaw	Far North Queensland	Primary	71.2%	66.2%
Tagai State College	Far North Queensland	Primary	77.0%	75.1%
Tagai State College	Far North Queensland	Secondary	68.7%	68.5%
Woorabinda	Central Queensland	Primary	74.2%	68.5%
Wujal Wujal	Far North Queensland	Primary	66.9%	76.3%
Yarrabah	Far North Queensland	Primary	55.2%	54.5%
Yarrabah	Far North Queensland	Secondary	43.8%	35.5%

Attendance rates are calculated by dividing the total number of full-time equivalent (FTE) days attended (Attendance FTE) by the total number of FTE where attendance was possible (Possible FTE).

The Corporate Semester 1 Attendance collection is the Department of Education's official dataset for reporting on Queensland state school attendance.