

Question on Notice
No. 434
Asked on 23 April 2026

HON D FARMER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND THE ARTS (HON J LANGBROEK)—

QUESTION:

With reference to data released through Right to Information regarding students with a disability who received suspensions between 2016 and 2020 and noting the source of this data—

Will the Minister advise the number of students in receipt of short-term and long-term suspension, reporting across all students, but separately for students with disability, for the 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026 (to date) calendar years (in a table format, reported separately by region, school level and First Nations status)?

ANSWER:

I am advised that **Table 1** reports the count of distinct students subject to one or more short or long suspensions for 2023 to 2025.

Final data for 2026 is not yet available.

Table 1: Students subject to short or long suspensions

Year	Region/year level	Indigenous status	All students	Students with disability
2023	Central Queensland – Primary	Indigenous	287	193
2023	Central Queensland – Primary	Non-Indigenous	571	386
2023	Darling Downs South West – Primary	Indigenous	347	164
2023	Darling Downs South West – Primary	Non-Indigenous	574	320
2023	Far North Queensland – Primary	Indigenous	531	289
2023	Far North Queensland – Primary	Non-Indigenous	340	205
2023	Metropolitan North – Primary	Indigenous	288	209
2023	Metropolitan North – Primary	Non-Indigenous	1,285	864
2023	Metropolitan South – Primary	Indigenous	430	326
2023	Metropolitan South – Primary	Non-Indigenous	1,900	1,265
2023	North Coast – Primary	Indigenous	234	157
2023	North Coast – Primary	Non-Indigenous	889	575
2023	North Queensland – Primary	Indigenous	438	188
2023	North Queensland – Primary	Non-Indigenous	474	280
2023	South East – Primary	Indigenous	474	327
2023	South East – Primary	Non-Indigenous	2,307	1,375
2023	Central Queensland – Secondary	Indigenous	815	316
2023	Central Queensland – Secondary	Non-Indigenous	2,165	788
2023	Darling Downs South West – Secondary	Indigenous	899	388
2023	Darling Downs South West – Secondary	Non-Indigenous	1,931	677
2023	Far North Queensland – Secondary	Indigenous	1,167	440
2023	Far North Queensland – Secondary	Non-Indigenous	1,007	327
2023	Metropolitan North – Secondary	Indigenous	525	257
2023	Metropolitan North – Secondary	Non-Indigenous	3,583	1,476
2023	Metropolitan South – Secondary	Indigenous	847	417
2023	Metropolitan South – Secondary	Non-Indigenous	5,239	1,997
2023	North Coast – Secondary	Indigenous	706	362
2023	North Coast – Secondary	Non-Indigenous	3,439	1,368
2023	North Queensland – Secondary	Indigenous	870	290
2023	North Queensland – Secondary	Non-Indigenous	1,128	399
2023	South East – Secondary	Indigenous	702	337

Year	Region/year level	Indigenous status	All students	Students with disability
2023	South East – Secondary	Non-Indigenous	5,230	1,979
2024	Central Queensland – Primary	Indigenous	207	143
2024	Central Queensland – Primary	Non-Indigenous	449	338
2024	Darling Downs South West – Primary	Indigenous	273	149
2024	Darling Downs South West – Primary	Non-Indigenous	493	319
2024	Far North Queensland – Primary	Indigenous	487	295
2024	Far North Queensland – Primary	Non-Indigenous	331	220
2024	Metropolitan North – Primary	Indigenous	302	236
2024	Metropolitan North – Primary	Non-Indigenous	1,294	943
2024	Metropolitan South – Primary	Indigenous	470	390
2024	Metropolitan South – Primary	Non-Indigenous	1,912	1,368
2024	North Coast – Primary	Indigenous	230	171
2024	North Coast – Primary	Non-Indigenous	909	642
2024	North Queensland – Primary	Indigenous	397	248
2024	North Queensland – Primary	Non-Indigenous	495	317
2024	South East – Primary	Indigenous	473	352
2024	South East – Primary	Non-Indigenous	2,442	1,601
2024	Central Queensland – Secondary	Indigenous	690	304
2024	Central Queensland – Secondary	Non-Indigenous	1,768	793
2024	Darling Downs South West – Secondary	Indigenous	813	354
2024	Darling Downs South West – Secondary	Non-Indigenous	1,520	583
2024	Far North Queensland – Secondary	Indigenous	1,101	443
2024	Far North Queensland – Secondary	Non-Indigenous	916	302
2024	Metropolitan North – Secondary	Indigenous	552	321
2024	Metropolitan North – Secondary	Non-Indigenous	3,336	1,428
2024	Metropolitan South – Secondary	Indigenous	721	403
2024	Metropolitan South – Secondary	Non-Indigenous	4,488	1,922
2024	North Coast – Secondary	Indigenous	656	365
2024	North Coast – Secondary	Non-Indigenous	2,980	1,373
2024	North Queensland – Secondary	Indigenous	773	310
2024	North Queensland – Secondary	Non-Indigenous	970	401
2024	South East – Secondary	Indigenous	695	355
2024	South East – Secondary	Non-Indigenous	4,784	1,953
2025	Central Queensland – Primary	Indigenous	284	207
2025	Central Queensland – Primary	Non-Indigenous	545	412
2025	Darling Downs South West – Primary	Indigenous	303	180
2025	Darling Downs South West – Primary	Non-Indigenous	540	355
2025	Far North Queensland – Primary	Indigenous	498	326
2025	Far North Queensland – Primary	Non-Indigenous	374	242
2025	Metropolitan North – Primary	Indigenous	353	284
2025	Metropolitan North – Primary	Non-Indigenous	1,392	1,072
2025	Metropolitan South – Primary	Indigenous	564	455
2025	Metropolitan South – Primary	Non-Indigenous	2,049	1,520
2025	North Coast – Primary	Indigenous	285	212
2025	North Coast – Primary	Non-Indigenous	972	698
2025	North Queensland – Primary	Indigenous	397	281
2025	North Queensland – Primary	Non-Indigenous	451	324
2025	South East – Primary	Indigenous	600	441
2025	South East – Primary	Non-Indigenous	2,700	1,843
2025	Central Queensland – Secondary	Indigenous	739	377
2025	Central Queensland – Secondary	Non-Indigenous	1,643	724
2025	Darling Downs South West – Secondary	Indigenous	794	383
2025	Darling Downs South West – Secondary	Non-Indigenous	1,533	607
2025	Far North Queensland – Secondary	Indigenous	965	481
2025	Far North Queensland – Secondary	Non-Indigenous	818	313
2025	Metropolitan North – Secondary	Indigenous	439	269
2025	Metropolitan North – Secondary	Non-Indigenous	2,909	1,404

Year	Region/year level	Indigenous status	All students	Students with disability
2025	Metropolitan South – Secondary	Indigenous	717	433
2025	Metropolitan South – Secondary	Non-Indigenous	4,252	1,876
2025	North Coast – Secondary	Indigenous	622	331
2025	North Coast – Secondary	Non-Indigenous	2,915	1,379
2025	North Queensland – Secondary	Indigenous	685	304
2025	North Queensland – Secondary	Non-Indigenous	919	423
2025	South East – Secondary	Indigenous	639	372
2025	South East – Secondary	Non-Indigenous	4,365	1,979