



Strategic Policy and Performance Division invites you to attend a

Research Forum

Student mobility, attendance and student achievement: Six years of Queensland state schooling data

Presentation by Roland Simons, Margo Bampton, Alistair Dempster & Susan Daniel

THE RESEARCH FORUM

Student attendance and mobility are often used as proxy measures of student engagement. High levels of absenteeism and mobility of enrolment imply lower levels of engagement in school. The capacity to investigate the relationship between school achievement and attendance has previously been limited.

However, the unique student identifier (USI) developed and recently implemented by the Department of Education, Training and the Arts (DETA) enables longitudinal tracking of students throughout their schooling, prompting investigation of the relationships between these factors, and the effect on student achievement.

This forum presents analyses that take advantage of the unique student identifier (USI) to explore the relationship between factors such as student attendance / mobility and student achievement. Cross-sectional and longitudinal data for the period 2001 to 2007 are presented. Results for Indigenous students and rurally located students, are also presented.

This is an open forum, so please feel free to forward this invitation to other policy makers, researchers, school leaders and education practitioners.

THE PRESENTERS

Dr Roland Simons is a Principal Education Officer within the Performance Monitoring and Reporting Branch, DETA. Roland has over 10 years experience as a researcher, statistician, and consultant at universities and private sector organisations.

Ms Margo Bampton is a Manager in the Performance Monitoring and Reporting Branch, DETA. Margo has close to 20 years experience working in the area of performance measurement within the Department.

Mr Alistair Dempster, is Senior Information Officer within the Performance Monitoring and Reporting Branch, DETA. Alistair has over ten years experience in the areas of data analysis and performance monitoring

Ms Susan Daniel is an Information Officer within the Performance Monitoring and Reporting Branch, DETA. Susan has been with PMRB for one year and has 15 years experience in the fields of IT and Education in the roles of consultant and secondary school teacher of mathematics and IT.

Morning tea will be provided.

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This Forum is provided Free-of-Charge

***Forum will be podcast following the event at
<http://education.qld.gov.au/corporate/research/>***

When?

Friday 29th February
9:45am registration for a 10am start – 11:30am

Where?

Room 1, 80 George St
Brisbane