

School Disciplinary Absences 2006-2009



The information presented in the following tables relates to school disciplinary absences applied in State schools over the four school years, 2006 to 2009.

The School Disciplinary Absence (SDA) data presented comprise the total of Short Suspensions (1-5 days), Long Suspensions (6-20 days), Suspensions with recommendation for Exclusion and Cancellations of Enrolment.

A student may be suspended or excluded from a State school or schools because of disobedience, misconduct or other conduct that is prejudicial to the good order and management of the school. Suspension prohibits a student from attending an educational institution for a nominated period of time (from 1-5 days or 6-20 days). Decisions to suspend a student are made by individual State school principals.

Exclusion is only recommended where student behaviour is so serious that suspension is inadequate to deal with the behaviour. Exclusion prohibits a student from attending one or more State educational institutions for a nominated period or on a permanent basis, with the opportunity to have the exclusion revoked annually until the age of 24. Decisions to exclude a student from a school or schools within a Region are made by the Principal's supervisor, the Executive Director School Improvement, or the Regional Director.

The principal can cancel the enrolment of a post compulsory age student if the student displays persistent refusal to participate in the program of instruction.

The information shows counts of incidents, where an incident is a record in the School Disciplinary Absence Collection system (SDAC) and OneSchool from Semester 2, 2009 of a suspension, suspension with recommendation for exclusion or cancellation of enrolment. It is important to understand that incident figures do not equate with the number of students subject to a school disciplinary absence (e.g. One student may be suspended several times in a school year. Each time a student is suspended it is recorded as a separate incident in the SDAC. A total incident count of 20 therefore, may not mean 20 students have been subject to a suspension).

Student Disciplinary Absences are collected and reported within the DET annual report for each financial year. The SDAs contained in the DET annual report represent the historical time series of SDA reporting. Tables from the DET annual report are available at:

- [2009 - 2010](#)
- [2008 - 2009](#)
- [2007 - 2008](#)
- [2006 - 2007](#)

Schools are also required to report SDA in their School Annual Report, based on each school year. SDA information by school, region and the state, based on the school year, is provided for monitoring purposes. These data are drawn from SDA incidents entered by schools within corporate systems. These data do not reflect the outcomes of appeal processes. These data may differ from data contained in School Annual Reports due to local validation.

Table 1: School Disciplinary Absences by DET Region, 2006 to 2009

Count of Disciplinary Absence Incidents

The information presented comprises the total of Short Suspensions (1-5 days), Long Suspensions (6-20 days), Suspensions with Recommendation for Exclusion and Cancellations of Enrolment.

DET Region	2006					2007					2008					2009				
	Short Suspension	Long Suspension	Exclusion	Cancellation	Full-Time Enrolment	Short Suspension	Long Suspension	Exclusion	Cancellation	Full-Time Enrolment	Short Suspension	Long Suspension	Exclusion	Cancellation	Full-Time Enrolment	Short Suspension	Long Suspension	Exclusion	Cancellation	Full-Time Enrolment
Central Queensland	3 659	407	50	25	43 888	4 294	529	60	24	45 691	4 576	538	57	18	45 346	4 976	643	47	61	45 346
Darling Downs South West	3 718	386	28	11	38 830	4 044	356	45	7	40 375	4 602	541	43	11	40 576	5 100	629	44	32	40 699
Far North Queensland	3 121	358	83	44	30 531	3 669	466	91	18	32 264	3 572	541	84	11	32 400	3 502	476	87	15	32 742
Metropolitan	8 546	904	226	106	117 262	9 682	1 076	209	59	123 675	9 687	1 171	170	81	123 972	10 636	1 375	233	108	126 516
North Coast	9 699	823	139	106	96 862	11 349	991	152	82	102 196	11 665	1 059	148	106	102 305	12 060	1 217	159	123	103 008
North Queensland	3 530	371	52	25	31 632	3 654	444	48	13	33 018	4 376	513	50	21	32 996	4 127	737	67	32	32 587
South East	10 284	878	186	82	96 070	11 899	1 064	206	124	101 664	12 699	1 456	252	119	102 255	13 003	1 717	306	158	103 717
Total	42 557	4 127	764	399	455 075	48 591	4 926	811	327	478 883	51 177	5 819	804	367	479 850	53 404	6 794	943	529	484 615

caveats:

1. School Disciplinary Absence incident counts provided were initially sourced from the School Disciplinary Absence Collection system (SDAC) and OneSchool from Semester 2, 2009 and then confirmed by school principals.
2. The information is displayed in terms of aggregate counts of incidents. These data do not represent the outcomes of any related appeal decisions.
3. The enrolment figures are counts of full-time students which are sourced from the annual August Student Census.