

Advancing rural and remote education in Queensland state schools

An action plan to support every rural and remote student to succeed

Advancing rural and remote education sets out a plan for the next four years in supporting students, families and staff in rural and remote areas of Queensland.

Our plan focuses on every rural and remote student succeeding, valuing our people and building positive partnerships.



To support students and families living in rural and remote communities, we are:

- focusing on improving students' reading in all year levels, with a particular focus on Year 3
- piloting a Partners in Learning program where parents and home tutors of students in our schools of distance education can participate in a residential program and receive support from a reading coach to encourage and teach their children to read
- improving access to and participation in kindergarten programs through the Remote Kindergarten Pilot
- focusing on lifting learning outcomes for students with disability and extending gifted and high achieving students
- improving internet access to schools and incorporating digital technologies into learning to allow students to connect online locally and globally
- enhancing Transition Support Services to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to gain placement at secondary boarding schools and support their move from remote communities
- piloting four innovative Centres for Learning and Wellbeing, the first two in Roma and Mt Isa, to provide more in-community professional learning opportunities, as well as support student and staff wellbeing.

As we roll out these exciting initiatives over the next four years, we will continue to listen to the ideas and views of our families and the community who live and work in rural and remote Queensland, to make sure we keep a clear focus on improving learning opportunities for students.

For more information visit the *Advancing rural and remote education in Queensland state schools* action plan at <http://education.qld.gov.au/ruralandremote/>.

