

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 our staff, students and families in rural and remote areas of Queensland.

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

Through extensive community consultation involving educators, families, students, the general public and peak bodies from rural and remote areas, a range of actions have been



developed to lift learning outcomes in rural and remote state schools.

Almost half of all Queensland state schools are located in rural and remote areas with around 16,000 full-time staff working to support quality learning for students.

To support our skilled and dedicated staff who work and live in rural and remote communities, we are:

- 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
- revitalising the teacher transfer process and rural and remote benefits scheme
- improving connectivity to employee housing so our staff can stay connected personally and professionally
- implementing a refurbishment program for employee housing
- providing ongoing mentoring for beginning teachers
- offering scholarships and opportunities for school leavers, pre-service teachers and our non-teaching staff from rural and remote communities to pursue teaching
- offering teachers from urban schools the opportunity to experience living and teaching in rural and remote communities through a new Rural and Remote Teacher Experience program.

The plan's actions to improve learning opportunities for rural and remote students, attract and retain skilled staff and strengthen partnerships within local communities will roll out over the next four years.

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

