Advancing Partnerships

- Parent and community engagement in action

Mareeba State School

Key theme: Building relationships and trust. Listening to the community.



Achievements

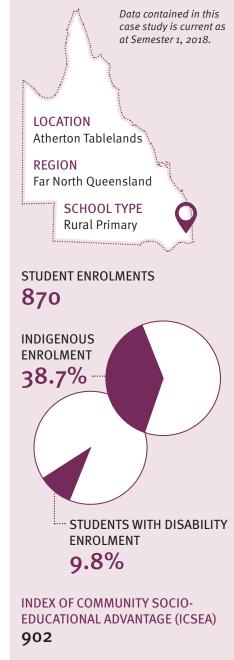
- ---- Increased student enrolments up from 835 in 2014 to 870 in 2018

- •••• Continued high staff attendance rates steady at 96.5% between 2013 and 2017
- Improved staff retention rates up from 87.5% in 2013 to 92% in 2017.

Strategies

- Acknowledging and responding to the experiences of the local Aboriginal people through regularly held community meetings that are conducted offsite. Meetings are co-facilitated by Department of Education regional staff.
- Parents are invited to participate in regular "Parent Walks" around the school to see classes in action during the day. During these walks parents are asked to contribute three observations: "I see...", "I think...", "I wonder...".

- The entire school conducts "Pride Projects" for the first two weeks of the school year. The projects are collaboratively designed by teachers to build effective classroom teams and provide the teacher and all their students with opportunities to get to know each other in preparation for working together throughout the year. The projects culminate in an Open Day on which parents attend classrooms to see the completed projects and discuss them with the students.





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