



Cairns SDE Parents & Citizens' Association

President's Welcome Letter

Welcome to 2026, its going to be a great year of opportunities and successes. Last year we had lots of activities, and this year will be no different. A big welcome back to all members and a special welcome to all our new members and volunteers that joined us last year.

One of the big activities from last year was finding out where everyone was from and we have a campaign underway to contact all these groups over the year. Here's a summary of our distribution which surprised a number of people.

QLD	NT	NSW & ACT	VIC	SA	WA	TAS	Intn'l
1347	1	249	30	6	11	7	11

The distribution of families in Qld is as follows...

Number of students	Region
236	Cairns and surrounds
193	Brisbane and surrounds
184	Gold Coast and surrounds
100	Sunshine Coast and surrounds
99	Tablelands and surrounds
61	Wide Bay and surrounds
60	Gulf/Savannah and surrounds
21	Central Coast Queensland and surrounds
18	Townsville and surrounds
15	FNQ and surrounds
13	Cassowary Coast and surrounds

As you can see the population is concentrated in and around the southeast of Qld, similarly NSW is concentrated around the Sydney basin. A major focus of the P&C is to support all families in all areas, and to do this we will be extending our local representation to many of the centres. As an example, we have been lucky to get a representative for Non-Qld and O/S on board (Jen).



In Queensland our current representation is limited to Savanna (Aysha) and Tablelands (Emmalee). We need your help to expand these teams into all the other areas we have. The value to you as parents is both socialisation and support for the students and for the parents too! Please consider being an area representative by looking at the post codes and putting your hand up to be a representative for that post code and, if you wish to, neighbouring post codes too.

It's important that this distance education community has a wonderful opportunity to enhance your student's education through your active or passive membership. Yes, active or passive. One of our big aims is to provide the entire community access to information sharing both to and more importantly FROM our entire community. You have great ideas but currently they are very hard to get heard by the P&C. Through standard privacy laws we do not have access to anyone's details so we cannot provide information to you or, as I said more importantly, FROM you. It is a top priority for us to build those connections from you to us. Please get involved even if its just s simple membership that allows you to listen to and tell us what's important.

Finally, a big thank you to all the members and officers for their involvement, effort and outcomes you made happen. This year will be even better.

If you ever want to talk to the P&C about anything, just drop me a line on pandcexec@cairnssde.eq.edu.au or call me direct on my mobile 0419584861.

Thank you

The P and C Team.