

WHAT DO SCHOOLS NEED IN 2021

Schools Plus helps children facing disadvantage succeed at school. Through our Smart Giving program, we provide funding, coaching and resources to support strategic school initiatives that improve student outcomes. Here are the insights from the 2021 application round.

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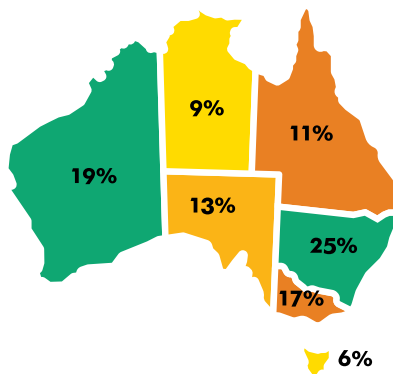
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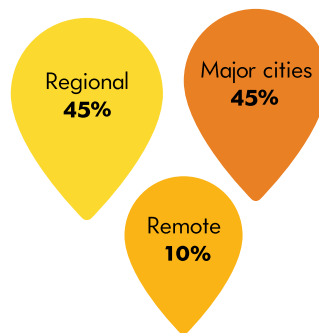
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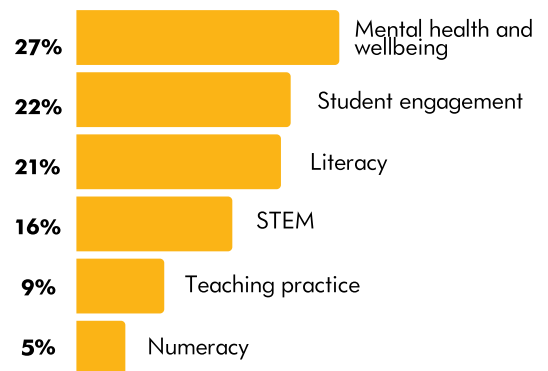
Applications by state



Applications by location



Applications by theme



THE TOP FOUR CHALLENGES SCHOOLS NEED HELP TO ADDRESS



Student wellbeing

The number of students with anxiety and social/emotional needs is rising, exacerbated by the events of recent years. Projects include initiatives such as trauma-informed practice and allied health support.



Literacy

Strong literacy skills underpin a child's ability to thrive at school and beyond. Projects will ensure students of all ages improve their reading, writing and language skills, many through the support of speech pathologists.



Student engagement

Introducing culturally embedded and hands-on learning are highly effective ways of engaging students. Other initiatives engage families and communities, provide post-school pathways and re-engage students after periods of remote learning.



STEM

Introducing science, technology, engineering and maths programs and new STEM equipment help to develop students' critical thinking, creativity and digital literacy.

THE TOP THREE STRATEGIES USED TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS



School Leadership Development and Agenda Setting



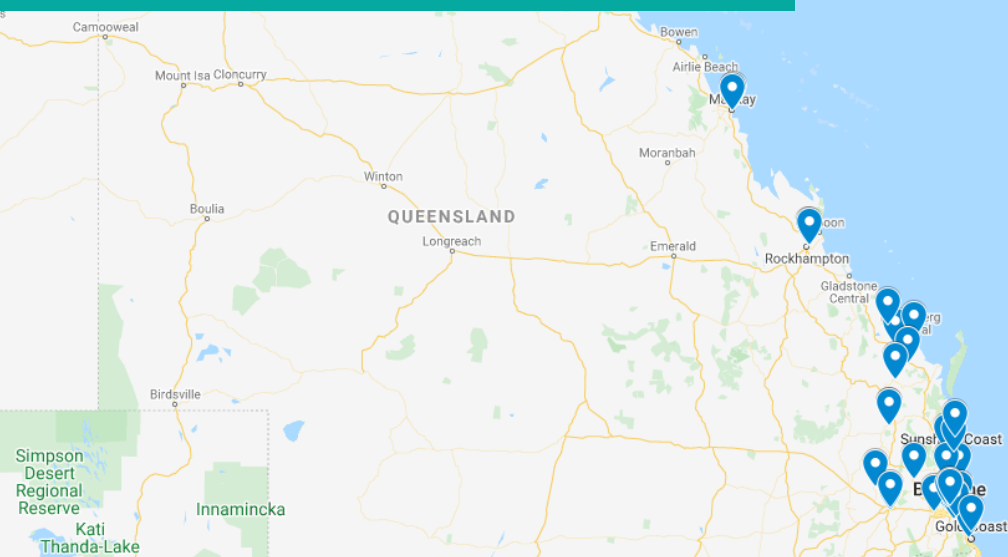
Teaching and Learning Practice Development



Family and Community Engagement

A CLOSER LOOK AT QLD SCHOOLS

The below information provides further insights into the applications received from Queensland schools in the 2021 Smart Giving round.



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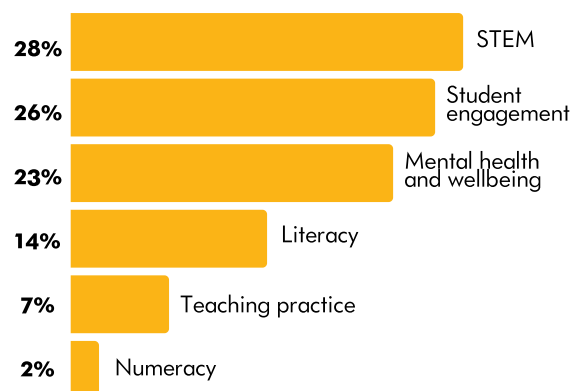
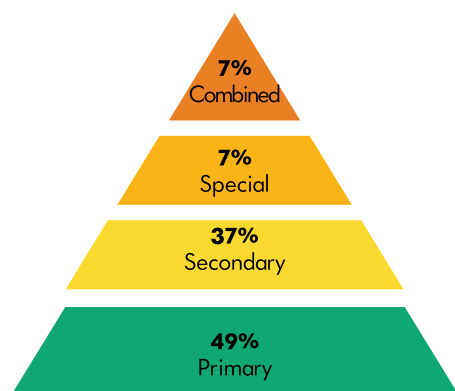
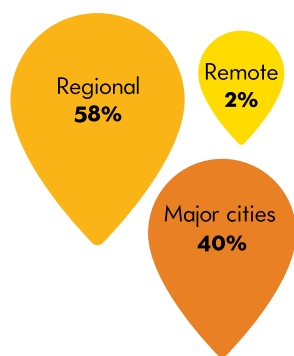
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Applications by location

Applications by school type

Applications by theme



HOW QLD SCHOOLS WILL TACKLE THE TOP CHALLENGES



STEM

Introducing coding and robotics, increasing access to computers and providing professional development for teachers to build students' technological and future-focused skills and help them participate in remote learning.



Student engagement

Through building connection to Indigenous and other cultures or introducing hands-on learning initiatives with a focus on the workplace, schools seek to strengthen their students' engagement in education.



Mental health and wellbeing

Improve students' wellbeing and social-emotional skills through the introduction of resilience programs, trauma-informed practice and play strategies for young children.



Literacy

Targeted interventions to build students' oral language, reading and writing skills, including through professional development to develop teachers' capacity for focused literacy support.

If you would like to know more about supporting students facing disadvantage, visit schoolsplus.org.au or contact our team on (02) 8880 0296.

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