

School Disciplinary Absences by region, 2015–19

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a. The information in Table 1 contains aggregate counts of incidents which result in one or more School Disciplinary Absences (SDAs).

The number of incidents does not equate to the number of students subject to an SDA (e.g. one student may be suspended several times in a school year. Each time a student is suspended it is recorded as a separate incident. A total incident count of 20 therefore, may not mean 20 students have been subject to a suspension).

b. These data do not represent the outcomes of any related appeal decisions.

c. Enrolment figures are a count of full-time students sourced from the annual August student enrolment collection.

d. Schools are reported as per the 2019 structure, historical data has been combined for schools which have been amalgamated.

e. The Department of Education's regional structure consists of seven integrated service delivery regions across Queensland.

f. A half cohort of students was introduced in Prep Year in 2007 to align with the shift in the compulsory school starting age from 2008. 2019 is the final year with the half cohort enrolled in Year 12.

School Disciplinary Absences (SDAs)

a. There are four categories of SDA: Short Suspension (1 to 10 days), Long Suspension (11 to 20 days), Exclusion and Cancellations.

b. A student may be **suspended** from a school because of disobedience, misconduct or other conduct that is prejudicial to the good order and management of the school.

c. A student may be **excluded** where behaviour is so serious that suspension is inadequate to deal with the behaviour or for contravention of a Behaviour Improvement Condition. Exclusion prohibits a student from attending one or more state educational institutions for a nominated period of not more than 12 months or permanently.

d. The principal can **cancel** the enrolment of a post compulsory age student if the student displays persistent refusal to participate in the program of instruction.

e. Schools are also required to report SDAs in their school annual report. These data may differ from data contained in Table 1 due to local validation.

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Count of disciplinary absence incidents

Region	2015					2016					2017					2018					2019				
	Short Suspension	Long Suspension	Exclusion	Cancellation	Full-Time Enrolment	Short Suspension	Long Suspension	Exclusion	Cancellation	Full-Time Enrolment	Short Suspension	Long Suspension	Exclusion	Cancellation	Full-Time Enrolment	Short Suspension	Long Suspension	Exclusion	Cancellation	Full-Time Enrolment	Short Suspension	Long Suspension	Exclusion	Cancellation	Full-Time Enrolment
Central Queensland	5 888	220	113	148	46 427	5 947	269	159	159	46 431	6 252	256	162	122	46 514	7 749	192	131	143	46 576	7 360	229	161	134	47 038
Darling Downs South West	6 238	235	86	161	41 392	6 558	248	118	138	41 460	6 844	276	135	126	41 664	7 280	275	105	121	41 979	7 681	322	102	110	41 956
Far North Queensland	5 397	251	79	149	34 951	5 586	193	77	110	35 193	5 977	265	87	150	35 316	6 145	300	89	122	35 492	6 263	281	76	93	35 656
Metropolitan	11 016	481	305	300	142 382	12 402	516	323	227	147 148	12 957	566	342	200	152 231	15 606	631	455	192	157 231	15 241	644	456	198	162 243
North Coast	15 468	473	231	360	111 034	16 171	512	213	295	113 038	17 478	612	263	301	114 986	18 140	590	249	238	116 454	17 509	586	193	197	117 163
North Queensland	5 512	346	102	125	33 154	5 249	255	108	72	32 870	5 574	303	115	80	32 632	6 583	337	162	66	32 666	5 616	301	183	95	32 461
South East	14 787	586	541	340	113 005	16 059	684	486	274	115 450	15 829	757	511	258	117 828	18 124	861	580	196	120 341	17 497	769	503	144	122 582
Total	64 306	2 592	1 457	1 583	522 345	67 972	2 677	1 484	1 275	531 590	70 911	3 035	1 615	1 237	541 171	79 627	3 186	1 771	1 078	550 739	77 167	3 132	1 674	971	559 099