

Question on Notice

No. 610

Asked on 13 September 2012

Mr Wellington asked the Minister for Education, Training and Employment (Mr Langbroek) –

QUESTION:

With reference to primary schools in Queensland—

What support is proposed to assist school principals manage students with behaviour challenges who disrupt other students in their class?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question.

I have been advised by my Department that in 2011-12 \$36.085 million was provided to promote positive student behaviour and strengthen school discipline in Queensland state schools.

All Queensland schools are committed to providing a safe, respectful and disciplined learning environment for students and staff. Our schools put a number of proactive and preventative strategies in place to support student behaviour.

State schools also abide by the *Code of School Behaviour* and are required to have an approved *Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students* outlining behaviour expectations and supports in place to create a safe, supportive and disciplined environment.

335 full-time equivalent behaviour support personnel support state schools in managing behaviour, including staffing the 15 Positive Learning Centres.

Regional Guidance Officers also support students with the most challenging behaviour. In addition, a variety of training materials are provided for school staff on evidence-based ways to support children with challenging behaviours.