Policy Position Statement

Education

Hi, my name is Jacqueline McGowan-Jones and I am the Commissioner for Children and Young People WA.

It's my job to stand up for the rights of children and young people.

To listen and to find out what you like, need and worry about as well as hear the great ideas you all have.

To help me do this, my team and I do surveys, forums and visits to places where children and young people get together, like schools and youth clubs.

I also talk to families, communities and people who work with children and young people to hear what they have to say.

I want to share what I have learnt so that people can make education better in Western Australia.

What is important for children and young people?



Strong brains and hearts in the early years.



To learn what matters and the skills needed to succeed.



To learn in places and ways that are inclusive, safe, happy and fair.



Support to stay in school and keep learning.



To have a safe and happy place to learn.



To have a say.

What is needed for children and young people?



Help for families so they can learn, with good and affordable early education.



Good teachers who have the support they need to help children and young people learn.



Schools that are safe, fair, and welcoming for everyone.



Someone to check in on their reading, writing, and math to make sure they get extra help if needed.



Programs to help them stay in school and keep learning, even if they need time away.



Simple ways for them to speak up if something is wrong and have adults listen and make changes.



Safe and easy ways for them to share their thoughts, ideas, and worries about school.



School programs that teach them how to feel happy, make friends, and have healthy relationships.



More health and mental health care in schools.



Support to stop bullying and help children feel safe.

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