



Location	Schools in this region	Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander school enrolments (P-12)
Lockhart River	1	117
RDA QLD Region	Focus Schools* in this region	Parents/Caregivers engaged
Far North QLD & Torres Strait	1	444

# Lockhart River PaCE

Instilling pride and building connectedness through one-on-one home visits partnered with Learning Circles in a ‘no-shame’ low key way



The Lockhart River PaCE project has had to overcome significant hurdles such as an entrenched cycle of poverty and welfare dependency, drug and alcohol problems including domestic violence and child safety, gambling, high mental health issues and suicide rates being five times greater than average, chronic disease and overcrowded homes.

Despite these hurdles, the PaCE Steering Committee and Coordinator have been able to make a significant impact on how parents/carers become more engaged and capable of supporting their children’s education. This has been achieved through strategic discussions and partnerships with Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council, Lockhart River State School, Puuya Foundation, Transition Support Services, PaL team Napranum, Community Justice Group, Men’s Group, Women’s Centre, The Benevolent Society, University of Technology Sydney (UTS), Tim Fairfax Foundation and numerous state and federal government departments.

Activities and outcomes include:

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### Duration

Sep 2010 – Dec 2013

The PaCE Program significantly contributes to Closing the Gap in education outcomes between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and other students, through creative and innovative Engagement and Connections – one of the six key domains of activity within the *National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Action Plan 2010-2014*. PaCE is a community driven program for parents/caregivers of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander young people aged 0-19 years, and aims to support activities that help parents/caregivers to participate in educational decision-making, develop partnerships with education providers and improve educational outcomes for their children. [www.deewr.gov.au/pace](http://www.deewr.gov.au/pace)

\*Focus Schools - [http://deta.qld.gov.au/indigenous/ed\\_action\\_plan.html](http://deta.qld.gov.au/indigenous/ed_action_plan.html)