



Location	Schools in this region	Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander school enrolments (P-12)
Beaudesert	6	214
RDA QLD Region	Focus Schools * in this region	Parents/Caregivers engaged
Darling Downs & South West	0	80

Weung Beung (Mother/Father) PaCE Program

Strength based conversations through a Parent, Community and School Partnership Agreement



Targeting schools in the Beaudesert region (west of Brisbane), this project has successfully implemented the Parent, Community and School Partnership Agreement (PCSPA) which facilitates strength based conversations to strengthen connectedness between schools and community.

The PaCE team work with parents / carers / elders and community members connected to the Mununjali Playgroup, Jymbi Centre, the Janu Jabuny Culture/Homework Club, and both primary and high schools in the region.

Parents and carers are primarily dealing with ways to support their children in the key transition periods from playgroup to prep, primary to high school and year 12 and what lies beyond.

Workshops included topics such as preparing for school, how to read to children, understanding the school system, bullying, helping with homework and communicating with schools. One parent who has been an active participant of all PaCE workshops, is now the president of the Beaudesert SHS P&C. active in all primary and

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Duration

Jun 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 recently launched *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

*Focus Schools - http://deta.qld.gov.au/indigenous/ed_action_plan.html