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School disciplinary absences

Table 1: School disciplinary absences by region, 2018–22

Year	SDA Type	Central Queensland	Darling Downs South West	Far North Queensland	Metropolitan	North Coast	North Queensland	South East	Total
2018	Short Suspension	7,749	7,280	6,145	15,606	18,140	6,583	18,124	79,627
	Long Suspension	192	275	300	631	590	337	861	3,186
	Exclusion	131	105	89	455	249	162	580	1,771
	Cancellation	143	121	122	192	238	66	196	1,078
	Student count	47,171	42,034	36,196	158,785	116,678	33,840	120,502	552,710
2019	Short Suspension	7,360	7,681	6,263	15,241	17,509	5,616	17,497	77,167
	Long Suspension	229	322	281	644	586	301	769	3,132
	Exclusion	161	102	76	456	193	183	503	1,674
	Cancellation	134	110	93	198	197	95	144	971
	Student count	48,401	42,003	36,497	163,690	117,371	33,505	122,821	561,001
2020	Short Suspension	5,858	6,388	5,000	13,487	13,981	4,712	14,558	63,984
	Long Suspension	164	231	251	521	403	251	640	2,461
	Exclusion	66	110	74	325	150	123	401	1,249
	Cancellation	110	98	79	136	193	55	109	780
	Student count	48,894	42,276	37,801	169,888	118,688	34,286	125,895	573,923
2021	Short Suspension	7,268	7,837	6,187	16,323	16,532	5,468	17,985	77,600
	Long Suspension	264	358	242	532	481	274	941	3,092
	Exclusion	114	117	82	406	175	125	497	1,516
	Cancellation	150	121	79	199	155	72	111	887
	Student count	48,327	41,560	38,102	172,218	118,453	34,351	126,302	575,173
2022	Short Suspension	6,897	7,670	5,445	14,841	15,574	5,080	16,945	72,452
	Long Suspension	240	386	225	492	477	256	1,047	3,123
	Exclusion	144	137	71	425	165	113	540	1,595
	Cancellation	169	120	105	178	121	53	110	856
	Student count	47,324	40,839	38,175	172,689	116,806	33,673	125,941	571,550

Source: The data in this publication is sourced from Queensland Department of Education school disciplinary absences collections.

Notes

- School disciplinary absence (SDA) data is a total of short suspensions (1–10 days), long suspensions (11–20 days), exclusions and cancellations.
- The number of SDAs is not the number of students who received an SDA as one student may be suspended several times in a school year. Each time a student is suspended it is recorded as an additional SDA. The data do not reflect the outcomes of appeal decisions.
- The reduction in 2022 SDA counts is partially due to a reduced number of school days in Term 1, owing to the COVID-19 related delay to the start of the school year and extreme weather events during mid Term 1.
- 2020 data was impacted by the COVID-19 health emergency. There were significantly fewer SDAs during the home-based learning period (the first five weeks of Term 2) compared to previous years.
- Enrolment figures are a count of full-time students from the annual August student enrolment collection.
- The Department of Education has seven integrated service-delivery regions across Queensland.
- For more information see the department's school discipline procedure at <https://ppr.qed.qld.gov.au/pp/student-discipline-procedure>

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