

UNICEF Young Ambassador Report

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UNICEF Australia has released its first comprehensive report from the Young Ambassador Program.

The Young Ambassadors consulted directly with 1,517 children and young people in city and regional Australia. Additionally, they surveyed 1,007 people aged 14 - 17 years.



71% of young Australians have **good relationships** with family and friends.



23% feel **unsafe in public places** during the day, compared to 73% at night.



59% view **climate change** as a threat to their safety.



From mid-primary children are aware that students have **different learning styles**.

70% see effective teachers as being 'approachable' and 68% as being prepared to 'listen to students'.



From a young age, children **equate education and employment:**

- 89% are concerned about getting a job
- 73% want to learn about recruitment skills
- 69% want to learn more about practical job skills.



Children still value **traditional subjects**.
66% value maths and 62% value English.



Mental health issues are of concern for children from Year 5 onwards. One quarter of Australians aged 14 to 17 assess themselves are having bad mental health.



19% feel unsafe online.



Children consistently discuss being **bullied at school** from mid-primary onwards. 43% of young Australians have been bullied in the last two years - only 35% of these reported it to the school.



From a young age, children can see that **not everyone is treated fairly**. Almost a third of young people have been treated unfairly because of who they are.



94% of children feel **safe at home**.

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