

My Life My Lead - Opportunities for strengthening approaches to the social determinants and the cultural determinants of Indigenous health: Report on the national consultations December 2017



PRIORITY AREA 7

Health and opportunity through education



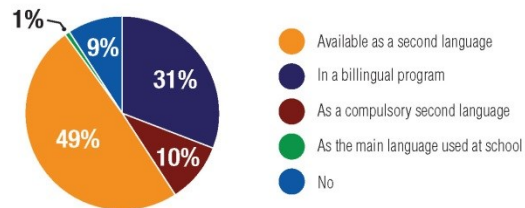
"Respecting our local culture within all classrooms across Australia would help all students with respect to personal identity and Australia-wide identity issues."

(Online submission)

There is a strong link between education and employment - **at high levels of education, there is virtually no employment gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians¹**



Parents' preference for their child to learn an Indigenous language at school²



NEXT STEPS

Education that supports good health and wellbeing as young Indigenous people transition through their school years, building aspirations and equipping them with the skills they need for meaningful careers in the 21st century:

- Enshrines respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and languages in education;
- Supports parent and family engagement in education;
- Enhances focus on the middle years; and
- Strengthens the link between education and employment.

¹ Commonwealth of Australia, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, 2017, Closing the Gap Prime Minister's Report 2017

² Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children: Parent's preferences for their child to learn and Indigenous language at school (%). Working Group analysis 2010