

# WHAT IS AN I CAN SCHOOL® IN QUEENSLAND?

Since 2014, I CAN Network has partnered with over 120 Australian primary and secondary school leadership teams to develop inclusive school cultures. I CAN School® mentoring directly empowers Autistic students with optimism, belonging, self-acceptance, pride and confidence.



## Program Details

- 5-10 x 1-hour Weekly sessions
- Run by two I CAN Mentors with at least one being Autistic.
- Program held in a school or interschool

## What is Covered?

- Teamwork
- Understanding Autistic Strengths
- Saying 'I CAN'
- Communication
- Stress Management
- Event Organisation

## What is Achieved?

- Self-confidence
- Social Connections
- Positive Autistic Identity
- Self-awareness
- Communication skills
- Teamwork

## HOW DO WE EVALUATE?



1. 'Mentees' complete two surveys: one before and one after the program.



2. We compile and analyse the evaluation responses.



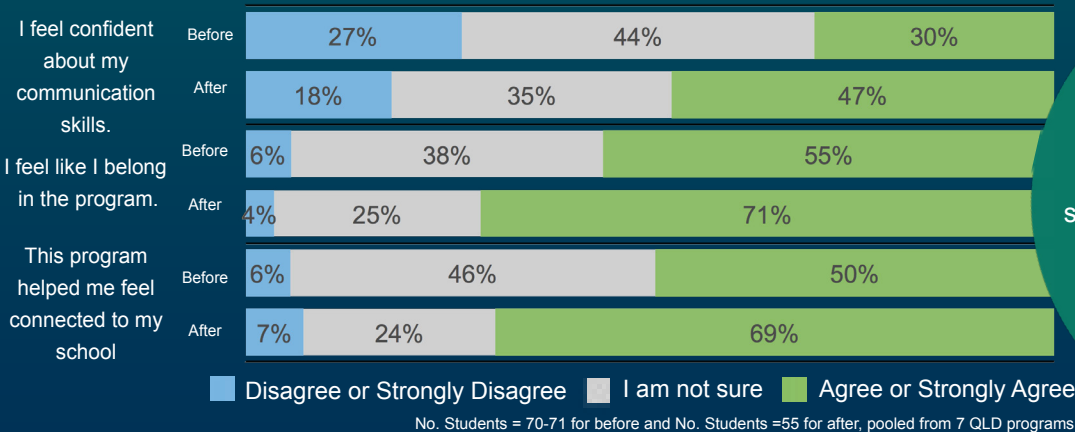
3. We write a report describing the results and outcomes of the program.

"[The program] has given them the positive mindset to continue growing and working on them saying yes and I can to anything in life... The confidence within themselves and the group is immeasurable, but the success and pride can be seen on their faces daily. This hasn't been seen before we had the program here at school."

Staff member  
Redcliffe State High School

## WHAT ARE THE RESULTS?

Changes among Stage 1 mentees pooled from 7 Queensland schools.



Mentees in an I CAN School® benefited from the program. After the program, mentees improved their communication skills and were prouder to be Autistic. Additionally, mentees also felt more confident to join in their school, enhancing their connection with school.

## JOIN US



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