



## AUSTRALIAN AWARDS FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

RECOGNISING AND REWARDING EXCELLENCE IN THE TEACHING PROFESSION



BURNSIDE STATE HIGH SCHOOL  
QUEENSLAND

HIGHLY COMMENDED  
EXCELLENCE BY A SCHOOL AND ITS COMMUNITY

### *Changing life paths for young mothers and their children*

Burnside State High School has established a highly successful alternative education program to encourage teenage mothers and pregnant students to continue their studies in a safe, supportive environment.

The school offers a flexible curriculum alongside a range of support services so that students can take alternative learning pathways and gain recognised qualifications. Students are motivated and inspired by teachers and fellow students.

The school has created partnerships with the community, where volunteers provide child care, offer valuable life skills and act as mentors. Individual support plans are devised with student mothers and the program now attracts interest from a wide geographical area.

[www.burnsideshs.eq.edu.au/](http://www.burnsideshs.eq.edu.au/)