

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT NATIONAL AWARDS FOR QUALITY SCHOOLING 2008 WINNER

Excellence in Family-School Partnerships

Best National Achievement

Kuranda District State College

Queensland

Families as first teachers

Kuranda District State College's *Families as First Teachers* program has had a profound impact on engaging Indigenous families in their children's early learning and preparation for school.

Student enrolments in preschool and primary school have increased, record literacy and numeracy results have been achieved by Year 2 students and there is greater parent participation in school activities. There are also fewer behaviour problems and better relations between the school and community. The school takes learning opportunities into the community where people feel at ease and comfortable engaging with education processes. Interactions between the school and geographically dispersed families have increased and many families have gained confidence and the skills to support their children's learning.

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