

QATA CONFERENCE 2017 - IGNITE FACILITATED CONVERSATION REGIONAL EXPERIENCE OF ART EDUCATION

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1.	Introduction:	The Queensland context
		 In Queensland there are 1239 state schools and 504 independent and catholic schools
		The geography of Queensland – size and diversity
2.	Contextual	What do we mean by regional?
	questions	What are the differences between rural, coastal, remote, provincial and metropolitan areas?
3.	Discussion	Unpacking the challenges
		 Regionalism – lack of services, become isolated, costs, impact of weather
		The regional context is so important
		What inspires art in these locations?
		- Sense of community
		- Sense of identity
		- Connectivity
		What do we contextualise as art education?
		Access is the big key
		 How does your location's environment influence your art education?
		Greatest challenges:
		- Time
		- Money
		- Cost
		- Money to transport students on a bus; when and to which exhibitions we see
		- Relationships are challenged – with school administration; important to set up strong
		relationships first
		- Physicality of infrastructure – travel
		Rely on each to support each other e.g. wearable art and photography project – bring communities
		together and schools together
		There is fantastic art in the regional communities but difficult to showcase it
		Build value for the arts by capturing and celebrating successes of your alumni
		The power of the exhibition to showcase and build opportunities – linking with others e.g.
		universities
		Career pathways seem limited— is there a choice to come back to regional areas?
		DET – to offer more regional opportunities
		Networks and advocacy bodies:
		- REACH
		- REACH Arts NQ
		- PAEA
		- PAN
		- NQ Arts Directory
		- QAAE
		- Flying Arts
		- Qld Chamber of Arts and Culture