

# The Centre Education Programme

## History and Philosophy

The Centre Education Programme (CEP) has been operating in the Logan community for the past 30 years. Initially it was a programme supporting Woodridge State High School offering maths, English, self-esteem and craft programs to a number of their truanting Year 8 and 9 students before it became a stand-alone program in 1987 for young people who were missing from schools and who were starting to get into trouble with the law. In 1990 CEP was established as a non-government registered school with an enrolment of 34 young people. Today, the school caters for a diverse range of young people in difficult circumstances with complex issues affecting their lives; they are aged between 12 and 20. While the enrolment budget for the school is 120 students, in 2016 CEP enrolled and worked with 200 young people. This growing number of young people who The Centre works with is a reflection of the instability in the local community due to increasing ice use and chomping, disintegration of the family unit, regular incarceration and the devaluing of education as a vehicle to change one's life. In 2006 CEP identified the growing need for flexible learning arrangements to service the communities of Ipswich (now an established Flexible Learning Centre), Jimboomba/Beaudesert and Crestmead/Marsden. These groups were established to engage students with significant histories of non-school attendance through the development of trusting relationships and opportunities to experience success both educationally and socially.

