

897+
voices captured

644 survey respondents

52% Female **39%** Male

3% Non-binary **2%** Identified as other

2%
Chose not to answer

8.4%
speak languages other than English at home

21.9%
identified as LGBTQIA+

5.6%
identified as a person with a disability

1.6%
identified as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person

How we engaged

Social media
 Posters
 Postcards
 Vox pops
 Council website and Participate Nillumbik
 School workshops
 Surveys

How you participated

Total of **644** surveys were completed
15 interviews captured on camera
8 pop ups throughout the Shire.
 school workshops and presentations

Top 3 things most valued about living in Nillumbik

1 Friends
2 Environment
3 Sport

Top 3 facilities young people use

1 Shops
2 Walking paths
3 Parks

Top priorities

Across the **897+ voices** that were captured during the engagement period, we identified **5 key themes** that encompass the priority issues for young people in Nillumbik Shire.

Mental health and wellbeing **1**

Climate change and the environment **2**

Education and employment **3**

Discrimination and inclusion **4**

Crime and safety **5**

What we heard

Top 3 most important issues

76% Mental health
27% Climate change
22% Discrimination

BIGGEST CHALLENGES faced by young people in Nillumbik

38% Body image / eating disorder / disordered eating
59% Anxiety
86% School stress

Interesting stats

Mental health

- **28%** identified as having a mental illness
- **51%** anxiety
- **17%** depression
- **8%** eating disorders

Sexual health

- **57%** don't know where they can go for information on birth control, pregnancy & STIs
- **22%** are dissatisfied with sexual health education in school

Alcohol & drugs

- **43%** never consume alcohol
- **13%** have taken recreational drugs

Safety

- **45%** said they feel unsafe when walking alone (**64% female; 13% male**)
- **38%** unsatisfied with hours they work each week

Jobs

- **44%** unemployed

Priority areas young people would like Council support on

Mental health
Coping with stress
General health and wellbeing