



Literacy and Numeracy Training in Queensland Correctional Centres

Literacy and Numeracy Training Prior to 1995

- Local arrangements between centres and providers
- Teachers/tutors employed by centres
- Accredited Training

National Literacy Survey in 1996

- Queensland Corrective Services Commission (QCSC) and Australian Bureau of Statistics
- Sample of 1000 prisoners
- Literacy levels of prisoners

Outcome of Survey

- Department of Employment and Training (DET) and QCS – partnership
- DETA – key stakeholder
- MOU between DETA and QCS
- Outcome of MOU

Course Structure

- Literacy courses delivered in all centres
- Prisoners transferring to other centres
- Importance of Literacy and Numeracy in VET and programs addressing offending behaviour
- Contextualised course

Education Procedure - QCS

- Literacy and numeracy screening
- Literacy assessments
- Remand prisoners

Prisoner Outcomes

- Increased self confidence
- Improved self esteem
- Improvement in the functional literacy
- Improvement in their financial literacy
- Enrolment in further studies – junior/TPP
- Prisoner outcomes at Lotus Glen Farm

Statistical outcomes in literacy and numeracy

Participation in literacy programs

Prisoner Enrolments

2003-2004	5,365
2004-2005	6,576
2005-2006	5,795
2006-2007	10,480
2007-2008	10,118

