

Darlingia Annual Report 2025

(Based on 2024 data)

Contextual Information¹

Until the end of June 2024, Darlingia was an independent primary school in Innisfail, Tropical North Queensland, founded by a small group of local residents in 2021, providing families an alternative option to mainstream state/religious schooling. We followed an eclectic mix of alternative philosophies including Democratic Education, Forest Learning, and Place-Based Education. Unfortunately, despite the wishes of all stakeholders, Darlingia's accreditation was cancelled mid year and the school was forced to close.

School Sector

Independent

Co-educational or Single Sex

Co-educational

Characteristics of the Student Body

6 male and 10 female. No students identified as Indigenous.

Total Enrolments

16 students

Workforce Information

Staff Composition, Including Indigenous Staff²

Four part-time teachers (including teaching principal) were employed as 2FTE classroom teachers with two part-time school support workers. No staff identified as Indigenous.

Qualifications of all Teachers³

Qualification	Detail the number and/or the percentage of classroom teachers and school leaders at the school who hold this qualification
Doctorate or higher	0%
Masters	0%
Bachelor	100%
Diploma	0%
Certificate	0%

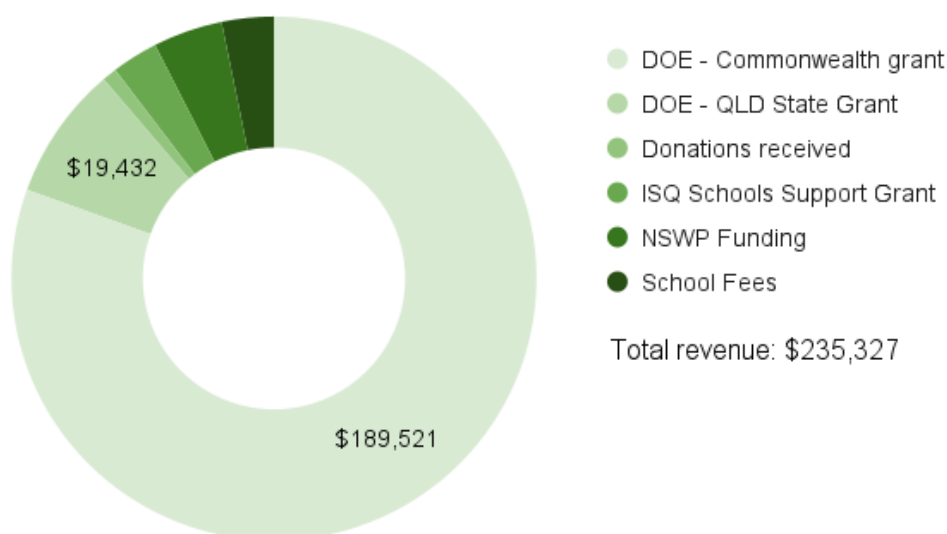
¹ Australian Education Regulation 2013 s60 (1)(a)

² Australian Education Regulation 2013 s60 (1)(c)

³ Australian Education Regulation 2013 s60 (1)(b)

Funding Information

School Income Broken Down by Funding Source ⁴



Social Climate

Parent, Teacher and Student Satisfaction with the School ⁵

Teaching staff were retained and enrolments increased by 60% from 10 students in 2023 to 16 students in 2024. While we did not have an official school survey in 2024, as we were forced to close mid-year in the middle of the winter holidays, stakeholders' satisfaction with Darlingia was made abundantly clear in the many letters written and sent to the education minister at the time, Dianne Farmer, in support of our school.

Average student attendance rate (%) for the whole school ⁶

The average student attendance rate for the whole school in Semester 1, 2024 was **76.98%**

Average student attendance rate for each year level ⁷

Due to the size of our student cohort and the need to protect student privacy, we are unable to provide this information.

A description of how non-attendance is managed by the school ⁸

Parents notify the school either by text, phone or email, if their child is unable to attend school. The reason is noted in the school management system when marking daily attendance. If a child is not at school by 9:30am and the school has not been notified, the school texts or calls the family to check on the situation.

NAPLAN results in 2024 ⁹

No results are available as the student population is below the reporting threshold.

⁴ Australian Education Regulation 2013 s60 (1)(g)

⁵ Australian Education Regulation 2013 s60 (1)(f)

⁶ Australian Education Regulation 2013 s60 (1)(d)(i)

⁷ Australian Education Regulation 2013 s60 (1)(d)(i)

⁸ Australian Education Regulation 2013 s60 (1)(d)(ii)

⁹ Australian Education Regulation 2013 s60 (1)(e)