

## **Project Safeguard's nomination**

Project Safeguard is a collaboration of government and non-government agencies (Det of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs; Qld Police Service, Dept of Education, Anglicare, Churches of Christ in Qld & EVOLVE) working together to improve outcomes for young people living in residential care in the South East Region. Since its commencement 20 months ago, the project has seen outstanding results, including an 88% reduction in Missing Persons reports for children in residential care, 50% reduction in Police callouts, greater engagement rates for young people in meaningful education programs and a greater voice for young people in what their home environment should look and feel like. Some examples of success: R had 30% school attendance last year, with regular stakeholder meetings, intense support and a change in school it is now almost 100% and she is focused on a career in nursing; and in the words of K, "I just wanted to say thank you Lisa and the project for coming out every fortnight like you do and listening to us. You never judge us and always take what we have to say as important and we can slowly see the difference you're making." The Project Safeguard collective epitomises the true meaning of partnerships and grows each month from strength to strength. Project Safeguard is SIC!