







**Police** 

If you don't go to the conference or reach/ finish the agreement the police will be told.

The police will decide what actions to take next. They might:



**Police** 

send you to court

- give you another chance to attend a conference/finish the agreement
- · give you a caution
- take no action

A restorative justice conference can make a difference to you and your family by talking about what happened.





**Understand** the impact of your actions



Start to try to repair the harm

You can help by trying to repair the harm to the victim, your family, and the community.

For more information on restorative justice and other Youth Justice programs, please visit us online at www.gld.gov.au/YouthJusticeServices.

#### Youth Justice Service Centres

**Brisbane South** 306 Ipswich Road, Buranda, 4102

**Brisbane North** 41 Murray Street, Bowen Hills, 4006

Bundaberg 6 Heidke Street, Bundaberg, 4670

Caboolture 10-20 Walkers Road, Morayfield, 4506

Cairns 120 Spence Street, Cairns, 4870

Cairns Remote Level 10, Cairns Corporate Tower, 15 Lake Street, Cairns, 4870

Charleville State Government Offices, Hood Street, Charleville, 4470

Cherbourg/Murgon Level 1, Murgon Courthouse, Stephens Street, Murgon, 4605

Central West 50 Borilla Street, Emerald, 4720

Gladstone Govt. Building, Cnr Oaka Lane & Roseberry Street, Gladstone, 4680

**Gold Coast** Shop 13 Pacific Square, 2540 Gold Coast Hwy, Mermaid Beach, 4218

Hervey Bay 3/101 Beach Road. Pialba, 4655

**Ipswich** 24-26 South Street, Ipswich, 4305

Logan 18 Blackwood Road. Woodridge, 4114

Mackay 41 Gordon Street, Mackay, 4740

Moreton 63-65 High Street, Kippa Ring, 4021

Mt Isa Level 1, Mt Isa House, Townsville South 119 Camooweal Street, Mt Isa, 4825 Redlands

39 Old Cleveland Road, Capalaba, 4157

Rockhampton 155 Alma Street, Rockhampton, 4700

Roma 62 Arthur Street. Roma 4455

Sunshine Coast/ North Coast 21 Brisbane Road, Mooloolaba, 4557

Tablelands and **Cassowary Coast** - Atherton 81 Main Street, Atherton, 4883

Tablelands and Cassowary Coast Innisfail 31 Glady Street, Innisfail, 4860

Toowoomba 49 Neil Street, Toowoomba, 4350

Townsville North 109 Bamford Lane, Kirwan, 4817

Level 1, 187 Stanley Street, Townsville, 4810

Western Districts Shop L, 255 Forest Lake Boulevard, Forest Lake, 4078

## **Youth Detention Centres**

Brisbane Corner Aveyron and Wolston Park Roads, Wacol, 4076

Cleveland Old Common Road. Belgian Gardens, 4810







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# Court referral to a police diversion referral

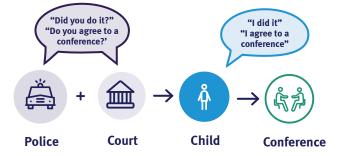
Information for children who have been referred by a court to a restorative justice conference



What is a court referral to a police diversion referral?

You have been to court and admitted to committing an offence. The court has decided that the police could have referred vou to a restorative justice conference.

You have agreed to this referral. This will give you a chance to make things right.



What is the purpose of a conference?

For the people most affected by your offence to work out an agreement about what you can do to try to repair the harm.

### What happens now?

#### Pre Conference Interview

A convenor is a person who is approved to run a conference. A convenor will contact all participants and arrange a time to meet before the conference.



In Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, members of the local community justice group, Elders and/or extended family members may also be invited to participate.

The convenor will:



say who else will be present at thé conference

- explain what will happen at the conference
- help you get ready for it
- listen and answer your questions
- talk about your right to legal advice and confidentiality.

What happens at a restorative justice conference?

You will meet in a safe place so that everyone can talk about what happened. Everyone will work out what needs to be done to start trying to repair the harm.



What happens at the end of a conference?

#### The agreement



The agreement

Signed by you, victim and convenor (& police if they attend)



At the end of the conference everyone in the room will work out the agreement.



The agreement lists what you must do to start to make things right for the victim. Any agreement is enforceable under the law.



You, the victim and other people in the room agree to a time frame for you to finish everything on the agreement.



The agreement includes who will support you to finish the agreement and how that will happen.

What happens when you finish the agreement?



Conference Agreement complete











No police history

No court

All done



Finish the agreement and the police will be told. You will not need to go back to the police or court.



This offence will not be on your criminal history.