**Mount Isa Cluster: *Project 1000***

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The Project 1000 collaborative strategy in Mount Isa has an early years focus targeting teaching and learning, transitions, and instructional and distributive leadership. Starting in 2022, the project initially captured 1000 Kindergarten to Year 2 students over a 2 year period. Together Barkly Highway State School, Happy Valley State School, Healy State School, Mount Isa Central State School and Townview State School have developed strong networks between schools, families and community partners.

The establishment of the Project 1000 team has led to consistent and systematic moderation processes across the 5 schools resulting in increased teacher capability and ongoing academic improvement. Strong partnerships and transition practices within the Mount Isa community have promoted a strong sense of belonging and connection, giving children and their families the best possible start to their schooling. Ongoing opportunities for teachers to collaborate across the 5 schools has strengthened curriculum knowledge and pedagogical practices to ensure consistent ways of working which enhance the learning experience for students that at times may need to transition between schools and also supports parents if changing schools is required.

Through intentional collaboration, effective practices and partnerships across the early years, Project 1000 is committed to meeting the needs of every child, family and teacher within the Mount Isa community.