

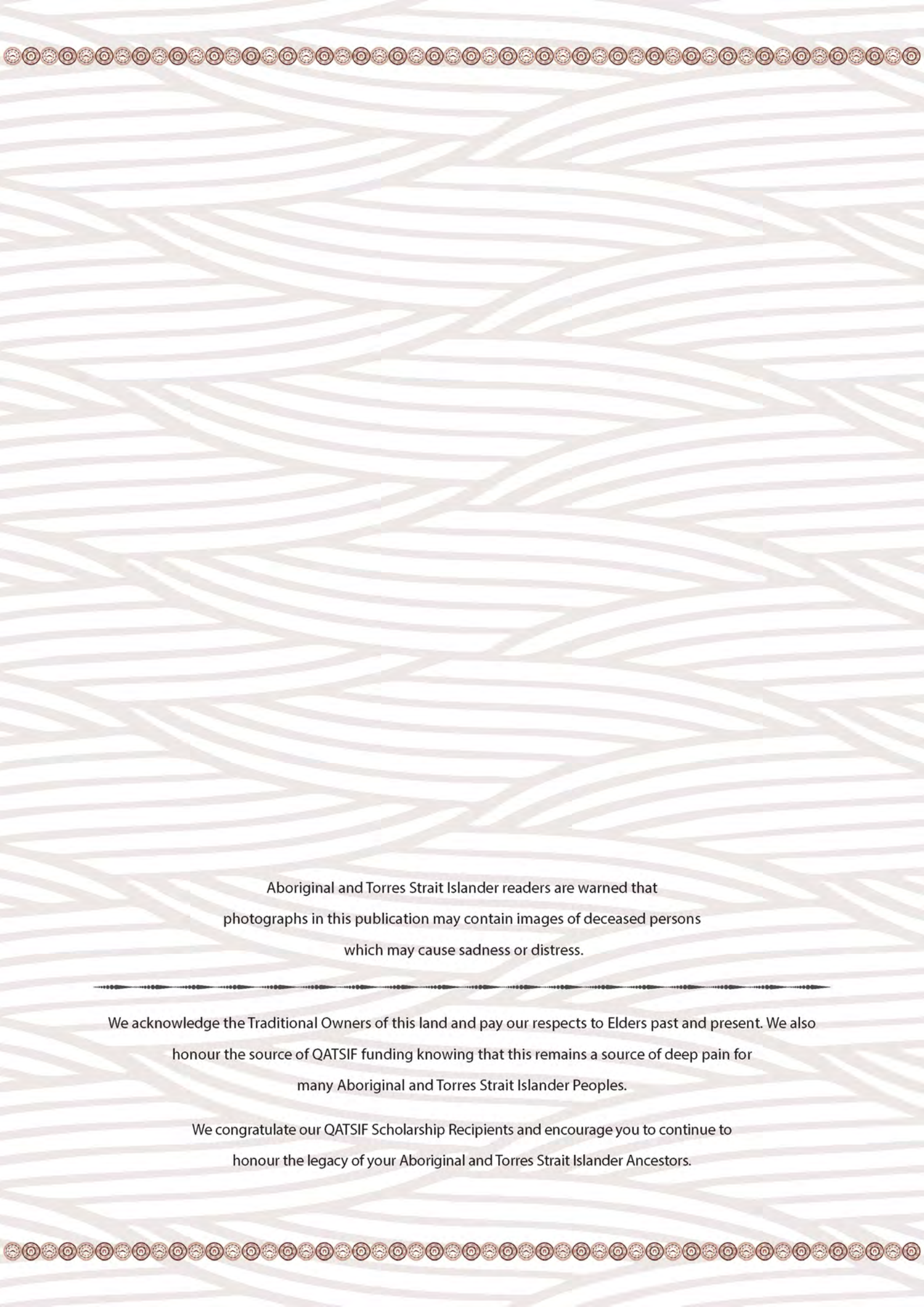



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Building tomorrow's leaders

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ANNUAL REPORT



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander readers are warned that
photographs in this publication may contain images of deceased persons
which may cause sadness or distress.

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of this land and pay our respects to Elders past and present. We also
honour the source of QATSIF funding knowing that this remains a source of deep pain for
many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

We congratulate our QATSIF Scholarship Recipients and encourage you to continue to
honour the legacy of your Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ancestors.





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2 | A Note from Our Patron



It was back in 2008 when the challenge to 'Dream Big' began.

It began as a challenge and as each year passes, you the students will discover that to reach your potential it will mean hard work. You have chosen the path you want to take. Helen Steiner Rice says in one of her poems...

"Each day will become a stepping stone, almost into the unknown. But the

joy's all there, you must wait for it. The unknown is not without its burdens, but as you struggle through, each day you will discover those stepping stones will be the endless joys that are yet unknown.

I am proud to be your Patron and the joy it brings me to continue to persuade and assure you that the path you're on is the right one. You have entered into a world denied your Elders, the world of that great field of Education. QATSIF has been your encouragement. On behalf of all who are our Elders, whose existence was worth zero, you have benefitted from a gift that contributed to your future. Its only been 13 years but there is more to come.

Thank you to the Board the staff and all who are involved in continuing the work of QATSIF. Cindy Shannon our Chair, Michael as he conducts the team in the preparation work. The schools that are very involved and the Culture that has become a wonderful part of every presentation.

Noowalla Nugarra

Aunty Ruth Hegarty

From Yubana
Aunty Ruth

*"Each day is a stepping stone,
to endless joys of yet unknown."*

—Helen Steiner Rice





4 | Chairperson's Report



I wish to begin my 2020 report by thanking the members of our QATSIF Board of Advice, our Patron Aunty Ruth Hegarty, The Public Trustee of Queensland and the QATSIF Secretariat for their tireless work supporting our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people.

It has been my privilege to lead QATSIF as the Chair of the Board of Advice since its establishment on November 25, 2008. Across our first 12 years, QATSIF is proud to have supported more than 10,400 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to complete their Queensland Certificates of Education and aim for a brighter future.

Each year, we hear from our young people, their families and schools what a tremendous difference a QATSIF Scholarship has made to their lives. We are extremely grateful to our Elders and Ancestors whose sacrifices and once unrecognised and underpaid work, is now inspiring and supporting a whole new generation of young leaders to achieve.

Sadly, with the COVID-19 pandemic, 2020 was a challenging year for us all. I especially recognise the Year 12 students and school staff who have had to very quickly adapt to a new online learning environment in the midst of a year when there already were both brand new assessment and tertiary entrance systems.

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 restrictions also meant that our state-wide QATSIF graduations were cancelled. However, I was pleased to still be able to record a special message to our graduates for their own school-based graduations. I hope that the resilience, adaptability and online learning skills you have developed through this challenging year have set you on a pathway to even greater success.

The results for our most recent QATSIF graduates is very impressive. Our Round 10 QATSIF graduates have again had a higher rate of Year 12 completion and QCE attainment and a lower rate of unemployment than their fellow Queensland students. Over 86.7% of our Round 10 graduates have moved directly into employment, tertiary education, apprenticeships, traineeships and other careers following school compared with a state average for all Queensland students of 80.5%

Our 12th Round of QATSIF QCE Scholarships beginning in 2021 will be our largest yet, with over 2030 new Year 11 and 12 students accepting the challenge to take up a QATSIF QCE Scholarship. In this new round, we will also be supporting students with additional needs who are studying toward their QCIA (Queensland Certificate of Individual Attainment). Our Board believes that all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who are working to the best of their abilities deserve to be supported in their senior studies.



In 2020, QATSIF has partnered with a few new organisations to create additional opportunities for our young people. The Queensland Ambulance Service and Transurban are working with our students to provide additional opportunities. Griffith University is now sponsoring our Creative Arts Competition after discussions with QATSIF over the past couple of years. QATSIF looks forward to a strong positive relationship with these and all of our partner organisations.

QATSIF thanks the Queensland Government for its ongoing support for QATSIF and The Public Trustee of Queensland team for their behind the scenes support and work.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the role of Elders past and present in relation to the Stolen Wages which remains uppermost in our minds, as it was your legacy that inspired the establishing of QATSIF. At each QATSIF Board Meeting we will continue to honour you:

"We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land in Queensland and pay respect to Elders, past present and in the future.

We acknowledge the source of QATSIF funds and pay respect to Elders and all those painfully affected by past policies. We reflect on the endurance that has brought us this far."

C. Shannon

Professor Cindy Shannon AM
QATSIF Chair
Board of Advice



6 | Our Governance

The Public Trustee of Queensland is the Trustee of our Foundation. As an independent Trustee, they are responsible for ensuring the administration of the Foundation in accordance with the terms of the Trust Deed.



7 | From the Trustee



It is an honour to acknowledge another successful year for the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation (QATSIF). This report marks 12 years since QATSIF was established to help Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students complete their senior studies and gain a brighter future.

Through careful management and investment, the QATSIF Trust Fund has grown from around \$26 million in 2008 to more than \$42 million today.

This sizeable growth has enabled QATSIF to approve 12,454 scholarships, worth more than \$25.7 million for Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students since its inception.

In 2020, QATSIF provided more than \$3 million in scholarships, allowing 1,657 students to complete their senior studies and increase their career opportunities.

For 2021, QATSIF has proudly announced the approval of 2,030 scholarships, including 45 Special Consideration applications from Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievements (QCIA) students with a disability. This is the largest number of scholarships ever funded by QATSIF, worth more than \$3.66 million.

These results can only be achieved with the outstanding dedication and commitment of the QATSIF Board members and the Secretariat team, as they support these inspirational young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and provide them with positive outcomes and opportunities for their future.

I would also like to thank Professor Cindy Shannon AM, the Chair of QATSIF whose extensive contribution to Indigenous health and education has helped make the Foundation what it is today. Professor Shannon's commitment and leadership has proven to be invaluable and is truly appreciated.

Thank you to all those who have supported QATSIF this year. We are enormously proud to be the Trustee of this remarkable foundation, and to be a part of its outstanding and far reaching success.

Regards,
Samay Zhouand
Acting Public Trustee of Queensland and CEO



8 | Our Board of Advice

The Trustee is assisted by a Board of Advice, providing strategic direction for the Foundation, and advising the Trustee on the application of scholarship funds.



PROFESSOR CINDY SHANNON AM (CHAIR)

Professor Shannon is a proud *Ngugi* woman and a descendant of the *Quandamooka* people. She has made a significant and extensive contributions to health policy including working on maternal, foetal and infant health in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities including dealing with difficult issues such as drug and alcohol abuse and homelessness.

Professor Shannon brings to the Board her experience in the community as an educator, her extensive network within the sector, and views of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People in rural, remote and urban settings.



MRS JANE CEOLIN (DEPUTY CHAIR)

Jane is an Aboriginal woman with cultural and traditional connections to Far North Queensland. Through her mother's and father's connections, Jane is of the *Wulgurukaba* and *Yirrganydji* peoples. Jane has worked with a diverse range of teams across key stakeholder groups including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members to build and sustain effective partnerships and networks. She was appointed to a leadership role at Australian Catholic University in August 2012 and from December 2012 became the Acting Director of the Centre for Indigenous Education and Research. She was appointed as Director, First Peoples and Equity Pathways Directorate, ACU in December 2014.



MR MARK BRAND

Mark has worked with privately owned and publicly listed companies in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria, as well as closely with Government for more than 20 years. He is a broadly experienced manager with strategic and operational experience in technical, consulting, human resources and not-for-profit sectors.

He has visited and engaged with a number of Aboriginal communities, particularly on Cape York since 2004 and seeks to contribute towards improved educational outcomes and the growth of the Foundation.



MS KELLIE MCDONALD

Kellie McDonald is a young Aboriginal woman whose Mob is *Mandandanji* from Roma. She was a QATSIF Scholarship Recipient in Round 2. After graduating from Alexandra Hills State High School, Kellie completed a Bachelor of Health, Sport and Physical Education degree at the University of Queensland. She is now a teacher at the West Moreton Education and Training Centre. Through her commitment to education, Kellie continues to motivate, educate and inspire Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander students to improve their academic results, cultural knowledge and overall physical and mental wellbeing. Kellie is the first former QATSIF Scholarship Recipient to be appointed to the QATSIF Board of Advice.



MR KENNETH JAMES (JIM) WALKER

Jim Walker was born in Rockhampton and is a descendant of the *Iman* and *Goreng Goreng* peoples of Central Queensland.

He has extensive experience in working for both Queensland and Australian government departments and agencies. His work has included policy and program formulation, analysis and evaluation. Up until January 2015, Jim had worked for more than 7 years in the Office of Indigenous Engagement within CSIRO and in this position his responsibilities included increasing the engagement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander trainees, cadetships and internships in science. Part of these responsibilities also included encouraging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to take up studies in Science and Mathematics with the aim of increasing participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in science careers.

As part of his career, Jim has also been engaged as a lecturer at the University of Queensland, the Australia Catholic University and the University of Canberra in Indigenous Studies.



MR BRENTON BOWEN

Brenton Bowen who was born in Cairns and raised in Hopevale, is a proud Guugu Yimithirr man. He still has strong ties to his community and regularly visits his family who still live there.

Brenton excelled in both sports and his studies as a boarder at St. Teresa's College, Abergowrie. At the age of 17, he signed his first contract with the North Queensland Cowboys and made his NRL First grade debut at the age of 19. His career in the NRL spanned 8 years and saw him play for North Queensland Cowboys and the Gold Coast Titans.

After retirement from football, Brenton worked for 10 years in the Department of Human Services. He is currently working for IUIH as a Deadly Choices Ambassador. Brenton is passionate about Indigenous Health and empowering students and community to make a Deadly Choice through healthy eating, being physically active and being mentally strong.

Brenton also encourages students who have aspirations of becoming professional athletes to gain a tertiary education or trade, as professional sport does not last for ever. He strongly believes that having tertiary qualifications or a trade is very important to set you up for life after professional sport.



MRS GEORGINA KADEL

Mrs Georgina Kadel is a proud Torres Strait Islander woman who has devoted her life to educating young people.

Georgina brings almost 30 years of experience in education to her role on our QATSIF Board. She has been a teacher, Director and acting Principal across state and Catholic education systems in Queensland and the Northern Territory.

In her current role as Education Officer – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education, Georgina works closely with students, families, teachers and administrators to improve the learning pathways for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

10 | Sorry Business



Farewell Uncle Darby McCarthy OAM

QATSIF would like to express our deep condolences to Uncle Darby's family and community.

Uncle Darby was an incredible supporter of our young people, schools, USQ and QATSIF. He lit our QATSIF Elders' candle to help begin our 2018 USQ Toowoomba Sorry Day ceremony.

As well as being a gentle, caring presence and a highly respected Elder, Uncle Darby was also recognised as one of Australia's greatest ever jockeys having won Group 1 races like the AJC Derby, Epsom and Stradbroke Handicaps.

Uncle Darby's legendary racing career included over 1000 wins. A saddle he used, as well as a gold-plated whip presented to Uncle Darby after he won the AJC Derby and Epsom Handicap on the same day in 1969, now have pride of place in a display at the National Sports Museum in the MCG.

Thoroughbred News reported that Uncle Darby was honoured to be recognised alongside the best athletes in Australian history.

"It makes a lot of difference and my heart is very proud and I stand 10 foot tall," McCarthy said. "Seeing the other sports people here throughout this museum is humungous."

"You get to 71 years of age and you're getting ready to go to Dreamtime and something like this happens to you or anything, it makes your heart go thump, thump, thump. I don't think it gets any better than this."

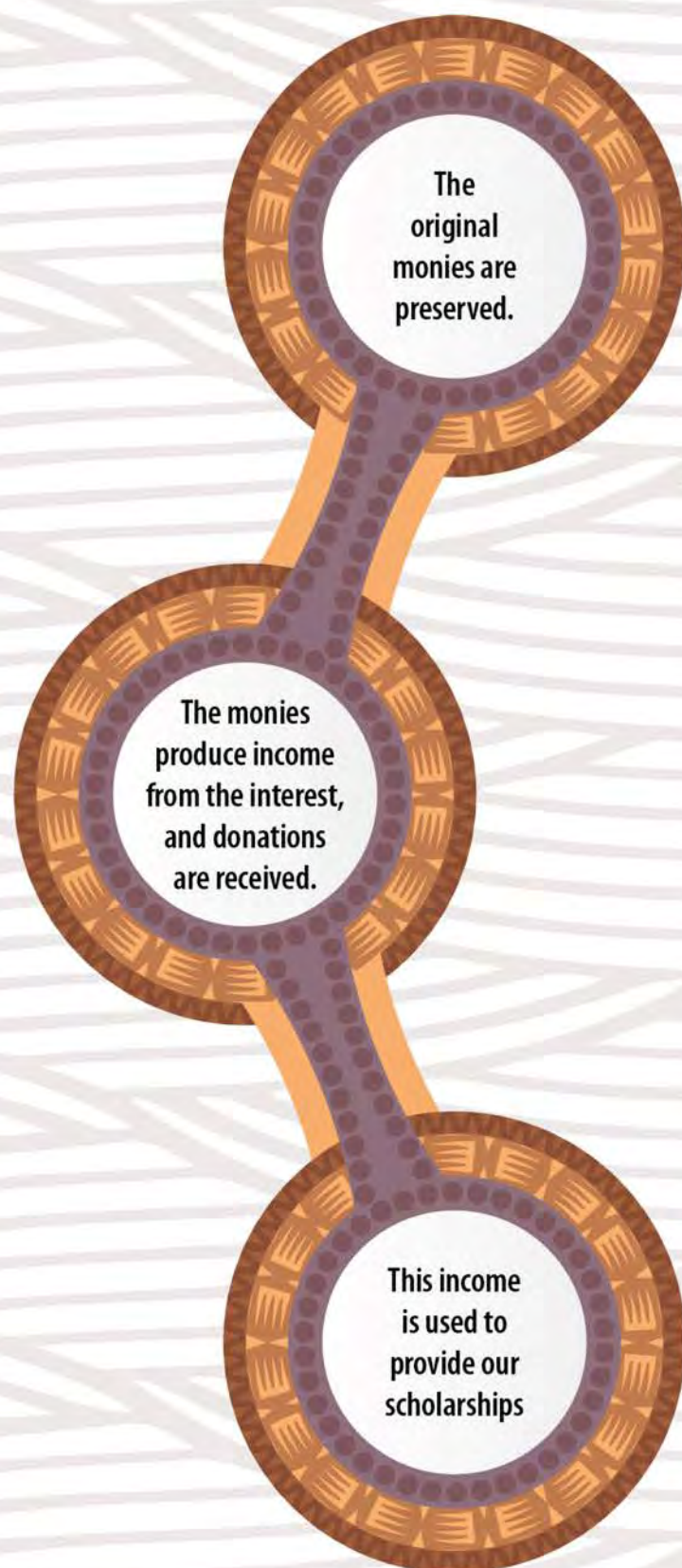
Uncle Darby battled for Indigenous opportunity and recognition within the racing industry and fought against racism.

QATSIF would like to recognise Uncle Darby's many achievements and thank him for being such an outstanding trailblazer, role model and advocate.





12 | About our Foundation



MISSION

QATSIF has been established to support the education of Indigenous young people in Queensland.

HISTORY

QATSIF was formally launched on the 25th of November 2008 with a deed signing ceremony and announcement of the Board of Advice Members at Queensland Parliament House.

QATSIF was established with principal funding of \$25.8 million from the former Aborigines Welfare Fund and unspent monies from the Indigenous Wages and Savings Reparations Scheme.

Donations and interest earned on the capital funding are used to provide scholarships for Years 11 and 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people in Queensland.

13 | Our Students

QATSIF works with Queensland Secondary Schools from across State, Catholic and Independent sectors, who then liaise with students, their families and the wider community to provide QATSIF QCE Scholarships to eligible Year 11 and 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders.

Engaging families is fundamental to the success of our program, and ensures that each student understands the source of their scholarship, is committed to making the most of the scholarship opportunity, and has the support from family and community members to help them achieve their Queensland Certificate of Education.

In order to be awarded a scholarship, students must demonstrate consistently high school attendance, diligence in achieving positive academic outcomes, cultural pride, school participation and the prospect of achieving a Queensland Certificate of Education by the end of Year 12.

Enhancing cultural pride and commitment is one of the aims of QATSIF Scholarships. QATSIF uses every opportunity possible to remind QATSIF students of the often harsh working conditions of their Ancestors who have made today's QATSIF scholarships possible. Students are reminded that past injustices continue to cause pain and that today's Scholarship Recipients through their academic efforts and outcomes can make their families, Elders and communities proud.

QATSIF delights in our students confidently communicating the richness of their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures through the creative arts and in cultural activities including: traditional dance troupes, choirs and cultural camps and activities.

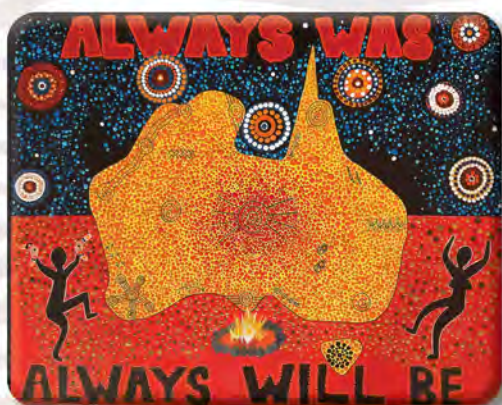
QATSIF Creative Arts Competition

In 2020, QATSIF held our 3rd annual QATSIF Creative Arts Competition for Year 7 – 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from across all Queensland schools. QATSIF is proud to celebrate students' achievements across all endeavours including the Creative Arts.

Aunty Ruth calls on all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to "Dream Big" and our 2020 creative artists have certainly done that.

We were very impressed with the high standard of entries from our 53 deadly young artists. As well as lots of visual arts entries, it was deadly to see three poems and two music and dance performances. We also had weaving and a rainforest shield design.

We thank all of our talented young artists and the amazing school Creative Arts staff who have supported and inspired them.



Igniting The Seven Sisters
Danielle Mason
Jabiru Community College



Pops Legacy
Kaiden Ratcliff
Riverside Christian College



Our Connections
Tia Bartlett
Beauresert State High School

2020 CREATIVE ARTS COMPETITION RESULTS

YEAR 7 VISUAL ART AWARDS

- 1ST PLACE:** Yileen Williams (Pine Rivers State High School)
2ND PLACE: Tanaeang Robertson (Pine Rivers State High School)
3RD PLACE: Sienna Grace Isherwood (All Hallows' School)

YEAR 8 VISUAL ART AWARDS

- 1ST PLACE:** Taryn Anno (Earnshaw State College)
2ND PLACE: Quinn Go Sam (St Mary's Catholic College)
3RD PLACE: Earnshaw State College (Telannah Morseu, Lauren Morseu, Taryn Anno & Isaiah Wenban)

HIGHLY COMMENDED:

- ★ Mikah Browning (St Michael's College)
- ★ River Nelson (Mount St Bernard College)
- ★ Zahdein Pearson-Bowie (Mount St Bernard College)
- ★ Lataia Petersen (Mount St Bernard College)
- ★ Kaiden Ratcliff (Riverside Christian College)
- ★ Justice Saylor Baira (Pine Rivers State High School)
- ★ Jack Sharkey, Mount St Bernard College

YEAR 9 VISUAL ART AWARDS

- 1ST PLACE:** Emerson Kucks (Lourdes Hill College)
2ND PLACE: Giselle Kawane (St Monica's College)
3RD PLACE: Graham Melville (Upper Coomera State College)

HIGHLY COMMENDED:

- ★ Tyra Dynevor (Lourdes Hill College)
- ★ Jacob Lasserre (St Mary's College, Toowoomba)
- ★ Elicia Melville (Upper Coomera State College)
- ★ Ebonie Thurston (Oakey State High School)

YEAR 10 VISUAL ART AWARDS

- 1ST PLACE:** Kiara Plunkett (Toowoomba Anglican School)
2ND PLACE: Storm Crossland (All Souls St Gabriels School)

YEAR 11 VISUAL ART AWARDS

- 1ST PLACE:** Alice Morton (Ferny Grove State High School)
2ND PLACE: Danielle Mason (Jabiru Community College)
3RD PLACE: Tully Button (St Peters Lutheran College)

HIGHLY COMMENDED:

- ★ Cassandra Beckett-Geebung (Pine Rivers State High School)
- ★ Summer Britcher (Mt Maria College Petrie)
- ★ Zoe David-Sabatino (Mount St Bernard College)
- ★ Stacey Edwards (Mount St Bernard College)
- ★ Annatania Escott (Mount St Bernard College)
- ★ Jaeve Proberts (Genesis Christian College)
- ★ Anita Richardson (Mount St Bernard College)
- ★ Sheniele Roughsey (Mount St Bernard College)
- ★ Tahnee Stewart (Mount St Bernard College)

YEAR 12 VISUAL ART AWARDS

- 1ST PLACE:** Tia Bartlett (Beaudesert State High School)
2ND PLACE (JOINT WINNERS):
★ Euan Kennedy (Earnshaw State College)
★ Sarah Higgins (Kilcoy State High School)

3RD PLACE: Rachel Hill (Jabiru Community College)

HIGHLY COMMENDED:

- ★ Cherylynn Robertson (Pine Rivers State High School)
- ★ Izarn Summers and Shannon Brown-Knowles (Bundaberg State High School)
- ★ Tanisha Vincent (Mount St Bernard College)

DANCE AWARDS

- 1ST PLACE:** Myrisha Bartman (Palm Beach Currumbin State High School)
2ND PLACE: Taleesha Kelly (Ormeau Woods State High School)

MUSIC PERFORMANCE AWARDS

- 1ST PLACE:** Georgiana Thomas-Peddell (St Mary's Catholic College)
2ND PLACE: Angus Loft (Runcorn State High School)

WEARABLE ART AWARDS

JUNIOR

- 1ST PLACE:** Giselle Kawane (St Monica's College)

SENIOR

- 1ST PLACE:** Tahnee Stewart (Mount St Bernard College)

POETRY AWARDS

JUNIOR

- 1ST PLACE:** Mischa Ford (Marymount College)

- 2ND PLACE:** Telannah Morseu (Earnshaw State College)

SENIOR

- 1ST PLACE:** Madison Corino (Rockhampton State High School)

PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD

- 1ST PLACE:** Storm Crossland (All Souls St Gabriels School)

WEAVING AWARD

- 1ST PLACE:** Charlotte Ellis (St Columban's College)

POTTERY AND CERAMICS

- 1ST PLACE:** Euan Kennedy (Earnshaw State College)



Jacob Lasserre
St Mary's College, Toowoomba



Kaiden Ratcliff
Riverside Christian College



Kiara Plunkett
Toowoomba Anglican School



Danielle Mason
Jabiru Community College



Zoe David-Sabatino
Mount St Bernard College



Mischa Ford
Marymount College



Tully Button
St Peters Lutheran College



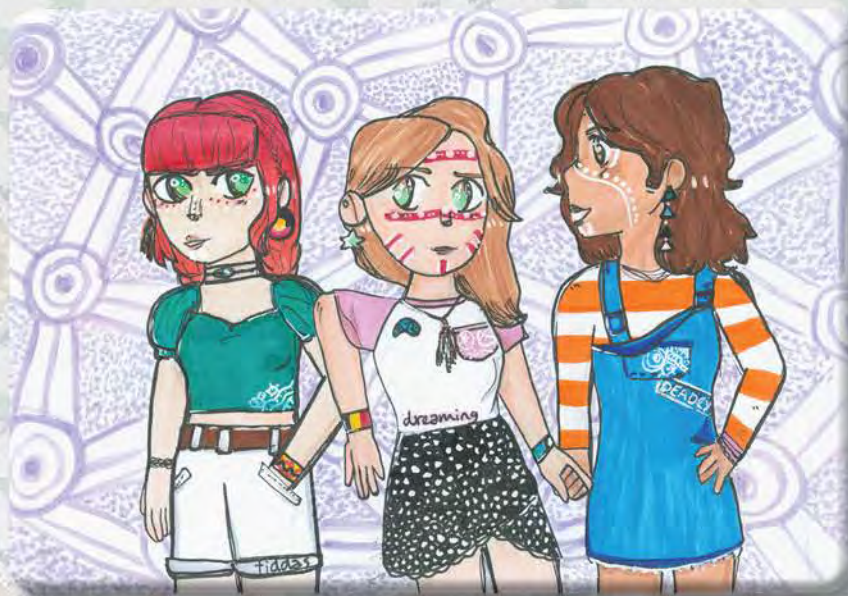
Emerson Kucks & Tyra Dynevor
Lourdes Hill College

Mount St Bernard students





1ST PLACE YEAR 9 VISUAL ART AWARD: Emerson Kucks



1ST PLACE YEAR 10 VISUAL ART AWARD:
Kiara Plunket



1ST PLACE YEAR 11 VISUAL ART AWARD: Alice Morton



1ST PLACE YEAR 12 VISUAL ART AWARD: Tia Bartlett



**JUNIOR 1ST PLACE
WEARABLE ART AWARD:** Giselle Kawane



**SENIOR 1ST PLACE
WEARABLE ART AWARD:** Tahnee Stewart



1ST PLACE DANCE AWARD: Myrisha Bartman



JUNIOR 1ST PLACE POETRY AWARD: Mischa Ford

Australia's Dream, My Dream

Australia can be an immature face
Of ruthless words and judging race
But we all know that's not right
And yet we don't stand up to the fight
People try and they get hurt
Of personal comments and racial words
And yet we've grown into a better place
Racism still mocks us in our face
My dream is to battle against the wrong
My dream is to stay proud and strong

All the legends who kept steady
Were known as truly pure and deadly
They struggled through thick and thin
And I am standing to honour them
For they stood up and said that's not okay
And they got pushed down and went away
To a better place where culture thrives
On the soil of Country where they survived
My dream is to battle against the wrong
My dream is to stay proud and strong

I am a young girl who lives young and free
But that never happened with the Aborigines
They were whipped and enslaved and
murdered at the least

But we still sing this song like a declaration of peace
Nearly every family was torn apart
Children taken and mothers' broken hearts
Aboriginals died young and were not free
Because they were only considered as slavery
My dream is to battle against the wrong
My dream is to stay proud and strong

You thought my culture would soon have perished
You continued to damage others and
make the world nightmarish
You thought that we would just die out
But through the worst times we never had doubt
You called people such hurtful names
Look at the segregated country we became
We have a national anthem that is a mountain of lies
Piling up to hide the Indigenous Culture worldwide
My dream is to battle against the wrong
My dream is to stay proud and strong

1ST PLACE PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD:

Storm Crossland



People celebrate one of the worst times of the year
Australia Day is what Aboriginals fear
As it is Survival Day when many were killed
But some celebrate all day long till chilled
But this is a day of mourning
A day of suffering and warning
Indigenous people don't see this as the
beginning of Australia
They see this as a brutal ending of failure
My dream is to battle against the wrong
My dream is to stay proud and strong

Adam Goodes, Nicki Winmar and
every other Aboriginal out there
Is known to be a champion, saviour and
deadly everywhere

You inspire young kids to not be
ashamed of where they come from
And to never feel powerless or in a position
where they're uncomfortable

We are appreciative of your work
While some still continue to be a jerk
We all know that this world is upside down
And that you have turned it right side around
My dream is to battle against the wrong
My dream is to stay proud and strong

And that dream won't fade away.

**SENIOR 1ST PLACE
POETRY AWARD: Madison Corino**

Always and Forever

Time continues to go on
Just like the sun continues to rise and set
We grow, we live, we see
But life isn't free
We can't stay the same
And no one is to blame
But it isn't as bad as they claim
We played the game
With our hands tied behind our back
They tried to break us but we survived
the attack

We survived, and now we begin to thrive
It's time to revive our tribes
That they sought to destroy
Because we are one and the same
Connected by blood and culture before
they even came
Keeping our story alive always and
forever

Through the songs we sing
And the old bora rings
The stories we continue to tell no matter
what life brings
Because things must always change
But our culture is here always and
forever
Remaining strong always and forever

1ST PLACE MUSIC PERFORMANCE AWARD:

Georgiana Thomas-Peddell

We celebrate through dance and song
Our ceremonies and songlines strong
Can you hear them?

Ancient footsteps of those before,
In time with each in their line

Still here, won't disappear,
We adapt and we have survived
Our cultures and sovereignty
Remain for all time...

What always, was always will be

We care for Country, our connection deep
and knowledge long
Can you see them?

Ancient ways of those before,
Echoed to preserve land sea and lore

Still here, won't disappear,
We adapt and we have survived
Our cultures and sovereignty
Remain for all time...

What always, was always will be

We, people of resilient hearts and minds,
Loud protesters grow with time.
Can you feel them?

Ancient shadows of those before,
guide us, strengthen us for so much more

Still here, won't disappear,
We adapt and we have survived
Our cultures and sovereignty
Remain for all time...

What always, was always will be

1ST PLACE WEAVING/CRAFT AWARD: Charlotte Ellis



1ST PLACE POTTERY AND CERAMICS AWARD: Euan Kennedy



 **Griffith**
UNIVERSITY

Queensland, Australia



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Help stop the spread of
COVID-19

Wash your hands
often with soap and
water for at least 20 seconds.

Wear a face mask
in public places.

Don't touch your face.

Stay home if you are sick.

Round 10 Student Acquittal Data

QATSIF is extremely proud of our deadly Round 10 Graduates and grateful to our schools for your dedication in helping these young people to achieve their dreams.

These results are even more impressive when you realise that this data was collected in just the first three months following school, when many students are still trying to sort out their futures.

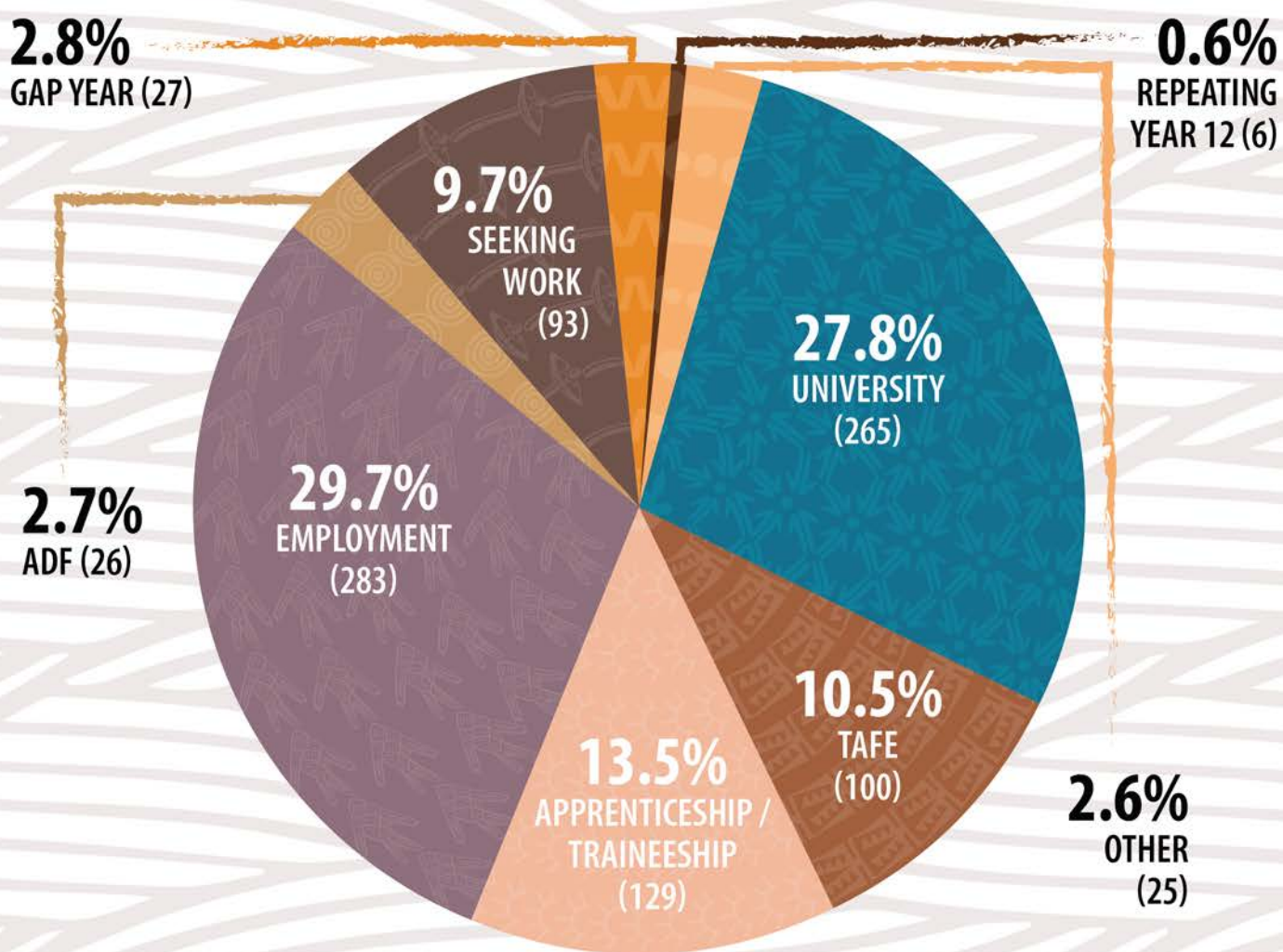
Round 10 Outcomes (as at 29-Mar-2021)

OUTCOME	ALL QUEENSLAND STUDENTS	ALL QUEENSLAND ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDENTS	ROUND 10 QATSIF STUDENTS (2020 DATA)
Completed Year 12 (Source DATSIP 2018)	91.4% (Non-Indigenous students)	65.7%	97.8% (1098 / 1123)
Gained QCE (Queensland Certificate of Education) (Source QCAA 2020)	89%	89.9% (2019 figure – 2020 likely to be lower as overall QCE achievement has dropped by 5.5% across Queensland)	96% (1054 / 1098)

Post School Destinations for our Round 10 QATSIF Students compared with 2019 *Next Steps* Data

	ALL QUEENSLAND STUDENTS (2019 DATA)	ROUND 10 QATSIF GRADUATES (2020 DATA)
Employment, Education or Training	80.5%	86.7%
Education and Training	58%	54.2%
Employment only	22.5%	32.5%
Not in Employment, Education or Training	19.5%	13.3%

QATSIF Round 10 Student Destination Data (known destinations n = 954)



Other destinations

Training Course	Caring for family	Creative / Performing Arts	Professional Sports	Indigenous Youth Mobility Pathway	Medical Issues	Cultural Business	Pre-nursing	Working for church
6	4	4	4	3	2	1	1	1

QATSIF Young Indigenous Leader Award Winners

In 2020, our schools reported that our QATSIF students had taken up the following leadership positions:

13 School Captains

10 School Vice Captains

192 School Leadership positions

QATSIF is very proud of all of our young leaders and especially our students below, who have been recognised by their schools with a 2020 QATSIF Young Indigenous Leader Award for their outstanding leadership.



Alycia Hyland
Trinity College (Beenleigh)

Amelia Hewett
Clifton State High School

Andrea Tehan
Beautesert State High School

Angus Lindsay
St Laurence's College

Angus Loft
Runcorn State High School

Attaiyah Henricks-Fleiter
Murgon State High School

Ava Sorgel
Springfield Central State High School

Blake Uhle
Brisbane Bayside State College

Brianna Olivares
Elanora State High School

Brooke Tongalea
Tully State High School

Cadance Stocks
Dysart State High School

Carly Johnson
Pimlico State High School

Carmen Brady
Toowoomba State High School

Carson Prior-Mead
Oakey State High School

Charli Muller
Blackwater State High School

Chelsea McEvoy
Mt Maria College, Mitchelton

Cheyenne Pickering
St James College

Chloe Levinge
Southport State High School
Claire Briggs
Moura State High School
Colby Coggan
Australian Trade College North Brisbane
Colin Barney
St James College

Connor Brooks
Beautesert State High School

Eden Strickland
Marist College, Emerald

Edna Wuruki
Woree State High School

Elisabeth Matters
St Margaret Mary's College

Ella Fox
Groves Christian College

Ella Udowika
Carmel College

Ellah-Louisa Cassady
Brigidine College

Ella-Rae McCann
Pacific Pines High School

Emerson Locke
St Joseph's College Gregory Terrace

Emilie Bevan
Beenleigh State High School

Emily Jose
Cairns State High School

Emmett Butler
North Rockhampton State High School

Eva Heron
Cavendish Road State High School



Flynn Sinclair
Sunshine Beach State High School

Grace Bachmann
Mt Maria College, Mitchelton

Havannah Wacando
Ingham State High School

Hayley McMahon
St Saviour's College

Holly Morton
Isis District State High School

Ilesha Drahm
Redbank Plains State High School

Indi McKeown
Ferry Grove State High School

Indigo Malthouse
Bracken Ridge State High School

Isaiah Powell
Arethusa College

Izaak Watego-Morgan
Bentley Park College

Jaidah Jones
Coolum State High School

Jakhobi Moren
Sarina State High School

Jamison Allan
Merrimac State High School

Jaslyn Smith
Yeppoon State High School

Jay Warcon
Heights College



Jeremiah Thompson
& **Chloe Levinge**



Misharleigh Fogarty

Jayden Barnes
Kingaroy State High School

Jenaya Ugle
Redcliffe State High School

Jeremiah Thompson
Southport State High School

Jesse Zammit
Shalom College

Juliette Levinge
Queensland Academy for Health Sciences

Kamiah Grigg
St Patrick's College, Mackay

Karla Adidi
Kirwan State High School

Kasey Knight
Cleveland District State High School

Keneisha Coulthard
Ipswich State High School

Kiah Luhrs
Bundaberg State High School

Kimberley Pearce
Laidley State High School

Kylie Strik
Gilroy Santa Maria College

Lani Holland
Caloundra State High School

Larson Dale-Doyle
Anglican Church Grammar School

Latisha Brooker
Nambour State College

Leah Offord
Moranbah State High School



Lydia Lawton & Jayden Barnes

Lewanna Munro
Ipswich State High School

Lexie Mitchell
Clifton State High School

Luke Handley
Proserpine State High School

Lydia Lawton
Kingaroy State High School

Lydia Oppermann
Groves Christian College

Mackenzie Ross
Charleville State High School

Madison Corino
Rockhampton State High School

Manny Guligo
Tully State High School

Maurice Conway
Blackwater State High School

Miah Williams
Benowa State High School

Michael Boronggai Young
St Brendan's College

Misharleigh Fogarty
Hervey Bay State High School

Nar-Neekie Cohen
Keebra Park State High School

Nikela Hyland
Trinity College (Beenleigh)

Nikolaus Birch
Toowoomba State High School

Noah Love
Forest Lake State High School

Philip Schmidt
Burnett State College

Rani Carmichael
Brisbane State High School

Reilly Kenyon
Mt Maria College, Mitchelton

Rhys Daley
Iona College

Riley Taylor
Narangba Valley State High School

Ronald Henry-Monaei
Bray Park State High School

Rosemary Holt
Bremer State High School



Zoe Paton

Ryan St John
St Columban's College

Sarah Higgins
Kilcoy State High School

Sasha Grainer
Mareeba State High School

Savannah Bell
Holy Spirit College (Mt Pleasant)

Seleena Blackley
Spinifex State College

Seth Bishop
St Edmund's College

Shae Hall
St Thomas More College

Shakira-Jane Ritson
Balmoral State High School

Shaneeeka Leedie Hill
Heatley Secondary College

Shauna Fisher
St John's School, Roma

Shay-lee Begnell
Bremer State High School

Shelby Simpson
Noosa District State High School

Shiloh Rea
Cairns State High School

Sienna Domic
Bray Park State High School

Simeon Mosby
Redlynch State College

Sophie Shadford
Burnett State College



Miah Williams



Carly Johnson

Stacey Edwards
Mount St Bernard College

Stella Davidson
Ipswich Girls' Grammar School

Stella-May Charles
Concordia Lutheran College

Taleesha Neville
Columba Catholic College

Tammuz Fa'Aoso
Woree State High School

Tareke Peach
Tully State High School

Telisha Bushby
St Columban's College

Temanu O'Brien-Schmidt
Lourdes Hill College

Terell Anderson
Oakey State High School

Tia Bartlett
Beaudesert State High School

Tilona Ahmat
St Monica's College

Tormisha Hankin-Muir
Good Shepherd Catholic College

Tremaine Body
Ignatius Park College

Troy Schrieber
Woree State High School

Tyson Stevens
St Mary's College (Toowoomba)

Zoe Paton
Earnshaw State College





Ellah-Louisa Cassady



Temanu O'Brien-Schmidt



Shakira Ritson



Izaac Watego-Morgan



Jakhobi Moren



Savannah Bell



Kamiyah Grigg



Indigo Malthouse



Lani Holland



Kylie Strik

Letters to Aunty Ruth and our QATSIF Board

In 2020, we again invited our QATSIF graduates and schools to write a letter of thanks to Aunty Ruth and the QATSIF Board for the support provided by our QATSIF Scholarships.

We always remember that our QATSIF scholarships would not be possible without the sacrifices of our Elders and Ancestors who suffered the grave injustice of having their wages stolen. While it is easier for students to write to a particular person (e.g. our Patron – Aunty Ruth), we acknowledge and recognise that the thanks is for all of those affected by Stolen Wages.

These are some selected quotes from the letters. Some student names are not shared as their stories are deeply personal and deserve to remain private.

*Dear Aunty Ruth and
the QATSIF Board,*

*Thank you for all the help I am able
to have thanks to the scholarship. It has
been a big help in my schooling, and it's
going to help me on my path to finish school
and get my QCE. This will help me in the
future to get into a trade after graduating
(hopefully being an electrician).*

*– Jacob Stuart,
Brisbane Adventist
College*

Aunty Ruth & the QATSIF Board,

*I express my gratitude to Aunty Ruth & the QATSIF
Board for awarding me this scholarship. This
scholarship has enabled me to complete my
education at Rockhampton Girls' Grammar School.
Knowing that I had the support of QATSIF and Aunty
Ruth has given me some peace of mind and helped
me to focus on my academic studies rather than my
financial circumstances. Over the past two years,
I have been very busy studying ATAR subjects and
envisage completing Year 12 with a QCE as well as
my Certificate II in Business Administration which
has been a valuable experience organised through
QATSIF's association with the AFL Sports Ready Kmart
school based Traineeship Program.*

*I would just like to formally acknowledge and say
thank you for always being encouraging, supportive
and giving students like myself the opportunities and
potential to achieve our goals and to always strive
to be the best we can be and to pursue our dreams
of making a difference with the assistance of QATSIF
within our communities. Thank you!*

*– Raven Ahchoo, Rockhampton Girls'
Grammar School*

*I am writing to you today to express my
appreciation for your patronage of this
scholarship as it has been greatly beneficial
to my studies as an Indigenous student. So
thank you! Financially, it has mostly covered
school fees, a musical camp, and any costs
for extracurricular activities. Due to this, I
have been able to comfortably partake in
many advantageous programs to further my
academic, community and leadership exploits.
Moreover, it has helped me to present myself
as a role model to my three younger sisters,
who are also Indigenous, as well as other
students. It helps keep my faith for Indigenous
students to thrive in an educational
environment! I wish you all the best.*

*– Jordan McGrath, Coombabah
State High School*

Dear Aunty Ruth and QATSIF Board,

*I am so incredibly grateful for the wonderful
opportunity you gave me, it has helped me a lot
throughout my final year of high school. I don't
think I would've been able to get to where I am
today without your kind help. Thank you.*

– Sharnika Isla, Charleville State High School

To Aunty Ruth & QATSIF Board,

Please accept our sincerest thanks for your financial support of our daughter Raven Ahchoo!

When Raven applied for this scholarship, we believed she was a very worthy recipient as she was highly motivated to complete school and find her career pathway. In 2019 I was diagnosed with cancer and was unable to work for nearly 18 months. This scholarship, quite literally was the financial difference to Raven being able to complete her schooling and her having to go to work as a 16-year-old.

Thank you for supporting Raven and our family through this funding. It has made a world of difference not just for Raven but our whole family!

– Marie Turner (Parent)

Dear Aunty Ruth and the QATSIF Board,
On behalf of Blackwater State High School, we are sincerely honoured that we were selected as recipients of the QATSIF scholarships over the past two years. Thank you for your generosity as this scholarship has given us the support and the drive to complete school and has made us think about our futures.

We have each used the monies for new uniforms, stationery, electronic devices, new shoes, senior jerseys, formal tickets and paying our school fees. In gaining this QATSIF scholarship, it has encouraged us to become positive role models and strong Indigenous leaders in our school and community.

– Sheridan Clifford, Maurice Conway and Denzel Row Row, Blackwater State High School

Dear
Aunty Ruth,

Thank you for your support, it has been a great help for my schooling. It has helped me graduate High School and opened pathways for my future. Next year I am wanting to attend university in Brisbane and study engineering. Once again thank you for your support and for all you do for many young Indigenous students, it has been greatly appreciated.

– Jaden Carpenter (College Vice Captain), Xavier Catholic College (Hervey Bay)

Aunty Ruth,
I will be forever grateful to you and the QATSIF team for allowing me to apply and be awarded your scholarship. Receiving the scholarship has made my senior year so much easier. It has not only helped me but also my parents and I am so very thankful.

– Mackenzie Ross, Charleville State High School

To Aunty Ruth and the QATSIF Board,
Your support throughout my senior schooling has provided me the opportunity to complete my QCE and this has allowed me to study nursing in 2021. Many opportunities have arisen as a result of your endless support and I am grateful for all the work that you do to support me through my senior schooling.
Thank you.

– Jess Preval, Xavier Catholic College (Hervey Bay)

Dear Aunty Ruth and the QATSIF Board,
We would like to open this letter by acknowledging our Elders who were so unjustly robbed of their fair wages so long ago, and wish to extend our heartfelt appreciation to them, for the benefits we are now receiving.

Thank you for providing us with the support, which has eased the financial burden on our parents, associated with school fees, uniform, stationery and IT requirements.

Thank you for providing us, and our upcoming Junior Indigenous students, the motivation to work towards the goal of meeting the criteria needed to qualify and maintain eligibility for this special gift.

– With sincere gratitude, Harristown State High School
Year 12 QATSIF students

Dear Aunty Ruth & the
QATSIF Board,

I would like to start off by thanking you for giving me the opportunity to receive this QATSIF scholarship. This scholarship has not just helped me but also helped my family. I am very grateful for all the opportunities that were given to me in the past two years.

Thank you very much!!

– Jorji Kemp,
St Rita's College

Dear Aunty Ruth
and QATSIF Board,

I would like to express what a privilege it has been for me to be recognised as a QATSIF Scholar for the past two years. The scholarship has covered various school related expenses, from stationery, uniforms and shoes, to purchasing a formal ticket.

Furthermore, this support has helped to alleviate the financial barriers that can be encountered in education, allowing me to pursue other interests, such as music and curriculum related excursions. As a result, my overall senior schooling experience has been enriched.

Once again, I would like to thank you for providing Indigenous students, like myself, with the opportunities and extra support that will enable us to reach our full potential.

– Many thanks, Carly Johnson (Year 12),
Pimlico State High School

Dear Aunty Ruth and
the QATSIF Board,

We would like to thank you for the opportunities and support you have given us during our senior education, through this scholarship. We are grateful to have been fortunate enough to receive the QATSIF scholarship, as it has opened us up to a multitude of university pathway options for our studies after high school. We both intend on carrying forward our culture through teaching in a classroom, expressing this in the form of art and language. We thank you for encouraging us to engage with our culture in school and connect with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who share the same passion for their Indigenous Australian heritage.

– Thank you and kind regards,
Alycia and Nikela Hyland
Trinity College (Beenleigh)

Dear Aunty Ruth,

I am writing this thank you letter on behalf of the QATSIF scholarship recipients at Balmoral State High School.

Thank you for your contribution and guidance. We are all very grateful and proud to have received a QATSIF scholarship. The scholarship has allowed us to attend Year 11 school camping trips, ensured we always looked smart in new school uniforms and provided us with all that we needed to graduate from high school. This year particularly during COVID-19, it has helped ease additional financial stress.

– Shakira-Jane Ritson, Indigenous Captain,
Balmoral State High School

Dear Aunty Ruth,

My name is Shanice Jackson and I am one of two School Captains from Everton Park State High School and am very proud to say the first ever Indigenous School Captain at Everton Park. Last year, I was selected to be a part of the 11th round of QATSIF and was extremely honoured to be awarded QATSIF Scholarship. Receiving this scholarship enabled myself and my family to be relieved of financial stress, so therefore enabling me to be totally focused on my final year of high school.

Thank you, Aunty Ruth, for everything you have contributed to QATSIF and especially our community. You are truly an inspiration!

– Shanice Jackson, Everton Park
State High School

Dear Aunty Ruth and the
QATSIF Board,

On behalf of Warwick State High School, I can't thank you and your team enough for how grateful we are for the QATSIF scholarships. I will forever cherish the scholarship I have had. I can't begin to imagine how last 2 years of schooling would have been without it. It has provided me with so many opportunities like being able to attend educational excursions, being able to purchase all textbooks for the last 2 years and being able to purchase school items like shoes, books, stationery and school uniforms. The scholarship has not only benefitted me it has also my parents by taking the stress of having to fork out so much money for school resources. This scholarship has meant so much to me and I am so thankful that I applied for it because I would be so lost without it and I believe having these scholarships can completely change the last 2 school years of your life.

– Abby Gainey (Cultural Leader),
Warwick State High School

Dear Aunty Ruth and the QATSIF Board,

First, I'd like to acknowledge Aunty Ruth. Your tireless, unwavering commitment to our people is truly inspirational. Thank you Aunty Ruth for all you have done and continue to do for us.

Thank you to the members of the QATSIF Board for your continuing support of our young people. The students and their families who have been recipients of the scholarships from my school have been extremely thankful. The financial support received through the scholarships have greatly impacted our students and their families.

– Robyn Lea (Indigenous Education Support Worker), Everton Park State High School

Dear Aunty Ruth and the QATSIF Board,
I would like to take time to acknowledge and pay my respects for the work you have done for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students of Queensland.

Your foundation has allowed a stress-free environment, financially, for me to complete my senior studies. The scholarship given to me at the beginning of this year changed my life for the better. The ability to afford private Catholic schooling with pastoral care and a psychologist on staff has supported my mental health through senior schooling.

I have worked hard to achieve my goals and be a role model for younger Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at my school.

– Adelaide Synnott, St Mary's College (Ipswich)

Dear Aunty Ruth and the QATSIF Board,
What has the scholarship done for me? It has helped me with having the materials for school, it has helped me pay for my bills, it has allowed me to go to Brisbane for legal studies. The scholarship has helped me go through till year 12 it has given me hope for the future and getting granted the scholarship was an amazing honour that I could never of even believed I was in the running for. The scholarship has helped me motivate myself to be better because I know there are people out there seeing the potential in me and what I could possibly become. It was an amazing opportunity to have the scholarship.

– Charlise, Emerald State High School

To
Aunty Ruth,
I would like to say a big thank you for the support that QATSIF has given me throughout my senior schooling. QATSIF has made me the first person in my family to graduate high school and that is something I've always wanted to achieve. Now look at me, I am here and I'm finally graduating. So once again a big massive thank you Aunty and all the Elders

– Chris Robinson,
Wavell State High
School

Dear Aunty Ruth and the members of the QATSIF Board,
The students of the Australian Trade College North Brisbane want to thank you for your support through the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation (QATSIF) program. We have eleven (11) students who are currently being supported through your program of which five (5) are graduating at the end of this year.

We are a trade college and as students, are currently enrolled in a trade or have a school-based apprenticeship. This includes a Certificate II in a trade which include construction, plumbing, electro-technology, automotive, metal engineering, hairdressing, beauty and commercial cookery.

As a result of the scholarship, I have been able to purchase personal protection equipment (PPE) including uniforms and boots for my trade, plumbing text books, my college uniforms and contributed to college fees. This has made it easier for my family to support me in my career and has lessened the worry for my parents.

On behalf of the students at Australian Trade College, North Brisbane I want to thank you again for providing this opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. It makes a difference in our lives not only financially but knowing that our community support us.

– Colby Coggan, Australian Trade College

To Aunty Ruth,

I am very thankful and grateful for the QATSIF scholarship money. My family has been going through a lot with money and also having two special needs brothers who are always needing help, this has helped me a lot. I would like to also say if I didn't have help with my QATSIF QCE scholarship money I wouldn't be able to go to events and get my school work done successfully. I would like to acknowledge and thank the Elders for helping me achieve my goals and studies (money wise) but also guiding me to achieve future dreams.

- Leah Floro, Wavell State High School

Dear Aunty Ruth,

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support throughout our senior schooling and assisting us with our QATSIF scholarships. We are very appreciative as it didn't just help us as individuals but helped our families and future selves. With your help we were able to continue our education by using the funding to pay our school fees, uniforms and some activities we would normally miss out on along the way. Again, thank you, we will forever be grateful.

- Jenayah Woolford and Charminey Hillhouse, Clontarf Beach State High School

Dear Aunty Ruth,

The QATSIF Scholarship has meant a lot to my family and me. I have been able to afford my extracurricular activities outside of school without having to stress about school fees. I am extremely grateful for having the scholarship and being able to afford grad tickets, my computer hire and VET courses. Without this I wouldn't be able to do my music outside of school, or any of the other extracurricular activities I have been involved in over the past year.

My dreams are to either be in the music industry or help young children going through tough times in their own living situations, and give them a safe house. Thank you for the opportunities the QATSIF Scholarship has given me.

- Kylie Strik (Year 12), Gilroy Santa Maria College

To Aunty Ruth and QATSIF Board members,

On behalf of the Laidley State High School staff and QATSIF Scholarship recipients we would like to say thank you for your ongoing support given to the school and our students. The scholarship has given financial support to them and their families, without this students would not be able to afford uniforms, school supplies, enrol in Certificate courses, buy their senior jersey and afford to buy a formal ticket to celebrate 12 years of schooling. We are very grateful for the support QATSIF gives our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students each year. We will continue to encourage and remind the students to be thankful to their Ancestors who worked hard for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students of today to gain their QCE.

- Karen Day (CEC) and Allistair Smith (Head of Department Indigenous Education)

To Aunty Ruth and the QATSIF Board,
On behalf of all the QATSIF scholarship students here at Kirwan High, we would like to say a big thank you for your continued support throughout our journey through grades 11 and 12. This scholarship has been a wonderful blessing to our families and for us as well because the funds were able to pay for school programs and school supplies, without putting a great deal of burden on our families. From this help, we were able to focus on our academic and school commitments as students and leaders. We would also like to pay our respects to the hard-working Indigenous peoples who created the foundation for this scholarship, acknowledging the Stolen Wages as a part of Australian history. As proud recipients of the QATSIF scholarship, we are deeply grateful.

– Indigenous Captains Rikisha Phinesea, Kasey Gardner & QATSIF Scholarship Recipients, Kirwan State High School

Dear Aunty Ruth and the QATSIF Board,
We would like to say a massive thank you from all grade 12s at Laidley State High School who got the special opportunity to receive the QATSIF scholarship for the last 2 years. We know the financial support has been extremely helpful and the support from everyone is the reason we are graduating. We understand that the money we are receiving comes from Indigenous Elders who were underpaid years and years ago. The money we received went to uniforms, school supplies, end of year costs and support throughout the year. This would not have been possible without the QATSIF scholarship.

– Emma, Kimberly and Harmony, Laidley State High School

Dear Aunty Ruth and the QATSIF Board,
On behalf of all the graduating QATSIF students, I would like to say thank you. Since receiving this scholarship it has made my life and all our lives a little bit easier. It has given us a better chance and opportunity at trying to focus on our studies at school. Also, since receiving the scholarship it has taken the pressure off trying to afford school bills, uniforms, and many other things. As well as through this journey with the QATSIF scholarship we have found all your videos and short clips very inspiring, which helped us push to achieve and do better as students. Once again, on behalf of all the graduating students of the QATSIF scholarship, Thank you.

– William Allan, William Ross State High School

Dear Aunty Ruth,
I cannot thank you enough for your kindness and generosity to all the senior kids of schools whose family often are suffering from financial difficulties. As my siblings and I were raised by our grandparents who had both retired. We constantly found ourselves worrying about money and especially about school expenses. However, thanks to you, money was one of things I did not need to worry about during my schooling. You and your organisation have made a huge impact on my life and many others past and present. Thank you!.

– Janaya (Past QATSIF recipient), Laidley State High School

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity of winning this scholarship. It has genuinely improved my year 12 experience, as I was able to buy and afford art supplies (which are quite expensive). Without this scholarship our financial situation would have been very different – especially due to COVID. I also would have worried about how I'd afford the supplies needed for my assignments. By easing the financial stress with school supplies, I was able to therefore have more free time – meaning more study and art making. I have bought Art material which will last for many years and will help me pursue a career in Art at university.

– Kymora, Craigslea State High School

To Aunty Ruth,
I would like to thank you heaps. The support I got from QATSIF helped my family a lot financially. It also allowed me to focus on school and sport which helped me a lot with my grades. It has helped me become a step closer to my goals. I am extremely grateful to be given this opportunity. Graduating Year 12 is something no one has done in my family. Without your support, senior year would've been stressful. So again, I thank you and all the Elders that have given me this opportunity.

– Jermaine Soresen, Wavell State High School

Dear Aunty Ruth and the QATSIF Board,
I can't thank you enough for this experience. Over the past two years it has allowed me to partake in many unique opportunities. Through these opportunities I have realised that I can achieve anything, if I put my mind to it and work hard. Through this experience I am on my way to realising my dream of becoming an engineer. With the support and encouragement from both QATSIF and the scholarship, I have been able to strive towards one of my goals to attend the engineering course at the Australian Defence Force Academy. Thank you for this once in a lifetime experience, not only for me, but for everyone that has been able to better themselves as a part of this program.

– Angus Lindsay, St Laurence's College

Dear QATSIF Board,
On behalf of the St Patrick's College Townsville community, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of our QATSIF Scholarship recipients. The opportunities the scholarship creates for students is of such benefit to them, their families and their communities.

We look forward to many more years of continued collaboration in support of our emerging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young women, who we know will leave this College, ready to make a difference in the world.

– Amber Hauff (Principal) & Lauren Newman (Cultural Support Program Leader), St Patrick's College (Townsville)

Dear Aunty Ruth,
As a QATSIF recipient, I am very grateful to have this opportunity. You have helped so many people. Whether through your support or financially through brand new uniforms, new shoes and excursions being paid for, none of this would be possible without you.

As a family of six, we had financial issues and would not have anything without QATSIF. It paid for my school fees, senior jersey and my certificates classes. Overall, I would say it played a massive role in those 2 years.

– Morgan, Laidley State High School

QATSIF address for Graduation Ceremony – by Lawson Allen, St Patrick's College (Mackay)

I remember how excited I was when Miss Russell called me into her office back at Mercy College and told me about the QATSIF scholarship program for senior schooling. At first, I thought it was a free scholarship, but I shortly learned it was much more than that.

When I read through the criteria to apply for the scholarship, I found myself setting goals I wanted to achieve through my education and putting plans in place to help me become more focused at senior school. I was rapt when the news broke that my application had been successful.

Coming from a single parent home money could be tight, even though Mum made this fairly hard to notice. The funding went to my school fees and provided me with the opportunity to explore the many curriculum areas St Patrick's had to offer, to be well equipped to pursue a job after successfully completing Grade 12 and for that I am truly grateful.

Queensland's Highest Achieving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student

QATSIF congratulates the deadly Rani Carmichael (QATSIF student from Brisbane State High School) who was announced as Queensland's Highest Achieving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student (2020).

Rani is currently studying a Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours) at the University of Queensland.

Rani said about her award, "I'm inspired by my mother for her perseverance and success in her art career, and by my Aboriginal maternal Ancestors. They survived and overcame countless hardships, allowing me to access the opportunities I have today."

Last year, Rani was also awarded a Peter Doherty Science Outstanding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Senior STEM Student award and our QATSIF Young Indigenous Leader Award.

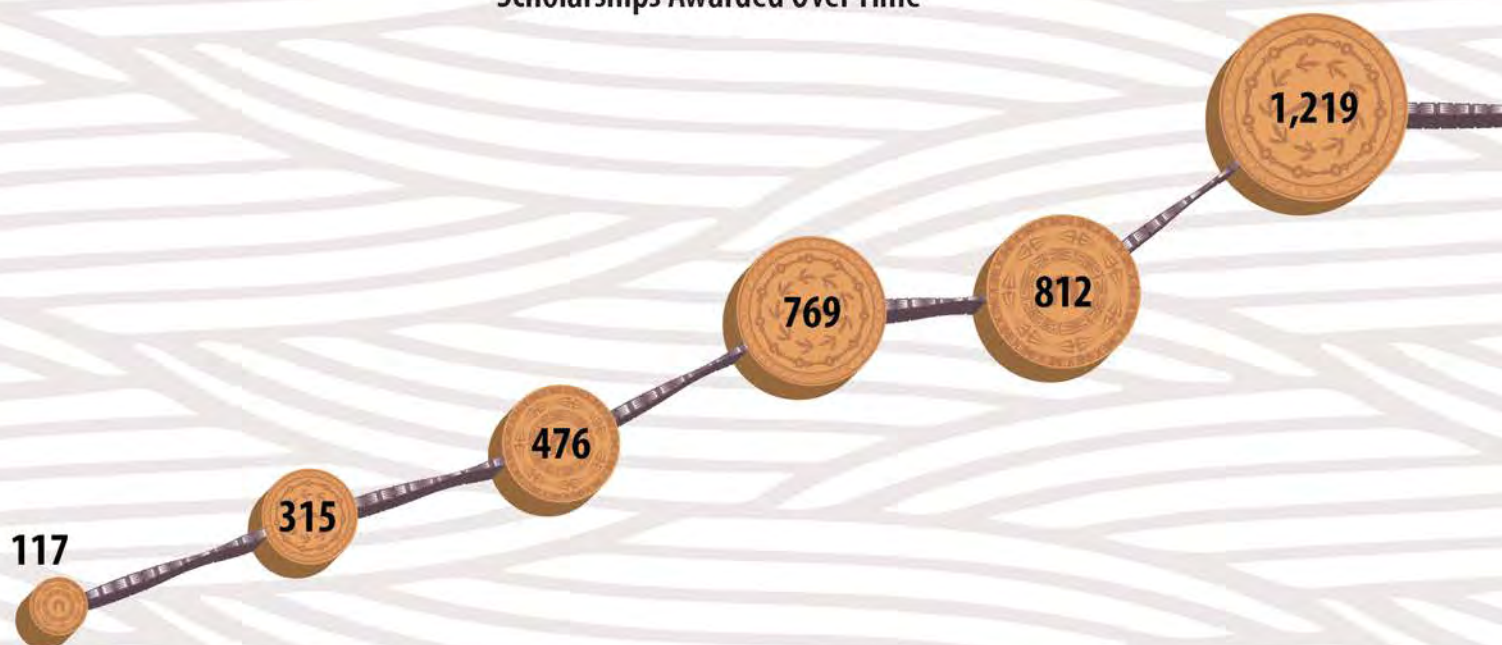
Rani joins QATSIF's three other Highest Achieving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student winners – Aidan Train (2015), Kyle Ryan (2016) and Lucinda Colbert (2017). QATSIF students have won this award for four out of the past six years.



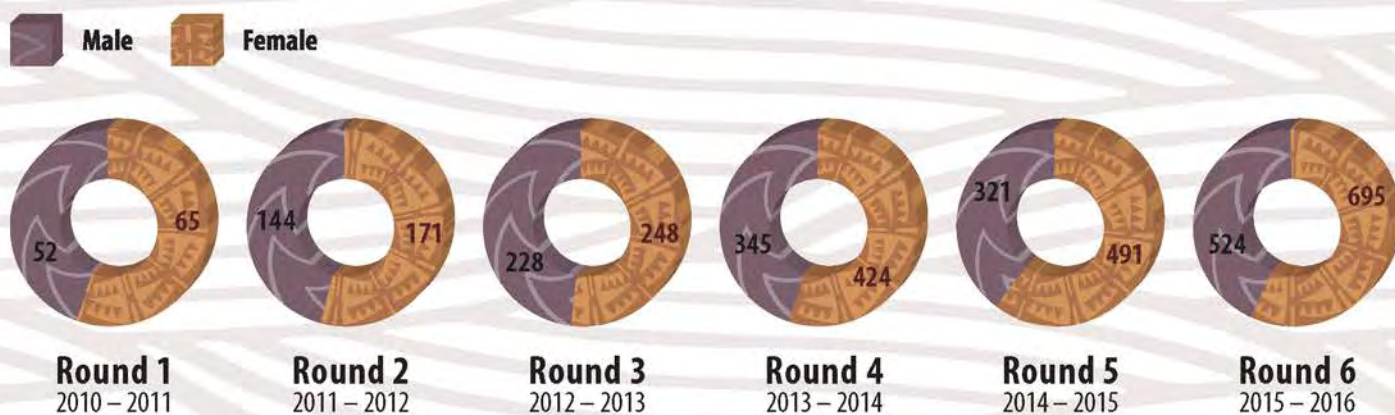


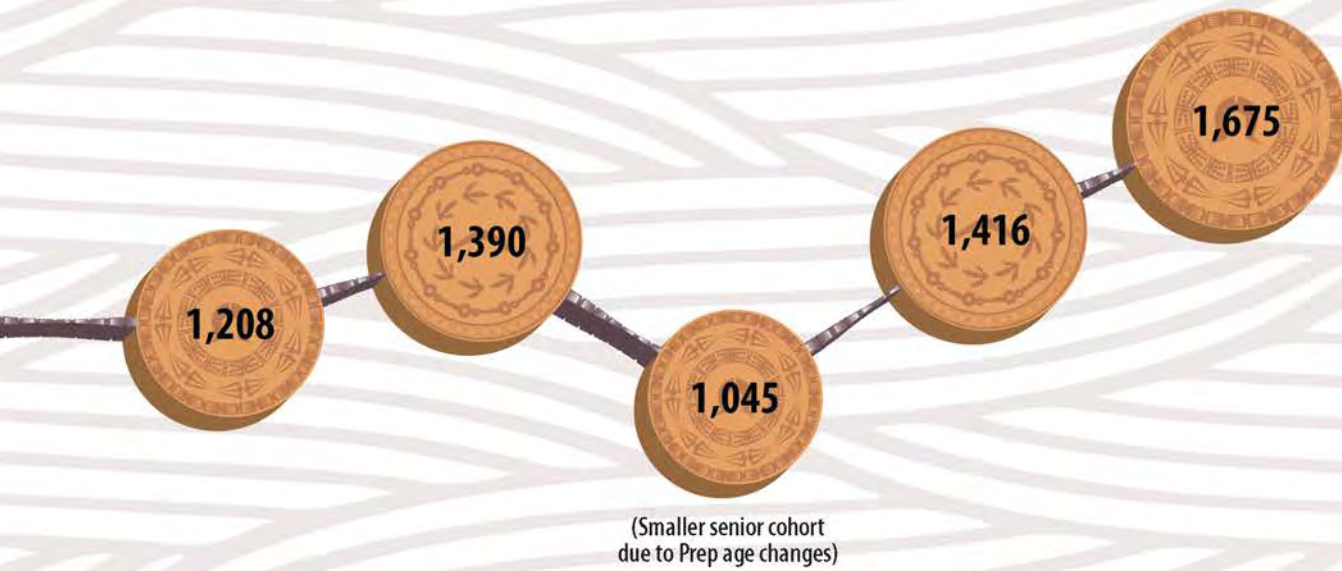
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Scholarships Awarded Over Time



Scholarships by Gender Over Time



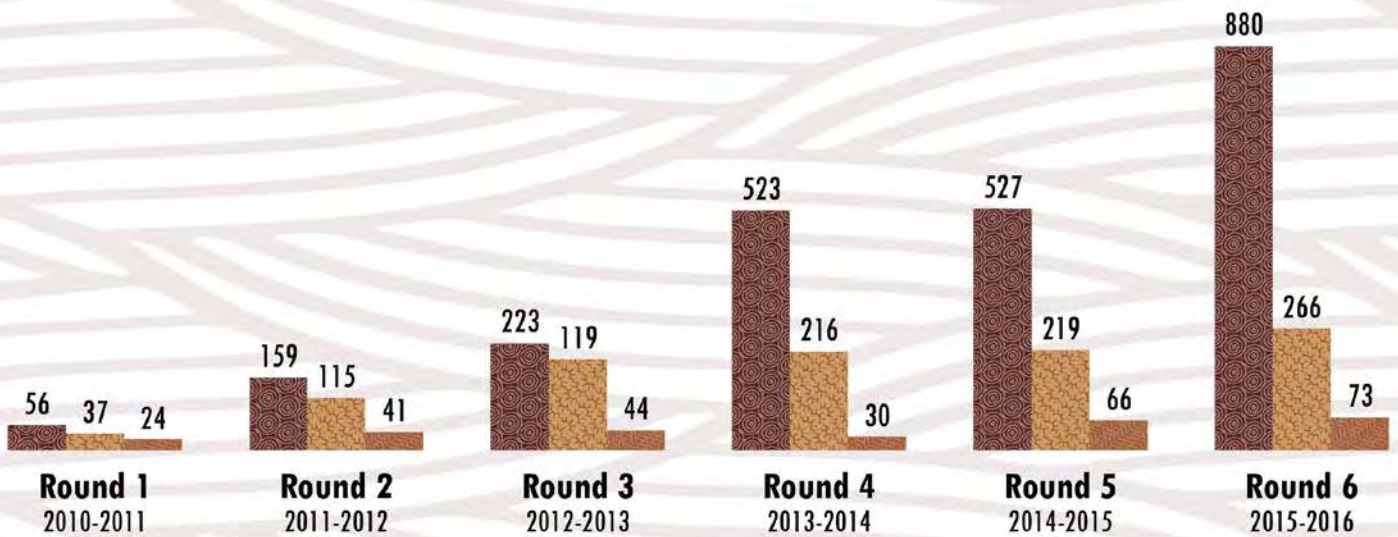


Students by Sector Over Time Rounds 1-11

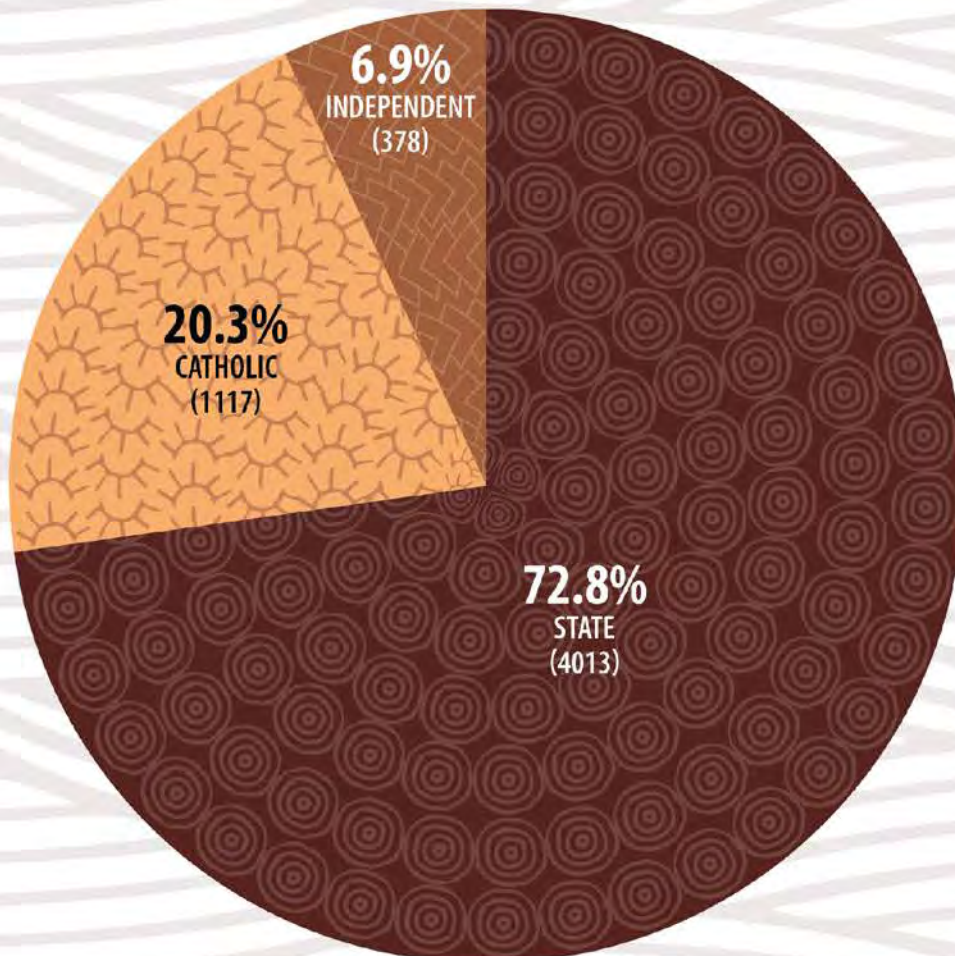
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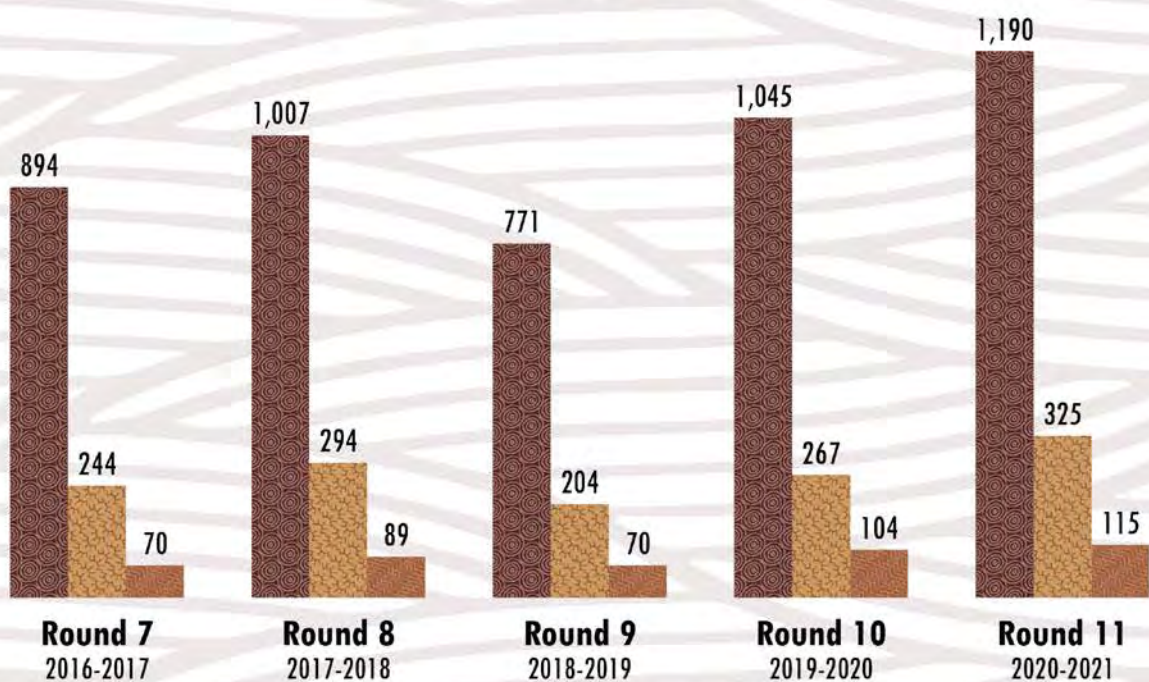
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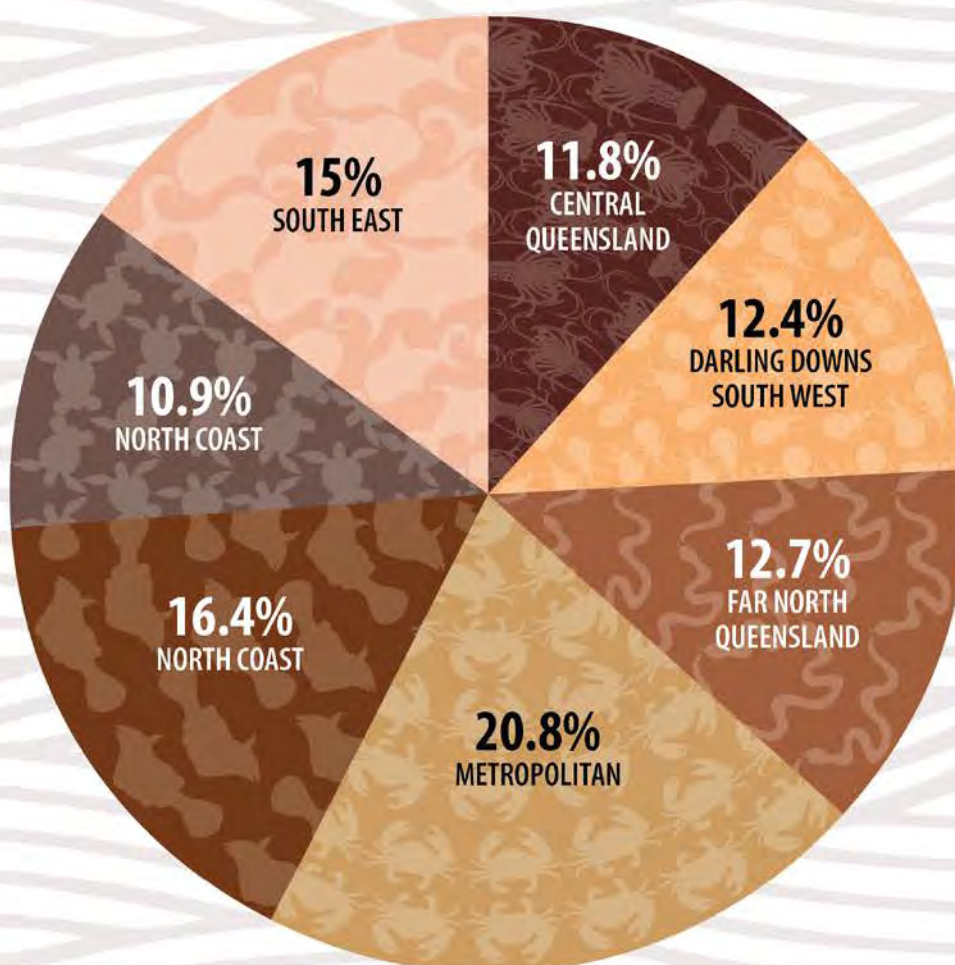


Students by Sector Rounds 8-11





Percentage of Students by Region Rounds 8-11



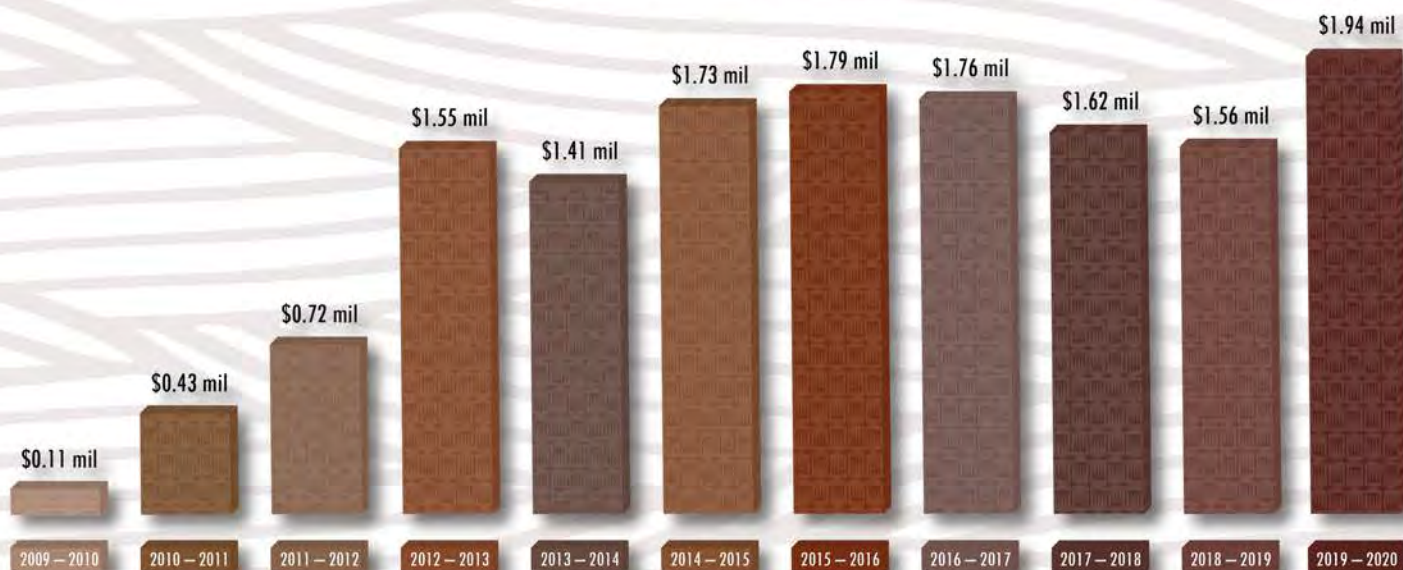
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During the 2019-20 financial year, a net amount of \$1,942,744 (2018-19: \$1,568,622*) was paid in scholarship payments to eligible schools. Comprehensive Income for the year ending 30 June 2020 resulted in a loss of \$1,264,406 (2018-19: \$2,431,344 surplus). NB* the 2019 Year 12 cohort is smaller across Queensland due to this group being affected by the Prep intake changes.

The Foundation's total expenses for the 2019-20 year represented only 1.15% of funds under management, which is slightly lower than the previous years (2018-19: 1.33%).

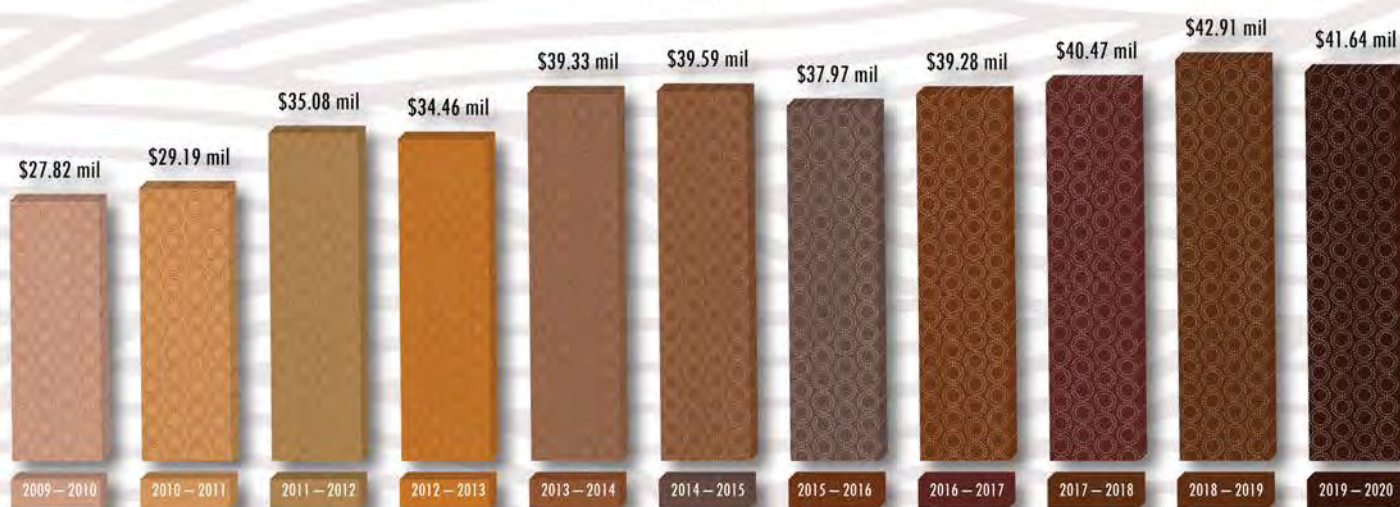
Scholarship Payments



Financial Position

The Foundation's net assets at 30 June 2020 were \$41,641,917.

Net Assets



2019 – 2020 Investment Performance

The investment strategy for the QATSIF is reviewed on an annual basis in conjunction with advice from Queensland Investment Corporation Limited (QIC).

The strategy is designed to achieve the QATSIF stated investment objective to “maximise income while maintaining the real capital value of the funds after taking into account the effects of inflation”.

The investment strategy for the Foundation is developed in consultation with QIC. The investments of the Foundation are held in the Public Trustee Growth Trust.

The investment objective of the Trust is to provide a fully diversified investment strategy for those seeking long-term income and capital growth.

Investment Performance to 30 September 2020 (after fees)

Public Trustee Growth Trust returns (net of fees) for quarter ended 30 September 2020

3 Month Actual Return (%)	12 Month Actual Return (%)	3 Years Annualised Return (%)	5 Years Annualised Return (%)	7 Years Annualised Return (%)	10 Years Annualised Return (%)
1.69%	-3.87%	2.92%	5.11%	4.61%	5.48%

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Building tomorrow's leaders



2020 was a very challenging year for QATSIF, our students, their families, school staff, communities, and for people across the world.

QATSIF's hope is that our students actually came out of the challenging experiences of COVID-19 with increased flexibility, greater resilience and with a real life experience of learning via new technologies. This should set them up well as tomorrow's leaders.

COVID also reminded us all of the need to care for and protect the precious gift of our Elders. Our thoughts and prayers remain with Auntie Ruth and all of our dearly Elders. We are blessed to have their strength, wisdom and knowledge to draw on. Without their hard work and sacrifice, QATSIF wouldn't exist.

Apart from our New Recipients' and School Leaders' ceremonies at the start of the year, COVID-19 affected just about every aspect of QATSIF's operations. While it was very disappointing to see our moving graduation ceremonies cancelled, it did allow more schools to recognise their own students' achievements through local celebrations. This in turn led to QATSIF producing great resources for schools to use in their graduations, NAIDOC and Reconciliation Week celebrations.

QATSIF also produced a 10 part challenge to keep students engaged with culture during their time away from school and actively lobbied State and Federal governments about WiFi access to support students working from home. QATSIF also waived our \$300 spending limit on IT Devices to support our QATSIF students to work from home.

One of the other great gifts COVID gave us was the opportunity to connect our inspirational QATSIF Ambassadors with our students and schools via videoconferencing. Without COVID, this powerful way of reaching more students with a positive message about "dreaming big" may not have come into fruition.

As well as developing our QATSIF Ambassadors' videoconferencing program, there were a number of major developments in 2020, including:

- **Queensland Ambulance Service and Transurban Scholarships:** 21 of our 1653 new Round 11 QATSIF students were selected to receive additional opportunities through the QAS (Queensland Ambulance Service) and Transurban Paiaabun Kurumba (Dream Big) STEM Scholarships. While COVID restrictions curtailed most of these opportunities, hopefully they will be able to take place in 2021.

- **South Western Queensland QATSIF Ambassadors visit:** Viva Energy provided a \$5,000 grant for three deadly QATSIF Ambassadors to share their inspirational stories with students at schools between Dalby and Cunnamulla. During their 1,900km road trip, Kyle Ryan (Medicine), Janaya Watego (Construction) and Jessica Nizeti-Panebianco (Engineering) spoke with over 240 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from 8 schools.
- **Yarning With Our Elders project:** Our QATSIF Board has suggested a new project to encourage Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people to yarn with Elders and learn from their wisdom and their stories.
- **New QATSIF Office:** In July, we moved our office from Fortitude Valley to Lutwyche. Our new office has space for community events and plenty of street parking.
- **Floral Friday Fundraiser:** QATSIF's inaugural Floral Friday event raised around \$7,000 to directly support our students. It also helped to raise awareness of our deadly Torres Strait Islander Cultures.



I would like to finish my report by thanking a number of people, including:

- our QATSIF schools and their hard-working staff for their incredible support for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.
- the amazingly talented QATSIF students for always inspiring us with their efforts.
- our QATSIF parents, carers and wider community for your support for your children.
- the Public Trustee of Queensland, Mr Samay Zhou and the staff of the Public Trustee of Queensland who oversee the QATSIF program and support us with human resources and finances.
- our dedicated QATSIF Secretariat staff – Shalana Uta, Rachel Stringfellow and Sonia Norbido for their passion and hard work to improve the outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.
- our QATSIF Chair, Professor Cindy Shannon AM and our caring, supportive and knowledgeable QATSIF Board of Advice who always put the best interests of our young people first.

- our Elders, community groups and organisations that support our work
- Auntie Ruth Hegarty, our wise, compassionate and strong Patron for her sage advice and incredible passion for giving young people the opportunities that were denied her and so many other Elders and Ancestors.

I am looking forward to an exciting 2021. Hopefully, QATSIF will be able to celebrate our students' graduations and other major events again, but will also be an even better Foundation due to the lessons learned during 2020.

M. Nayler

Michael Nayler
QATSIF Secretariat Director

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How can I help QATSIF to continue its great work?

QATSIF is proud of its contribution in helping to “Close the Gap” in Year 12 completion and retention rates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, but there is still work to do.

Over 11 scholarship rounds, the Public Trustee has paid out \$14.6M in scholarships to support more than 10,400 students. Our outstanding results enhance QATSIF as a “Leading Foundation” and thus makes QATSIF an attractive proposition for philanthropic donations to a credible program where the structure and operations are sound and transparent.

In 2021, the Board of Advice will continue to seek major funding partners who can assist QATSIF in being a sustainable Foundation into the future.

Will you support QATSIF in “Building tomorrow’s leaders”? You can help by making your tax deductible donation today to the Foundation or making provision for the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation in your Will.



DONATIONS CAN BE MADE BY EITHER:

Sending a cheque or money order to:
Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation
2/439 Lutwyche Road, Lutwyche Qld 4030
Please include your name and address. A receipt will be posted to you for tax purposes.

Direct deposit to:
Account Name: Public Trustee of Queensland
BSB: 064006 Account Number: 00090244
Identification/Reference number: 20553754

Please ensure that the identification details are inputted from left to right without spaces up to the maximum characters allowable by your bank.
Please email us at: enquiries@qatsif.org.au to advise us of your donation, so that we can arrange a receipt from the Public Trustee.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders.



48 | Acknowledgements

QATSIF recognises that without the hard work and sacrifices of our Elders and Ancestors who suffered the grave injustice of having their wages stolen, our QATSIF Scholarships would not be possible. We thank and pay our deepest respects to all who were, and continue to be affected by Stolen Wages and commit to working hard to ensure that every dollar possible creates better opportunities for Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander senior students.

QATSIF IS GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT OF:

Our Queensland schools and their dedicated staff across our State, Catholic and Independent sectors.

Queensland Universities:

- Australian Catholic University
- Bond University
- CQUniversity
- Griffith University
- James Cook University
- Queensland University of Technology
- University of Southern Queensland
- University of the Sunshine Coast
- University of Queensland

The following organisations, individuals and businesses for their support:

- The Public Trustee of Queensland
- The Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
- Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS)
- Transurban
- Viva Energy
- Hutchinson Builders
- Australian Unity
- Studio Cakes
- Bar Association of Queensland
- Compliant ERP
- Jason Martin
- Jamie-Lee Owen
- Papillon Studios

Your support has enabled the QATSIF Board of Advice and Secretariat to work with the Public Trustee of Queensland in contributing to the advancement of education for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people in Queensland (QATSIF Trust Deed 1.2).



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2019-2020 SCHOOLS

A B Paterson College
 Albany Creek State High School
 Aldridge State High School
 Alexandra Hills State High School
 All Hallows School
 All Souls St Gabriels School
 Ambrose Treacy College
 Anglican Church Grammar School
 Aquinas College
 Arcadia College
 Arethusa College
 Aspley State High School
 Atherton State High School
 Australian Christian College - Moreton
 Australian Industry Trade College
 Australian Trade College North Brisbane
 Ayr State High School
 Babinda State School
 Balmoral State High School
 Barcaldine State School P-12 Campus
 Beaudesert State High School
 Beenleigh State High School
 Beerwah State High School
 Benowa State High School
 Bentley Park College
 Biloela State High School
 Blackheath and Thornburgh College
 Blackwater State High School
 Boonah State High School
 Bracken Ridge State High School
 Bray Park State High School
 Bremer State High School
 Bribie Island State High School
 Brigidine College
 Brisbane Adventist College
 Brisbane Bayside State College
 Brisbane Boys' College
 Brisbane Grammar School
 Brisbane School of Distance Education
 Brisbane State High School
 Browns Plains State High School
 Bundaberg North State High School



Bundaberg State High School
 Bundamba State Secondary College
 Burdekin Christian College
 Burnett State College
 Burnside State High School
 Burpengary State Secondary College
 Caboolture State High School
 Cairns School of Distance Education
 Cairns State High School
 Calamvale Community College
 Calen District State College
 Caloundra Christian College
 Caloundra State High School
 Calvary Christian College
 Canterbury College
 Capalaba State College
 Carinity Education - Southside
 Carlisle Adventist Christian College
 Carmel College
 Cavendish Road State High School
 Centenary Heights State High School
 Centenary State High School
 Chancellor State College
 Chanel College
 Charleville State High School
 Charters Towers School of Distance Education
 Charters Towers State High School
 Chinchilla State High School
 Chisholm Catholic College
 Clairvaux MacKillop College
 Clermont State High School
 Cleveland District State High School

Clifton State High School
 Cloncurry State School P-12
 Clontarf Beach State High School
 Collinsville State High School
 Columba Catholic College
 Concordia Lutheran College
 Cooktown State School
 Coolum State High School
 Coombabah State High School
 Coorparoo Secondary College
 Corinda State High School
 Craigslea State High School
 Cunnamulla State School
 Dakabin State High School
 Dalby State High School
 Deception Bay State High School
 Discovery Christian College
 Djarragun College
 Downlands College
 Dysart State High School
 Earnshaw State College
 Eidsvold State School
 Elanora State High School
 Emerald State High School
 Emmaus College (Jimboomba)
 Emmaus College (Rockhampton)
 Endeavour Christian College
 Everton Park State High School
 Fairholme College Toowoomba
 Faith Lutheran College
 Ferny Grove State High School
 Flagstone State Community College
 Forest Lake State High School



Genesis Christian College
 Gilroy Santa Maria College
 Gin Gin State High School
 Gladstone State High School
 Glenala State High School
 Glenmore State High School
 Good Counsel College
 Good Shepherd Catholic College
 Goondiwindi State High School
 Gordonvale State High School
 Grace Lutheran College (Rothwell)
 Groves Christian College
 Gympie State High School
 Harristown State High School
 Heatley Secondary College
 Heights College
 Hervey Bay State High School
 Highfields State Secondary College
 Hillcrest Christian College
 Holland Park State High School
 Holy Spirit College (Mount Pleasant)
 Home Hill State High School
 Hymba Yumba Independent School
 Ignatius Park College
 Indooroopilly State High School
 Ingham State High School
 Innisfail State College
 Iona College
 Ipswich Girls' Grammar School
 Ipswich State High School
 Isis District State High School
 James Nash State High School
 John Paul College
 Kawana Waters State College
 Kedron State High School
 Keebra Park State High School
 Kelvin Grove State College
 Kenmore State High School

Kepnock State High School
 Kilcoy State High School
 Kingaroy State High School
 King's Christian College
 Kingston State College
 Kirwan State High School
 Laidley State High School
 Lighthouse Christian School
 Lockyer District State High School
 Loganlea State High School
 Longreach State High School
 Loreto College Coorparoo
 Lourdes Hill College
 Lowood State High School
 Mabel Park State High School
 MacGregor State High School
 Mackay Christian College
 Mackay North State High School
 Mackay Northern Beaches State High School
 Mackay State High School
 Malanda State High School
 Maleny State High School
 Mareeba State High School
 Marist College (Emerald)
 Marist College (Ashgrove)
 Maroochydore State High School
 Marsden State High School
 Mary Mackillop College

Maryborough State High School
 Marymount College
 Mercy College
 Meridan State College
 Merrimac State High School
 Miles State High School
 Mitchelton State High School
 Moranbah State High School
 Morayfield State High School
 Moreton Bay Boys College
 Moreton Bay College
 Mossman State High School
 Mount Alvernia College
 Mount Morgan State High School
 Mount St Bernard College
 Mountain Creek State High School
 Moura State High School
 Mt Gravatt State High School
 Mt Maria College (Mitchelton)
 Mt Maria College (Petrie)
 Mt St Bernard College
 Mt St Michael's College
 Murgon State High School
 Murrumba State Secondary College
 Music Industry College
 Nambour Christian College
 Nambour State College
 Nanango State High School
 Narangba Valley State High School
 Nerang State High School
 Noosa District State High School
 North Lakes State College
 North Rockhampton State High School
 Northern Beaches State High School
 Northern Peninsula Area State College
 Northpine Christian College
 Northside Christian College
 Oakey State High School
 Our Lady's College





Pacific Pines State High School

Padua College

Palm Beach-Currumbin State High School

Park Ridge State High School

Parklands Christian College

Peace Lutheran College

Pimlico State High School

Pimpama State Secondary College

Pine Rivers State High School

Pioneer State High School

Pittsworth State High School

Proserpine State High School

Queensland Academy for Health Sciences

Queensland Academy for Science

Mathematics and Technology

Ravenshoe State School

Redbank Plains State High School

Redcliffe State High School

Redlands College

Redlynch State College

Robina State High School

Rosedale State High School

Rockhampton Girls' Grammar School

Rockhampton State High School

Rosedale State School

Rosewood State High School

Runcorn State High School

Ryan Catholic College

Saint Mary's Catholic College (Kingaroy)

Saint Stephen's College

San Sisto College

Sandgate District State High School

Sarina State High School

Seton College

Shailer Park State High School

Shalom College

Silkwood School

Smithfield State High School

Southern Cross Catholic College

Southport State High School

Spinifex State College - Mount Isa -
Senior Campus

Springfield Central State High School

Springwood State High School

St Andrew's Catholic College

St Anthony's Catholic College

St Augustine's College (Augustine
Heights)

St Augustine's College (Cairns)

St Benedict's College

St Brendan's College

St Catherine's Catholic College

St Columban's College

St Edmund's College

St Eugene College

St Francis College

St George State High School

St James College

St John Fisher College

St John's College (Nambour)

St John's School (Roma)

St Joseph's College (Gregory Terrace)

St Joseph's College (Toowoomba)

St Joseph's Nudgee College

St Laurence's College

St Luke's Anglican School

St Margaret Mary's College

St Margaret's Anglican Girls School

St Mary's Catholic College Woree

St Mary's College (Ipswich)

St Mary's College (Maryborough)

St Mary's College (Toowoomba)

St Michael's College

St Monica's College

St Patrick's College (Gympie)

St Patrick's College (Mackay)

St Patrick's College (Shorncliffe)



St Patrick's College (Townsville)

St Paul's School

St Peter Claver College

St Rita's College

St Saviour's College

St Teresa's Catholic College (Noosaville)

St Teresa's College (Abergowrie)

St Thomas More College

St Ursula's College (Toowoomba)

St Ursula's College (Yeppoon)

Staines Memorial College

Stanthorpe State High School

Stretton State College

Stuartholme School

Suncoast Christian College

Sunnybank State High School

Sunshine Beach State High School

Sunshine Coast Grammar School

Tagai State College

Tamborine Mountain State High School

Tannum Sands State High School

The Cathedral College (Rockhampton)

The Glennie School

The Rockhampton Grammar School

The School of Total Education

Thuringowa State High School

Toooloa State High School

Toowoomba Grammar School

Toowoomba State High School

Townsville State High School

Trinity Bay State High School

Trinity College (Beenleigh)

Tullawong State High School

Tully State High School

Unity College

Upper Coomera State College

Urangan State High School

Varsity College

Victoria Point State High School

Victory College

Wadja Wadja High School

Warwick Christian College

Warwick State High School

Wavell State High School

Wellington Point State High School

West Moreton Anglican College

Western Cape College

Whites Hill State College

William Ross State High School

Wilsonton State High School

Windaroo Valley State High School

Woodcrest State College

Woodridge State High School

Woree State High School

Xavier Catholic College

Yeppoon State High School

Yeronga State High School







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