QATSIF's Term 1 Wrap Up

Dear QATSIF students, schools, families and supporters, In 2023, we welcomed 1960 new QATSIF students and are currently supporting around 3860 QATSIF students across Queensland schools.

We also welcome a number of new schools that have joined us this round, including:

- Aboriginal & Islander Independent Community School
- Arethusa College (Forest Lake)
- Aviation High
- Challenge Trade & Business College
- Gold Coast Christian College
- Immanuel Lutheran College (Maroochydore)
- Ipswich Grammar School
- Islamic College of Brisbane
- Kimberley College
- Mango Hill State Secondary College
- St John's Lutheran School Kingaroy
- The Gap State High School
- Yarrabilba State Secondary College
- YMCA Vocational Schools Mango Hill and Victoria Point

There have been a number of exciting developments and activities over Term 1, including:

- working with Gold Coast Health to provide a new First Nations Health Scholarship for QATSIF students in Gold Coast, Logan and surrounding schools.
- adding Griffith University (Logan) to our three New Recipients' celebrations.
- working with Westpac and Litehaus International to deliver around 650 laptops to support disadvantaged students in the Gold Coast and Central Queensland regions.
- holding online meetings with our Student Leaders and school staff members.
- receiving a \$5000 grant from Viva Energy to support some of our staff and Board to share QATSIF information at the Laura Festival.
- working with the Aspley Uniting Church ACTS group to provide additional financial support for a student from the outer Torres Strait Islands to attend Tagai State College.

On behalf of our QATSIF Patrons, Chairperson, Board and staff, I wish everyone a deadly year ahead.

Michael Nayler OATSIF Secretariat Director QUEENSLAND ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FOUNDATION

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QATSIF New Recipients and Student Leaders' Celebrations







QATSIF celebrated some of our 1,960 new QATSIF Scholarship Recipients and our 227 School Leaders with events at the Australian Catholic University (Banyo), University of Southern Queensland (Springfield) and Griffith University (Logan).

At the ceremonies, around 410 students were presented with their QATSIF scholarship certificates. Across Queensland, many of QATSIF's current 3,860 students joined our livestreamed ceremonies and had certificate presentations within their own communities.

After the Welcome to Country, QATSIF ceremonies begin with the symbolic lighting of the QATSIF Elders' candle to recognise the rich cultural heritage which has been passed down since the Dreaming. In a beautiful tradition, QATSIF students then use the flame from the Elders' candle to light the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candle as a sign of their commitment to sharing their deep cultural pride.

Outstanding student MCs from our QATSIF schools led each of the ceremonies – **ACU**: Tyler Coughlan (St Andrew's Anglican College) and Kiara McMahon (St Saviour's College); **UniSQ** – Nicholas Anderson Currie (Bremer SHS) and Emerson Kucks (Lourdes Hill College); and **Griffith** – Timothy Avery (Beenleigh SHS) and Airlee Lester (Robina SHS).

At all three ceremonies, students heard from our QATSIF Patrons – Aunty Ruth Hegarty and Professor Cindy Shannon AM. Our Patrons and Professor Keitha Dunstan (QATSIF Chair) reminded students that they needed to work hard to achieve their dreams and that they should learn from the incredible strength and resilience of Elders and Ancestors on whose shoulders we stand.

Students from St James College, Bremer SHS and Alexandra SHS demonstrated their incredible cultural pride through outstanding First Nations dance performances.

Our students listened to past QATSIF students and other First Nations speakers who shared their inspirational educational journeys, challenges and triumphs. We are very grateful to Jalara Wagner (*Sports Science and Education*), Professor Odette Best, Ceferina Villarin (*Laws, Criminology and Criminal Justice*) and all the students and staff who helped with our ceremonies.

During the ceremony, some of QATSIF's 237 school leaders including a record **27** School Captains were presented with their leadership badges and certificates in front of their proud families and schools.

Toward the end of the ceremony, our new QATSIF students were blessed by an Elder with Burnam Burnam's *"Aboriginal Fire Blessing"* to send them out to lead their schools and work hard achieve their future dreams.

QATSIF is very grateful to ACU, UniSQ and Griffith University for supporting students both now and into the future.











QATSIF would like to thank Papillon Studio Photography for their beautiful photos. www.papillonstudio.com.au.































Round 14 Recipients' Celebrations shared by our QATSIF schools



Bowen State High School came together as a community to celebrate ten of their senior Indigenous students who were successful in receiving a Round 14 QATSIF scholarship. At a morning tea held afterwards, the students were reminded by Mrs Belyea of the responsibility of being awarded a scholarship that came from the wages left unpaid to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders who had passed and the importance of valuing their education. Mr Harris (Principal) had stated to the recipients that they now have a newfound status as role models to junior students and as such they needed to be upstanding students.

We look forward to watching these students flourish in their new leadership roles.







MIRANI SHS

New recipient Teresa has successfully obtained a School-based Apprenticeship where she will commence a Certificate 3 in Marine Mechanical Technology.

Teresa is a team member of the 2023 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aspirations Program (ATSIAP) Challenge.











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ST JOHN'S SCHOOL (ROMA))

St John's School (Roma) said to their new recipients: "Your commitment towards attendance, good behaviour and work ethic have contributed to this fabulous accomplishment. Each of you are great leaders and role models who continue to make our Elders, Ancestors, and families proud. Keep working hard to achieve your dreams."







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Queensland Ambulance Service School-Based Scholarship

QATSIF thanks the deadly **Queensland Ambulance Service** (QAS) team for supporting 20 QATSIF students who are interested in working with the QAS.

This year, we welcome and congratulate the following new **QAS Scholarship** students:

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Recipient	School		
Sienna Holland	All Hallows School		
Khan-Joel Cummings- Sturt	Concordia Lutheran College (Toowoomba)		
Susannah Lui	Djarragun College		
Bibianna Nona	Grace Lutheran College (Rothwell)		
Lilliarna Kerr	Kepnock State High School		
Cobee Darcy	Lowood State High School		
Sarah Lyons	Robina State High School		
Georgia Doll	Ryan Catholic College		
Jacob Hiles	St George State High School		
Kaydenz Behrendorff	Woodcrest State College		

As well as providing their QATSIF Scholarship, the QAS also provides opportunities for the students to connect with First Nations Paramedics and gain a First Aid Certificate and driver's licence.

A number of our 2022 QAS Scholarship graduates were given the opportunity to take up a tertiary QAS Scholarship to continue their paramedic studies.



Drew Hebbron (QAS Assistant Commissioner Gold Coast Region) with Sarah Lyons.

The Barry Doyle School-Based Scholarship

The *Barry Doyle School-Based Scholarship* is a partnership between **Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Legal Service (QIFVLS)** and QATSIF to honour the memory and contribution that Barry Doyle made to its service over a period of 10 years.

This scholarship supports Year 11 QATSIF students who have an interest in a future career based on providing a safe, positive environment for Indigenous families (eg. law, counselling, social work, community development etc.).

QIFVLS and QATSIF congratulates the following students who received a *2023 Barry Doyle School-Based Scholarship*:

Recipient	School	
Kasey Doyle	Bileola State High School	
Talia Valentine	Coombabah State High School	
Jedd Kelly	Gladstone State High School	
Aaron Ambrum	Innisfail State College	
Ebony Harris	Innisfail State College	
Tamieka Matheson	Isis District State High School	
Kiahna Goworowski	Miami State High School	
Julian Jia	St Mary's Catholic College	
Elizabeth Tabuai	Thuringowa State High School	
Letiah Hooper	Unity College	

QIFVLS will fund these students' QATSIF scholarship and provide opportunities for them to work with and learn from First Nations professionals.

QATSIF thanks the deadly Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Legal Service team for offering this opportunity to our students.





Transurban Paiabun Karumba STEM Scholarships

QATSIF congratulates the following deadly students who have been awarded a 2023 Transurban Paiabun Karumba (Yuggera: Dream Big) STEM Scholarship

Recipient	School
Violet Hudson	Beenleigh State High School
Matthias Jackonia	Brisbane School of Distance Education
Botahn Ah Sam	Deception Bay State High School
Cooper Price	Iona College
Myah Christie	Redlands College (Wellington Point)
Riley Wockner	St Laurence's College
Jackson Draper	St Peter Claver College
Mark Ruming	Stretton State College

As well as having Transurban contributing to their QATSIF scholarships, these students also receive an additional \$500 to spend on IT equipment and have the opportunity to work with Transurban's engineering and First Nations team members.



2023 QATSIF School Leaders

Our Patrons Aunty Ruth & Professor Shannon AM, our QATSIF Board and staff congratulate our record 227 students (below) who have been elected to leadership positions within their schools so far this year.

This year, we also have a record 27 School Captains and 7 Vice Captains around Queensland.

Alexandra Hills State High School Gwen McColl – Inclusion Leader Miah Byers – Senior First Nations Leader Oliver Fawcett – Senior First Nations Leader

All Souls St Gabriels School (Charters Towers) Jalen Barry – Prefect

Ambrose Treacy College Lachlan Rawson – Cultural Captain

Arcadia College (Robina) Drew Anderson – Cultural Peer Leader

Atherton State High School Lillian Caulfield-Anning – Euramoo Sports House Captain

Noah Blooranta – Barrine Sports House Captain

Australian Industry Trade College (Ipswich) Jarra Breaden – School Leader

Ayr State High School Lama Ghee - Indigenous Vice Captain

Babinda State School P-12

Adah-Ellice Naawi – Senior Indigenous Ambassador Harley Webb – Senior Indigenous Ambassador Kiara Holani – Senior Indigenous Ambassador

Balmoral State High School

Olive Ahwang – Indigenous Leader

Beaudesert State High School Riley Fryer - Senior Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leader

Beenleigh State High School Olivia Stivactas – School Prefect



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Beerwah State High School

Lilly McLeod – Senior Indigenous Captain & Ngungun House Captain

Biloela State High School

Chloe Mailman – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leader

Emily Beezley – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leader

Hunter Bogdanek – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leader

Kasey Doyle – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leader

Kye Plisch – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leader

Logan Ronnfeldt – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leader

Peta-Jane Bogdanek – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leader

Blackheath and Thornburgh College (Charters Towers) Annette Morgan – Prefect Cephas Creed-Haines – Boys Boarding Captain

Blackwater State High School

Dylan Raby – Senior Sports Captain Kenneth Weir – Student Council Representative Latoya Byrne – Indigenous Captain Lewis Malone – Indigenous Captain Shanae White – Student Council Representative

Bowen State High School

<mark>Danzel Lewis – School Captain</mark> Jordan Harris – Student Council Treasurer

Bremer State High School

Akayla Gander – Cultural Captain Danika Connell – Arts Director Isabella Clark – Sports Director and Mardango House Captain Jackie Grist – Year Level Student Leader Michealie Warner – Kara Kara House Captain Stephanie Towers – Year Level Student Leader

Bribie Island State High School Keshy King – Indigenous Leader

Brigidine College Arabella McCarthy-Starr – De Porres House Prefect

Brisbane Bayside State College Ebony Banks – Indigenous Leader Brisbane Grammar School Ngailu Thompson – School Prefect (Boarding Prefect)

Brisbane State High School Amara Peate – Prefect

Browns Plains State High School Chelsea Smith – Indigenous School Leader

Bundaberg State High School Chloe Schmidt – Indigenous Captain Jordan Anderson – School Captain

Bundamba State Secondary College Alekk Mathieson-Johns – College Prefect – First Nations

Kaitlyn Hagar – College Captain Mulana Walker – College Prefect – First Nations Munarra Walker – College Prefect – Wellbeing

Cairns State High School Dakota May – Indigenous Male Leader Janita Ahwang – Prefect Monique Dixon – School Captain Sentina Waianga – House Captain & Indigenous

Female Leader
Calamvale Community College

Shanieka Sampson-Booth – Senior Secondary First Nations School Leader

Calen District State College Alaura Jepsen – Student Council Secretary Chaycee Bradshaw – Student Council Treasurer

Carinity Education - Southside Emma Barrett – Goolagong House Captain

Chanel College Charlie-Mae Machen – Rock Band Leader Jossie Law – Marcellin House Captain

Charleville State High School Emmerson Mitchell – Indigenous Ambassador Laquisha O'Neil – House Captain

Cleveland District State High School Brianna Morrison – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ambassador Georgia Matthews – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ambassador

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Clifton State High School Blake Mitchell – House Captain

Coombabah State High School Lakeeta McGrath – School Captain

Coorparoo Secondary College Cameron Saxby-Saunders – First Nations Captain

Corinda State High School Amber Brown – Indigenous Captain

Dakabin State High School Kelea Hopkins – Senior Deadly Leader

Dalby State High School Evelyn Cochrane – Culture Captain Georgia Tattam – Culture Captain Tarnia Bligh – Culture Captain

Deception Bay State High School Lenniece Wright – School Captain

Emerald State High School Cody Taylor – 2023 School Indigenous Leader

Emmaus College (Rockhampton) Jazmin Grant – Indigenous Cultural Leader & Academic House Leader Tahni Ivey – Indigenous Cultural Leader & Student Representative on College Board Teearna Cora – Sport & Lunchtime House Leader

Ferny Grove State High School Benjamin Dodd – Indigenous Leader Dane Clemments – Indigenous Leader

Glenala State High School

Jaida Ivinson – School Captain Samuel Malone – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander School Leader

Glenmore State High School Angellus Jones – School Captain

Good Shepherd Catholic College Malachi Munns – College Captain

Groves Christian College Scarlett Magin – College Captain

Gympie State High School Eva Williams – Indigenous Ambassador

Heatley Secondary College Armani Freeman – Arts Captain Jennifer-Joyce Donaldson-Stevens – School Vice-

Captain Kai Lamkin – House Captain Kathryn South – House Captain Leon Mitchell – Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Captain Shiquita Mooka – Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Captain

Ingham State High School Shimahl Wotton – First Nations Leader

Ipswich Girls' Grammar School Loyolla Percy – Volleyball Captain Pauleeja Mau – Dahdi Captain Relna Hosea – Dahdi Captain Sian Costigan – Football Captain

Ipswich State High School Cayleb Johnson – Senior First Nations Captain Sytarniah Nona – Senior First Nations Captain

James Nash State High School Laurel Scammell – Senior School Indigenous Captain Ruby Whiting – Student Representative Council Secretary

Taylor Whiting – Senior School Indigenous Captain

John Paul College (Daisy Hill) Koolee Harbour – Boarding Captain

Jubilee Christian College (Atherton) Sieta Ratabua – Student Representative Council

Keebra Park State High School Sophia Eurell – Vice Captain and Indigenous Captain

Kenmore State High School Maddison Tallis – Indigenous Leader (First Nations Leader)

Kingston State College

Dominic Davey – Indigenous Captain, House Captain, Student Council Representative & Treasurer Shianne Evans – Indigenous Captain





Kirwan State High School Jaylan Rankine – Indigenous Captain Kaiden Lahrs – Sports Captain Kiana Phineasa – Indigenous Captain

Loganlea State High School Zoe Allison – School Captain

Lourdes Hill College Edwina Doyle – STAR Captain Emerson Kucks – Reconciliation Captain Sienna Willmett – STAR Captain

Mabel Park State High School Billy Neale – School Captain Jaycob Kingston-Francis – House Captain

Mackay Northern Beaches State High School Cooper Giles – House Captain Destiny Mallie – Cultural Ambassador Makayla Davis – Sports Vice-Captain

Marsden State High School Cheyenne Cohen – Indigenous Captain Keiara Methu – Indigenous Captain Nicola Nauer – Indigenous Captain

Marymount College Angelina Loeber – College Cultural Captain Windsor Hill – Mob Captain

Miami State High School Claire White – Senior Indigenous Leader Eloise McHatton (Yr.10) – Junior Indigenous Leader

Mount Alvernia College (Kedron) Tahni Dreise – First Nations Ambassador

Nambour State College Reba-Rae Miller – House Captain

Northern Beaches State High School Joshua Fisher – Indigenous Captain and House Captain

Taniesha Maunder – Indigenous Captain

Oakey State High School Azailia Gypsy Lee Woodward – Indigenous Leader Isla Prior-Mead – School Captain Jorja Charles – Indigenous Leader Sharmekha Young – School Captain

Pacific Pines State High School Drew Summers – Vice Captain Palm Beach-Currumbin State High School Benjamin Burgess – Vice Captain Hayley Lyons – Senior Prefect

Pimpama State Secondary College Charlotte Kelly – First Nations Leader Georgia Padroth – First Nations Leader Kira Manning – First Nations Leader

Proserpine State High School Isabella Allan – Indigenous Student Leader, Senior Student Council Executive – Treasurer and Vice House Captain

Ravenshoe State School Allira McPherson – Indigenous Leader of Tomorrow Jacinda Royee-Hill – School Captain Nataliyah Barlow – Archer House – Sports Captain and Indigenous Leader of Tomorrow

Redcliffe State High School Dakota Fishlock – First Nations Leader Marnie Major – First Nations Leader Sienna Coon – First Nations Junior Liaison

Robina State High School Jaylaan Higgins – Indigenous Captain

Rochedale State High School Aaliyah Wynn – Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Leader

Rockhampton Girls Grammar School Camryn McPherson – Head of Boarding

Rockhampton State High School Hayley Petterwood – Indigenous Leader

Rosewood State High School Marnie Carter-Green – Sports Captain

Runcorn State High School Alexander Loft – School Captain Ava Farrell – House Captain Izaac Bridge – Prefect Tahni Bridge – House Captain

Ryan Catholic College (Townsville) Kilah Gaston – House Captain Shaianne Duke – House Vice-Captain

Sandgate District State High School Harris Martens – School Captain Tayah Carne – First Nations Captain









Spinifex State College - Mount Isa - Senior Campus Jasmin Harris – Indigenous Captain Teisha Martin – Executive Officer

- Springfield Central State High School Georgia Storrar – School Captain
- St Andrew's Anglican College (Peregian Springs) Katelyn Hussin – Music Leader Kennedy Whitworth – Hocknull House Captain and Sport Captain Basketball
- St Anthony's Catholic College (Secondary Campus) Lucy Duncan – Indigenous Student Leader Rhylee Price – Indigenous Student Leader
- **St Augustine's College (Augustine Heights)** Jayme Hunter – First Nations Student Ambassador Reyanna Rankin – First Nations Student Ambassador
- **St Columban's College (Caboolture)** Eli Chapman – First Nations Ambassador Taytum Wiggs – First Nations Ambassador
- St Francis College Tiana Darby-Iuli – Vice-Leader for Wimulli House

St George State High School Seamus Lamb – School Captain

- St James College Keiriana Dargin-Clark – Vice Captain Tashaun Button-Wright – Indigenous Leader
- St John's College (Nambour) Jarlo Dart – Year 11 House Leader Jorja Luton – Stewardship and Culture Captain
- **St John's School (Roma)** Lalitha Cooper – Xaverian House Prefect Thomas Hayward – Marian House Prefect
- St Joseph's College (Gregory Terrace) Ethan Bernat – House Captain (Treacy House)
- St Margaret Mary's College (Hyde Park) Amber Sweeney – House Captain Anunaka Ella Raciti – First Nations Awareness Leader Eshana Gilbert – First Nations Awareness Leader Isabel McCarthy De Waele – Year 12 Student Representative
 - Sophia Moulds First Nations Awareness Leader

St Mary's Catholic College Woree Bailee Wanders – Year 11 Mentor Julian Jia – Year 11 Mentor Keanu Geary – House Captain Lalawa Donigi-Bedford – Cultural Captain William Toogood – Year 11 Mentor

St Monica's College Ashleigh Ung – Arts Captain Hannah Edwards – College Captain

- **St Patrick's College Townsville** Charlize Barrett – Boarding Prefect Jorja Triffett – Thrones House Captain
- St Peter Claver College Emmah Bayliss – Fisher House Captain Keely Janke – Xavier House Captain Willie Leehy – Culture Captain
- St Saviour's College Abbey Crothers – College Vice Captain Holly Anderson – Sports Leader and First Nations Leader

Kiara McMahon – College Captain

- Sunnybank State High School Isiah Landers – First Nations Captain
- Tagai State College Credence Moloney – School Captain Mawai Whap – School Captain
- Thuringowa State High School Leila Mack – School Vice-Captain
- Toowoomba State High School Hayleigh Bateman – Prefect and Senior First Nations Leader
- Trinity College (Gladstone) Hayley Smyth – School Captain
- Unity College Harrison Goodberg – School Captain Kai Kellert – Committee Chairperson Madison O'Brien – Committee Chairperson Noah Day – House Captain
- Upper Coomera State College Eion Gaylard – Indigenous Student Leader Emma Dixon – School Captain Shonali Wallace – House Captain
- Warwick State High School Heather Thurlow – First Nations Leader Jack Talbot – First Nations Leader
- Wellington Point State High School Rawiri Paulson – Warunggul Captain Shania White – Head of House (Hume)
- West Moreton Anglican College Lucas Marsh – Cultural Attaché
- Wilsonton State High School Rhianna Webb – First Nations Leader Yuluwirri Wightman – First Nations Leader
- Woodcrest State College Kyrah Parkinson – Indigenous Ambassador

Woodridge State High School Hayley Volke – Student Voice Secretary Wynnum State High School

Lilly Brock – House Leader

Yeronga State High School Jayden Allie – First Nations Leader Makenzie Waters – Deadly Leader Zoe Hynd – First Nations Leader













ROBINA SHS, PALM BEACH-CURRUMBIN SHS, ALEXANDRA HILLS SHS, BROWN PLAINS SHS, MARSDEN SHS, SHAILER PARK SHS, BEAUDESERT SHS, KINGSTON STATE COLLEGE, BRISBANE SHS







YERONGA SHS, ST AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE (AUGUSTINE HEIGHTS), LOURDES HILL COLLEGE, IPS WICH GIRLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL, BREMER SHS, WOODCREST STATE COLLEGE, SPRINGFIELD SHS, ROCHEDALE SHS AND CALAMVALE SHS

QATSIF students named as Queensland's Highest Achieving First Nations students

Congratulations to the deadly Jemima Bainbridge and Lachlan Munns who were jointly awarded the 2022 Highest Achievement by an Aboriginal Student and Torres Strait Islander Student in Queensland at the QCAA Awards.

Jemima (Coolum State High School) plans to study a *Bachelor of Science and Arts* majoring in Archaeological Science, Anthropology and Latin at **The University of Queensland**. Her dream is to travel the world as an Archaeologist.

Lachlan (St Laurence's College) wants to become a doctor and specialise in psychiatry or immunology. He would like to work in rural Australia and aid those who can't easily access healthcare. Lachlan was the MC at our 2022 QATSIF Graduation at QUT.

QATSIF students have won this prestigious award for six out of the past eight years.

- ★ Adrian Train (2015) Spinifex State College (Mount Isa); currently working as an Engineer.
- Kyle Ryan (2016) Glenala State High School (Inala); studying Medicine at UQ and 2021's 7 News Young Achiever Queensland Award Winner.
- ★ Lucinda Colbert (2017) Forest Lake State High School; studying Medicine at the University of Sydney.
- Rani Carmichael (2020) Brisbane State High School; studying Veterinary Science at UQ.
- Jasmine Armstrong (2021) Mt St Michael's College, Ashgrove; studying Medicine at UQ.

QATSIF congratulates Jemima, Lachlan, their families and school communities on this outstanding achievement.

QATSIF encourages all our current QATSIF students to work hard to achieve their dreams.





QATSIF Student Leaders' Online Meeting

For the past three years, QATSIF has offered our school leaders (and other interested leaders) a chance to meet online to share their activities and ideas for the year ahead and hopefully to encourage and inspire one another.

Early in March, some of our nearly 230 student leaders including many of our 27 QATSIF students who have been elected as School Captains, met together.

The meeting recording and minutes were later shared with all QATSIF schools. Just a few of the many ideas presented were:

- ★ NAIDOC Week: For Our Elders theme students speak with First Nations Elders (and older people) and collate their stories into a booklet to present to them at an Elders' meet and greet morning tea.
- * Calling for a First Nations Voice on school committees eg. P&Cs.
- ★ Signage around school using traditional names.
- ★ House challenge using First Nations games.
- ★ Teaching dance to younger students. e.g. Taba Naba.



The leaders agreed to hold a follow up meeting for QATSIF Student Leaders from **12.30pm – 1.30pm Wednesday 10 May**.

2022 QATSIF Young Indigenous Leader Award Statements

EMELIA STACY

Emelia Stacy was presented her award by QPS Senior Constable Lisa Easton. These were the accompanying words "In 2022 Emelia initiated the process for the school to implement a Yarning Circle onsite. Emelia also undertook a mentoring program, working with at-risk youth in Inala for a singing/song writing workshop. This contribution embodies the qualities of a young leader and we are proud of Emelia's contribution. Congratulations Emelia."



JADE-ELLE BROWN

Jade-Elle Brown is a very determined student who has achieved a high level across all her subjects at St Mary's College. She is very goal focussed having successfully completed her Certificate III in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education.

She has a strong sense of justice, receiving positive feedback from both schools where she undertook voluntary placement as part of her Certificate III and will receive her Queensland Certificate of Education.

Recently Jade-Elle obtained confirmation of early entry into the University of Sunshine Coast to undertake a Bachelor of Social Work, a career path which she is passionate about.





NANCY AND BROGAN-LEE

Nambour State College are immensely proud of Nancy and Brogan-Lee and the contribution they have made to our College. These students have been awarded as the recipients of the QATSIF Young Leader's Award for their participation in and promotion of college sporting events, for being role models both within Nambour State College as well as in the wider community and for being a positive First Nations voice within our college as Cultural Leaders.

JAXON LESTER

Jaxon Lester is a QATSIF Scholarship recipient and received the following awards at Robina State High School's Awards Evening; The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Of The Year Award, The Karen Andrews MP Award for Service to Others Award, and The City of Gold Coast Environmental Award.

Jaxon has led a number of initiatives throughout the 2022 school year with the aim of improving connectedness to the school community and culture for all First Nations students. Jaxon has been an integral member of the school's Sustainabulls club and has healed country through treeplanting projects, building nesting boxes for at risk species which are now installed in Numinbah Valley, and receiving a George Alexander Scholarship to analyse the impact of Climate Change on mangroves.

Jaxon has recently been accepted into Griffith University to study a Bachelor of Environmental Science where we have no doubt he will continue the great work he has begun at Robina State High School.





Our 2023 QATSIF Team



QATSIF is very proud of our hardworking and dedicated staff who oversee our QATSIF scholarships. L to R: Sonia Norbido (Mon – Wed), Mike Nayler (Full-time), Shalana Uta (Full-time) and Tegan Olssen (Tues and Thurs).

QATSIF Students in Focus

CYRESS DEWIS

Congratulations to the deadly Cyress who is one of Tagai State College's QATSIF QCIA (Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement) students.

This term Cyress has successfully and independently completed a major technology challenge by building what is, as far as we know, the second most complex Lego Technic project. The achievement is the more notable because the project is designed as a technology challenge for neurotypical



adults of 18 years and over. It is comprised of 3,854 pieces. There are four servo-motor driven drive trains that are mechanically integrated through complex clutch, cam and gearing systems as well as linear actuators.

TagaiStateCollegeandQATSIFareincrediblyproudofCyressandhisoutstandingachievements.

Too deadly Cyress!







MICHAEL HUNNISETT

Carmel College Year 12 QATSIF recipient Michael Hunnisett took part in the victorious Indigenous State rugby league team, at the Queensland Murri versus New South Wales Koori Interstate Challenge.

Michael earned his selection in this team after a highly successful intra-state carnival in the September 2022 school holidays. After training on



the Gold Coast with some of the code's most decorated First Nations past players, Michael competed in the Interstate Challenge on January 28.

In blistering conditions, the Queensland Murri side emphatically defeated their southern rivals, 32–10, with Michael contributing a try to his team's score line.

In addition to the weekend of football, Michael enjoyed the experience of listening to and learning from Indigenous sporting leaders, who emphasised the pride of representing both State and culture at the event.

Congratulations Michael!

TREY YOUNGBERRY

Trey is a foundation student at Bellbird Park SSC who has just graduated with a QCIA – Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement. Trey has achieved success across all his goals while participating in the program. Congratulations Trey!

Trey is a Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation (QATSIF) scholarship recipient and that has supported his journey through his senior years of learning.

Bellbird Park SSC adopts a student-centred approach to learning to encourage students to become active, engaged participants in their own learning experiences. Trey developed a range of skills in Hospitality, Community work, English, Mathematics, HPE, STEM activities and our school recycling program to achieve his goals.

Trey has secured work at a local carvery. Well done Trey, best of luck in your future endeavours.



QATSIF Students in Focus

BENJAMIN ROEBUCK

Congratulations to the deadly Benjamin Roebuck (QATSIF student from Kirwan State High School who has been contracted through the NQ Cowboys to play for Townsville Blackhawks (Under 18s) and Kirwan Bears.

Benjamin was also selected as an Indigenous leader at his previous school.

We wish Benjamin all the best for his footy, future and senior studies.









PARIS AND SAVANNAH CAMPBELL

Congratulations to the very talented Paris and Savannah Campbell (past and present QATSIF students) who have been selected for the Australian Indigenous Oztag U21 Women's squad to compete at the International Tag **Federation World** Cup in Ireland.



These deadly sisters featured in Sunday Mail printed on 26 March (below).

We wish Paris and Savannah all the best for the World Cup!



GOOD OZ GOLD AS SISTERS OFF TO WORLD CUP

KAIDEN RATCLIFF

At the end of 2022, Kaiden stepped up to lead the newly formed Riverside Dance Troupe. In a school with only 6% of students who identify as Indigenous, we are very proud to have 13 students stepping up to perform, many for the first time. Kaiden has led this group admirably and other students are now also expressing interest in joining the troupe.

Kaiden is also a competitive swimmer and recently competed with the Wide Bay School Swim team in Freestyle, Butterfly, Breaststroke and two medley teams.

Too deadly Kaiden!



QATSIF Young Achievers

ELLA CEOLIN

Congratulations to Dr Ella Ceolin (QATSIF Ambassador & past QATSIF student) who has graduated from medicine at The University of Queensland.

Ella has been extremely generous in sharing her inspirational story on many occasions to encourage younger First Nations students to work hard to achieve their dreams.



On behalf of our QATSIF Patrons, Board, staff and entire QATSIF community we congratulate Ella and wish her all the best as she moves to working as a doctor at Rockhampton hospital.

CARISSA GREAVES

Congratulations to the deadly Carissa Greaves (QATSIF graduate from Northern Beaches State High School) who has been accepted into the Royal Australian Army as a Combat Engineer .

Our QATSIF Patrons, Board and staff are deeply proud of Carissa's achievements and wish her all the best for her future career.



SHANIA PHILLIPS

Congratulations to the deadly Shania Phillips, a former QATSIF student from Woree High School who was admitted to the Legal profession and is now a registered Lawyer.







BELLA AND LILLIELLE MAHONEY

Congratulations to Bella and Lillielle Mahoney (past and future QATSIF students from Runcorn SHS) who recently competed and won the Australian Indigenous Oztag Tournament, playing for the U22 QLD women's team.

Both girls have been selected for the Australian team to compete in the World Cup in Ireland later this year.





QATSIF Young Achievers

THOMAS WEATHERALL

Congratulations to the very talented Thomas Weatherall (AACTA Award winning past QATSIF student) who is being recognised for his exceptional performance in his deadly stage show.





JAELYN BIUMAIWAI

NRL INDIGENOUS ALL STARS

QATSIF congratulates our deadly past QATSIF students who made the 2023 Indigenous All Stars team that went up against the Maori All Stars; (clockwise) Selwyn Cobbo, Jasmine Peters, Tahlulah Tillett and Essay Banu.

The exciting clash of cultures took place on Saturday 11 February 2023 at Rotorua International Stadium, Rotorua.



Congratulations to the very talented Jaelyn Biumaiwai (past QATSIF student) on her deadly illustrations in Isaiah Firebrace's book "Come Together".

ATAHNEE SIMSPON

QATSIF congratulates the deadly Atahnee Simspon (past QATSIF student) on being awarded *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year* at the 2022 Queensland Training Awards.

Atahnee is a proud Wakka Wakka and Jinibara woman. She recently completed a Certificate III in Business Administration while employed at the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning.

Atahnee chose a traineeship pathway because it allowed her to return to work and gain a nationally accredited qualification, with paid employment that would help her to support her young family.

We wish Atahnee all the best for her future career.



QATSIF Coffee Mugs

Check out our 2023 QATSIF coffee mugs featuring the artwork of three of our very talented *2022 Creative Arts Competition* winners:







Looking Forward Laura Bob TAGAI STATE COLLEGE The Journey of Change Jessica Johnson GROVES CHRISTAIN COLLEGE

Broken Boy Gypsy Thorn CHANEL COLLEGE

We produce a limited quantity of these mugs as gifts for Elders and presenters at our various celebrations. We have also sent mugs to each of these talented young artists.

Our 6th annual QATSIF Creative Arts competition is now open for entries from all Year 7-12 Aboriginal and

2023 QATSIF Creative Arts Competition

Our 2023 QATSIF Creative Arts Competition is open until Friday 9 June for all Queensland secondary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists. Please see your school for an entry form.

Last year we had a **record 83 entries** across the creative arts field – including visual arts, poetry, music, dance, performing arts, photography, videography, sculpture etc.

QATSIF thanks **Griffith University** who will be sponsoring our competition again this year. We are hoping that as well as providing trophies and prizes that our student artists may get opportunities to learn from professional Indigenous artists following the competition.

To be inspired by our deadly 2022 entries, please go to: https://youtu.be/q8c1rfw0hik Torres Strait Islander students in Queensland schools.

Thanks to **Griffith University** for sponsoring our competition and **Yilay** who created these beautiful mugs.



QUEENSLAND ABORIGINAL AND QATSIF TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FOUNDATION

2023 Creative Arts Competition

Calling all Queensland Year 7 - 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Artists Storytellers Performers Photographers Vidcographers Poets Dancers Musicians

> Would you like to showcase your talents to the wider Queensland community and share your pride in our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures? Create a deadly creative arts piece that relates to either:

> > Be a Voice for Generations. RECONCILIATION WEEK 2023 THEME

For Our Elders. NAIDOC WEEK 2023 THEME

Please send a high resolution image (not the original artwork), recording, video (5 min max) or email of your artistic piece and permission form to: <u>enquiries@qatsif.org.au</u> or QATSIF 2/439 Lutwyche Road, Lutwyche QLD 4030.

COMPETITION CLOSES FRIDAY 9 JUNE

Viva Energy Grant

QATSIF thanks the deadly Viva Energy Australia team for their generous grant to support some of our QATSIF Board, staff and inspirational young leaders to attend this year's Laura Festival.

Viva Energy has already supported QATSIF with three previous grants to bring inspirational First Nations young people to speak with remote and regional secondary school students between Mount Isa and Cunnamulla, as well as Cairns, Thursday Island and the Wide Bay, Burnett and South Burnett regions.

This year, we are keen to speak with families and young people from across Cape York and the Far North at the Laura Festival.



2023 Yarning With Our Elders Project

With For Our Elders being this year's NAIDOC theme, it was wonderful to see some of the deadly entries in our 2023 Yarning With Our Elders Project.

Each year, QATSIF invites all Queensland First Nations students to speak with an Elder and share their stories and wisdom.

QATSIF is very grateful to the Australian Catholic University for sponsoring our project and for assisting in preserving these important stories.

While we only ever receive a small amount of entries each year, we believe that our Elders deserve to be recognised and to have their powerful and important stories told and celebrated.

It is impossible to share these wonderful stories completely on a page or two, but we will share them online once judging for our project closes.

2023 ENTRIES



a writer, a poet and a voice for Indigenous people. I am so proud to say she was the First Indigenous person to graduate with a doctorate at the Australian Catholic University My Nan was amazing and I'm so proud of who she was!

My Nan was a professor,





QATSIF Round 15 Scholarships (2024–2025)

Our 15th Round of QATSIF Scholarships will open on Monday 22 May, 2023 and they will remain open for schools to lodge their students' applications until Monday 21 August 21, 2023.

All Queensland schools will receive application packs and instructions by mid-May. As usual, we will send applications forms to schools well before the June holidays to assist our Boarding and Distance Education schools to get these forms out and back from their parents and carers.

Student applications need to be collated and thoroughly checked by schools before being uploaded onto our online QATSIF portal.



Are you

Aboriginal or

Torres Strait

Islander?

QATSIF.

Culture and

efforts?

*QCIA for students with disability.

Calling past QATSIF graduates to volunteer as QATSIF Ambassadors



Did you receive a **QATSIF Scholarship**? Are you keen to give back to your mob? Do you want to help to inspire the next generation of young leaders?

Then become a volunteer QATSIF Ambassador by emailing your contact details and current work, course or career to enquiries@qatsif.org.au.

Did you receive a QATSIF QCE Scholarship in Year 11 or 12?

Are you prepared to share your own in educational journey to inspire others?

Do you want to help inspire younger Aboriginal and torres Strait Islander students?

Our QATSIF Ambassadors have the opportunity to share their inspirational stories through school visits, corporate talks, videoconferencing and social media.

We are looking for QATSIF Ambassadors from all fields - employment, tertiary studies, sports, arts etc.

JCV 2023 Winter School for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students

JCU Winter School for Year 10, 11 and 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Want to know what it's like to be a uni student? Then JCU's residential preparatory program for high school students may be the program for you.

The JCU: James Cook University, Australia Winter School for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students offers students in Year 10, 11 and 12 the chance to experience university life during the school holidays.

The JCU: James Cook University, Australia Winter School will run from 26th - 30th June.

Apply or find more information at: www.jcu.edu.au/ierc/pathways-to-study/winter-school

Over five days, students live on campus and take part in academic lectures and team-building activities in an interactive program that provides opportunities to meet University staff and students and form bonds with other students in the program.

On-campus accommodation allows for a complete university experience. Accommodation is in the residential colleges on campus and catering is provided for all participants while students are on campus. JCU covers the cost of return travel, including flights, bus or train, for students outside of the Townsville region, within Australia.





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Link and Launch

Link and Launch officers are based at participating schools to connect with all young people who have completed Year 12 but not yet transitioned to further study, training or work.

These officers assist young people to navigate a range of post-school study, training and work options in line with their individual goals, aspirations, skills and strengths and support them to make independent choices that will equip them to make a successful transition.

Some of the options young people may consider through the program include:

- free apprenticeships for under 25s
- free TAFE for under 25s •
- **Skilling Queenslanders for Work**
- Back to Work employer subsidies
- alternative entry to university
- employment
- alternative entry to TAFE
- federal incentives and participation programs like JobMaker and JobTrainer.

Fair Play Sports Vouchers

Do you know or support someone with children aged 5 to 17 years who has a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card? They could be eligible to apply for FairPlay vouchers valued up to \$150 to put towards sport and active recreation membership, registration, or participation fees for their children.

If you're an organisation offering sports or active recreation activities, you can also find out how to become a FairPlay activity provider. For more information, see the attached flyers or visit FairPlay vouchers at: www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/fairplay

FairPlay parent, carer or guardian

with a Link and Launch Officer, please go to:

www.wethedifferents.qld.edu.au/link-launch/

LOOKING FOR WORK OR

TRAINING AND STUDY OPTIONS?

Join the Link & Launch Program today!

To find a list of Queensland schools were you can connect

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An eligible parent, carer or guardian must hold a valid Services Australia Health Care Card or Pensioner **Concession Card.**



www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/ funding/fairplay/apply



13YARN

If you're not coping, it doesn't mean that something is wrong with you, seeking help and being pointed in the right direction by one of our support workers is a great step and could help you get the right support you need.

Give us a call on **13 92 76** for a yarn





NO SHAME IN SEEKING HELP IF YOU ARE FEELING NO GOOD

Ideas for class or school Reconciliation or NAIDOC Week celebrations

From QATSIF's website: www.qatsif.org.au/ideas-for-school-celebrations.

If you are looking for ideas to celebrate Reconciliation and NAIDOC Weeks at you school, our QATSIF website has lots of great ideas.



Floral Friday Fundraiser

The Friday of your NAIDOC celebration

Join our QATSIF team and wear your brightest floral shirts or dresses to celebrate Torres Strait Islander culture during your NAIDOC Week celebration.

QATSIF invites schools and organisations to collect a gold coin donation to support our vital work.

Thank you prizes for the best workplace organisers.

To donate please go to www.qatsif.org.au/get-involved.

Please email enquiries@qatsif.org.au (or call 3257 1777) for more information or a tax deductible receipt.

FOR OUR ELDERS





Donate now to support QATSIF's vital work at: www.qatsif.org.au/get-involved Your tax-deductible donation will directly assist our young people to complete their senior studies and gain a brighter future. You can donate online or by cheque or Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Thank you for your support!

HOW TO MAKE DONATIONS

ONLINE BY DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD AT: www.qatsif.org.au/get-involved.

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.

CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER TO:

Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation 2/439 Lutwyche Road, Lutwyche QLD 4030 Please include your name and email address. A receipt will be emailed to you for tax purposes.

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

2023 QATSIF DATE CLAIMER

	Monday 15 May	QATSIF RND 15 SCHOLARSHIP Applications open	Thursday 3 August	QATSIF Graduation at UniSQ (Toowoomba)
<u>or</u>	Friday 7 July the Friday of your NAIDOC	ay of Wear your brightest floral clothes to raise money to	Tuesday <mark>8 August</mark>	QATSIF Graduation at CQU (Bundaberg)
>) \	celebrations Tuesday	Islander resources for schools. NAIDOC Week celebrations hosted by	Friday 11 August	QATSIF Graduation at UQ (St Lucia)
	18 June (10am start)	Laidley State High School	Wednesday 16 August	QATSIF Graduation at CQU (Rockhampton)
	Friday 21 July	QATSIF Graduation at QUT (Kelvin Grove)	Thursday 17 August	QATSIF Graduation at CQU (Mackay)
W	/ednesday 26 July	QATSIF Graduation at JCU (Townsville)	Monday	QATSIF RND 15 SCHOLARSHIP
	Thursday 27 July	QATSIF Graduation at JCU (Cairns)	21 August Wednesday	APPLICATIONS CLOSE QATSIF Graduation at USC
	Monday 31 July	QATSIF Graduation at Bond Uni (Gold Coast)	25 August	(Sunshine Coast)
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QATSIF is looking forward to celebrating our Year 12 students' graduation with their families and schools.

Our graduations start at 10.30am and finish with a lunch at midday.

We will be asking for students and schools to assist with providing MCs, readers, dance troupes and performers, ushers and parent speakers.

Invitations and more details will be sent out closer to our graduations.

Our graduations occur in term 3 as schools are busy in term 4 with final preparations before their students' external exams.

QATSIF acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land in which we live and work. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and future for they hold the memories, traditions, culture and hopes of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People of Australia.

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