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THE TRUST AND THE BOARD OF ADVICE:

The Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation is a charitable trust that was established by execution of a Trust Deed on 25 November 2008. The effect of the Trust Deed was to place an amount of money under the control of The Public Trustee of Queensland. That amount currently almost \$32 million, is held and invested to produce income, which is used to achieve the Trust's objectives:

1. to provide scholarships which will advance the education of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people in Queensland;
2. to increase community awareness of the need to advance the education of Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people;
3. to ensure engagement by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community with QATSIF; and
4. to ensure the income produced is unending, and to secure additional financial support from the wider community for the Trust and the objectives it seeks to achieve.

While the income is used by QATSIF, the original amount given to The Public Trustee of Queensland to generate that income is preserved. Those funds represent the toil of previous generations of indigenous Queenslanders who laboured under now-repealed control laws and policies. It was drawn from two sources: \$10.8 million from the former Aborigines Welfare Fund and \$15 million from the remaining unspent funds from the Indigenous Wages and Savings Reparations Scheme. Scholarships are funded by the interest gained from these preserved funds.

REPORT FROM CHAIR OF QATSIF BOARD OF ADVICE:

I am proud to present this Annual Report for the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation for 2012-2013 confirming the significant work of QATSIF in its first four years and future exciting new pathways to further improve outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Firstly, I would like to respectfully acknowledge the struggle many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders faced and continue to face due to past unjust policies which included Government control over people's wages and savings. It is hoped that while the source of funding for the Foundation was beyond our control, our intentions are clear, and that is to provide equitable educational opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people.

The Foundation is an independent body run by a Board of Advisors with a majority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Members to create a positive legacy for the future.

The Board of Advice profoundly values the input of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders, leaders and community and is dedicated to ensuring they are actively involved in the work of the Foundation.

I would like to acknowledge the work of the most recent Members of the QATSIF Board of Advice – Mr Sione Fa'Aoso, Ms Kerrin Anderson, Aunty Janet Layton, Mr Shannon Bowe, and Mr Mark Brand. I thank them for your contribution to the QATSIF vision and especially thank them for your generosity and willingness to visit QATSIF schools throughout Queensland. I also welcome new Board of Advice Members – Mr Joshua Creamer, Dr Grace Sarra, Mr Rod Jensen and returning Member, Mr Mark Brand.

Given the growing pride in the QATSIF QCE Scholarship Scheme, the time has come for QATSIF to increase its efforts in seeking additional support from philanthropic bodies, educational institutions and corporate sectors to invest in the future of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders. QATSIF acknowledges the first corporate donation from Arrow Energy of \$120,000 over two years supporting QATSIF Recipients in areas where Arrow Energy has Agreements with local Traditional Owners.

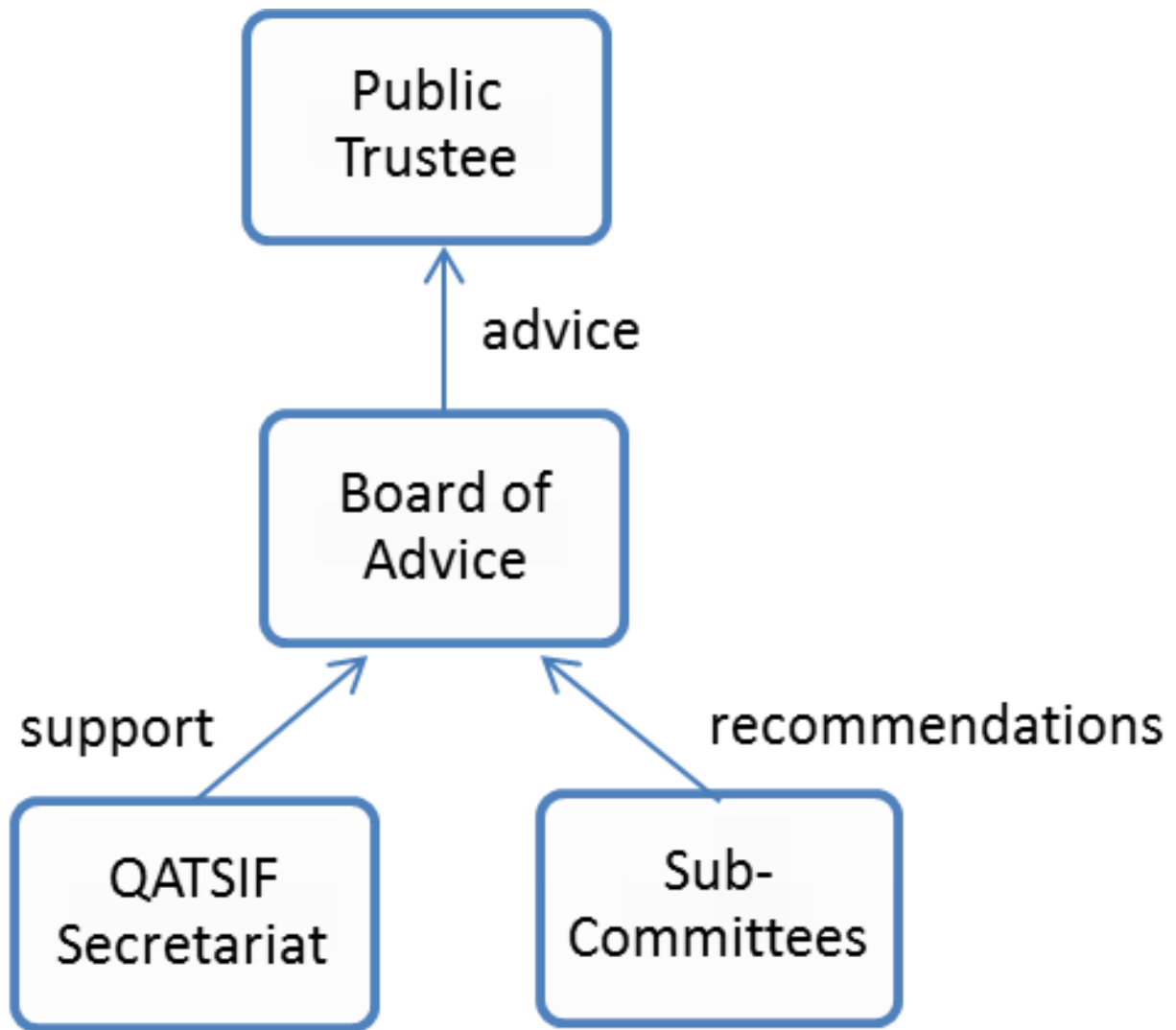
QATSIF continues its working relationships with the Government, Catholic and Independent Sectors of education, Commonwealth and State Government Departments and Queensland Universities.

We congratulate our Rounds One, Two, Three, Four and most recently announced, Round Five QATSIF Schools for the work you have done and are doing to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people, not only with respect to completion of their Queensland Certificate of Education but also in taking initiatives that create pathways to future employment through industry training and extra-curricular learning. It is clearly evident that with schools and QATSIF working together, there is a significant amount of progress being made to "close the gap" for Years 11 and 12 Queensland students.




Professor Cindy Shannon, Chair



QATSIF ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE



BOARD OF ADVICE MEMBERS

<p>Cindy Shannon (Chair) 25/11/2008 – Current</p> 	<p>Professor Shannon has made a significant and extensive contribution to health policy including working on maternal, foetal and infant health in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders communities including dealing with difficult issues such as drug and alcohol abuse and homelessness. Ms Shannon brings to the Board her experience in the community sector and views of Indigenous people in rural, remote and urban settings. She has extensive networks throughout Indigenous communities and within the government sector. Her understanding of the needs of education and the broader supports required to achieve employment and self-development outcomes is evident.</p>
<p>Kerrin Anderson 25/11/2008 – 25/11/2012</p> 	<p>Ms Anderson has legal, commercial, higher education and governance skills and experience in organisational capacity building relevant to the Foundation. Ms Anderson has a sound knowledge, good networks and a balanced and strategic approach to Indigenous affairs. Her contribution to the QATSIF Board since the establishing of the Foundation has been invaluable.</p>
<p>Sione Fa'Aoso 25/11/2008 – 24/07/2013</p> 	<p>A very proud islander man of Saibai and Tongan heritage, Mr Fa'Aoso brings to the board the perspective of a young person and strong cultural values. His youth and own life experience coming from a non-English speaking background as well as his skills and experience successfully working with children and young people for several years throughout Torres Strait, Cape York and Far North Queensland provide Mr Fa'Aoso with a keen awareness of the needs and aspirations of those to which the Foundation seeks to benefit.</p>

Shannon Bowe

26/10/2010 – 16/11/2012



Shannon has a background in public administration especially in relation to education and training. In 2005, he was selected for the QLD Indigenous Young Leaders Group and in 2007, the QLD Indigenous Young Leaders Group - Advanced Leadership. Shannon is also a recipient of DEST Secretary's NAIDOC Award for Excellence for in-service delivery to Indigenous clients and the SQIT Staff Award for Outstanding Newcomer. Shannon seeks to contribute towards the achievement of social and economic equality for Indigenous People and contributed this invaluable perspective in his Board membership time.

Janet Layton

26/10/2010 – 26/10/2012



Janet has a 35 year career in community and government. She has contributed significant service to the Commonwealth Public Service in several departments and was the second Aborigine to Charlie Perkins to achieve the Senior Executive level. She has established of community organisations during the 1070s, significantly Aboriginal medical services. Janet's professional experience includes Director, DATSIP (2.5yrs), Coordinator, Coffs Harbour Land Council (5yrs), Commonwealth Public Service (11yrs) and Director, of the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress She is currently a Member of the Logan Community Elders. Janet graduated from the University of NSW in 1974, has a Postgraduate Certificate in Counselling from the University of New England and is working on a Masters in Social Work at Griffith University.

Mark Brand

26/10/2010 – Current



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 the 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. With a desire to improve employment outcomes for young people from both Indigenous and non-Indigenous backgrounds by balancing Secondary, Vocational and Tertiary education, he also maintains a strong focus on corporate governance and appropriate process, most recently working as a Director and Board Chairperson of the Queensland PCYCs.

Dr Roianne West

10/05/2013 – 24/09/2013



Dr Roianne West is a Kalkadoon woman with 20 years of experience in Indigenous health particularly mental health and more recently in Indigenous higher education, employment and training. Roianne is the first in the country appointed to the position of Nursing Director for Indigenous Health within a Tertiary hospital. Roianne provides leadership in the development of programs to promote Indigenous nursing success in higher education and Indigenous nursing and midwifery workforce and has publications on all of these issues. Roianne brings to the board extensive experience in community engagement, health, higher education, employment and training. Roianne has persevered through many challenges can attribute her success and opportunities in life through successful participation in education

Dr Grace Sarra

10/05/2013 – Current



Grace Sarra is presently a Senior Lecturer at the Queensland University of Technology in the Education faculty and a researcher within the QUT YuMi Deadly Centre. Dr Sarra is of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage. Her mother is of Aboriginal (Birrigubba) and South Sea Islander descent and her father is of Torres Strait Islander heritage from the Central Islands (Mauar) in the Torres Strait. She has been teaching in schools and universities for over 20 years and completed her Doctor of Creative Industries at QUT. Her interests are in the area of Indigenous education with a particular focus on school change and leadership, social justice and inclusive education.

Rod Jensen

10/05/2013 – Current



Rod Jensen is an Indigenous Australian whose heritage is in the Torres Strait.

Rod has a B/Ed primary with a major in Health and Physical Education; he is currently studying a Masters in Research Methodology. Rod has worked as a teacher in the Catholic and Anglican dioceses as well as the state system. Rod has previously been a professional athlete having played in the National Rugby league for the Canberra Raiders and the North Queensland Cowboys as well as spending some time playing in the British Super League for the Huddersfield Giants. Rod has also played in both the New South Wales Premier League and Intrust Super Cup, representing both states at the resident level. Rod also represented in the Indigenous Dreamtime team at the 2008 World Cup. Rod, currently works as a program manager for the Northern Pride Rugby League entity delivering educational program to indigenous students through the innovative community engagement department the club has created. Rod also volunteers as an ambassador for health and exercise throughout the Northern community's.

Joshua Creamer

10/05/2013 – Current



Joshua Creamer is Wanyji and Kalkadoon. He is currently practising as a Barrister in Brisbane. His practise areas include Native Title and Mining. Joshua is the President of the Indigenous Lawyers Association of Queensland. He is the current Chairman of Titans 4 Tomorrow and is a part owner in Regional Economic Solutions.

QATSIF KEY ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES:

- The appointment of Aunty Ruth Hegarty as a QATSIF Patron
- Board of Advice Strategic Planning Day 11 May 2012
- QATSIF Scholarship New Recipients' Celebratory Breakfast at the State Library of Queensland in February 2012 and February 2013
- QATSIF stall presence at the NAIDOC Family Fund Day at Musgrave Park
- Celebration of QATSIF Scholarship Recipients from Toowoomba, Dalby, Rosewood and Laidley at Laidley State High School
- The Queensland Certificate of Education Scholarship Program continues to support students in Year 11 and 12 with the third group of students graduating in 2013. Round 4 Scholarship Applications were completed in November 2012 and Round 5 Scholarships approved in November 2013.
- Celebratory breakfast for QATSIF Year 12 Graduates at the State Library of Queensland in October 2012 and October 2013. This event was live streamed to all Queensland QATSIF schools some of whom held their own Breakfast simultaneously.
- Board of Advice Member visits to QATSIF Recipients in Forest Lake, Alexandra Hills, Clayfield, Coolumb, Barcaldine, Longreach, Toowoomba, Laidley
- The creation and launch of "The QATSIF Story" a teaching and learning resource for Grade 9 and 10 secondary students

DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOLARSHIPS:

Queensland Certificate of Education Scholarship Program

QATSIF continues to be impressed with the work schools are doing to support Indigenous young people; not only with respect to the completion of their Queensland Certificate of Education but also in supporting initiatives that create pathways to future employment through industry training and extra-curricular studies.

QATSIF's Board of Advice is encouraged by the strong community engagement shown by many schools in including parents of students as well as local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations in their school activities, and in their initiatives in embedding increased knowledge of Indigenous culture and history in their educational programs.

Students from the following schools in Round 3 were awarded scholarships for 2012-2013:

Metropolitan Region

Brisbane State High School; Bundamba State Secondary College; Clairvaux MacKillop College Upper Mt Gravatt; Clayfield College; Forest Lake State High School; Hymba Yumba Community Hub Springfield; Iona College Lindum; Ipswich Girls' Grammar School; Lourdes Hill College Hawthorne; Mary Mackillop Catholic College Nundah; Mt Alvernia College Kedron; Mt St Michael's College Ashgrove; Northside Christian College; San Sisto College Carina; St Joseph's College Nudgee; Southside Christian College Brisbane; St Edmund's College Ipswich; St James College Brisbane; St Laurence's College South Brisbane; St Mary's College Ipswich; St Patrick's College Shorncliffe; St Peter Claver College Riverview; St Rita's College Clayfield; Sunnybank State High School;

South East Region

Alexandra Hills State High School; Aquinas College Ashmore; Beenleigh State High School; Boonah State High School; Capalaba State College; Carmel College Thornlands; Cleveland District State High School; Flagstone State Community College; Kingston College; Mabel Park State High School; Marymount College Burleigh Heads; Park Ridge State High School; Queensland Academy for Health Sciences Southport; Victoria Point State High School; Woodridge State High School

North Coast Region

Arethusa College, Deception Bay; Bray Park State High School; Coolum State High School; Glasshouse Country Christian College; Morayfield State High School; North Bundaberg State High School; Pine Rivers State High School; Southern Cross Catholic College Redcliffe;

Central Queensland Region

Barcaldine State High School; Blackhall State School; Longreach State High School; Mackay Christian College; Rockhampton State High School; Tannum Sands State High School,

Darling Downs South West

Charleville State High School; Dalby State High School; Downlands College Toowoomba; Laidley State High School; Oakey State High School; St Mary's Catholic College, St Ursula's College Toowoomba; Stanthorpe State High School; Toowoomba State High School;

North Queensland Region

Good Shepherd College Mt Isa; St Patrick's College Townsville; St Teresa's College Abergowrie;

Far North Queensland Region

Atherton State High School; Cairns State High School; Djarragun College Gordonvale; Good Counsel College Innisfail; Mt St Bernard College Herberton; St Andrew's Catholic College Cairns; St Monica's College Cairns; Tagai State College Thursday Island;

Students from the following schools in Round 4 were awarded scholarships for 2013-2014:

Metropolitan Region

All Hallows School Brisbane; Aspley State High School; Bremer State High School Ipswich; Brigidine College Indooroopilly; Brisbane Adventist College Mansfield; Brisbane Bayside State College; Brisbane School of Distance Education; Brisbane State High School; Bundamba State Secondary College; Carmel College Thornlands; Clayfield College; Corinda State High School; Forest Lake State High School; Glenala State High School; Iona College Lindum; Ipswich Girls Grammar School; Ipswich State High School; Kenmore State High School; Kilcoy State High School; Lourdes Hill College Hawthorne; Mary Mackillop College Nundah; Mitchelton State High School; Moreton Bay College; Mt Alvernia College Kedron; Mt Gravatt State High School; Mt St Michaels College Ashgrove; Nyanda State High School; Redbank Plains State High School; San Sisto College Carina; St Edmunds College Ipswich; St James' College Brisbane; St Joseph's College Nudgee; St Laurence's College South Brisbane; St Marys College Ipswich; St Patricks College Shorncliffe; St Peter Claver College Riverview; Sunnybank State High School; Wavell State High School; Woodcrest State College;

South East Region

Alexandra Hills State High School; Beaudesert State High School; Boonah State High School; Browns Plains High School; Capalaba State College; Cleveland District State High School; Flagstone State Community College; Kingston College; Mabel Park State High School; Marsden State High School; Marymount College Gold Coast; Park Ridge State High School; St Francis College Crestmead; Victoria Point State High School; Woodridge State High School;

North Coast Region

Bray Park State High School; Bundaberg North State High School; Coolum State High School; Isis District State High School; Glasshouse Country Christian College Beerwah; Maroochydore State High School; Meridan State College Caloundra; Morayfield State High School; Mt Maria College Petrie; Narangba Valley State High School; North Lakes State College; Pine Rivers State High School; Shalom College Bundaberg; Southern Cross Catholic College Scarborough; St Patricks College Gympie; St Teresa's Catholic College Noosaville; Sunshine Coast Grammar School; Tullawong State High School; Unity College Caloundra; Xavier Catholic College Hervey Bay

Central Queensland Region

Barcaldine State School P-12 Campus; Chanel College Gladstone; Emerald State High School; Heights College Rockhampton; Glenmore State High School; Longreach State High School; Mackay Christian College; North Rockhampton State High School; Rockhampton State High School; Tannum Sands State High School; Toolooa State High School;

Darling Downs South West

Centenary Heights State High School; Charleville State High School; Chinchilla State High School; Clifton State High School; Cunnamulla State School; Dalby State High School; Fairholme College Toowoomba; Kingaroy State High School; Laidley State High School; Miles State High School; Murgon State High School; Oakey State High School; Pittsworth State High School; St Marys Catholic College Kingaroy; St Saviours College Toowoomba; St Ursula's College Toowoomba; Stanthorpe State High School; Toowoomba State High School - Lofty Campus; Toowoomba State High School - Wilsonton Campus;

North Queensland Region

Gilroy Santa Maria College Ingham; Good Shepherd Catholic College Mt Isa; Kirwan State High School Townsville; Proserpine State High School; St Patricks College Townsville; St Teresa's College Abergowrie;

Far North Queensland Region

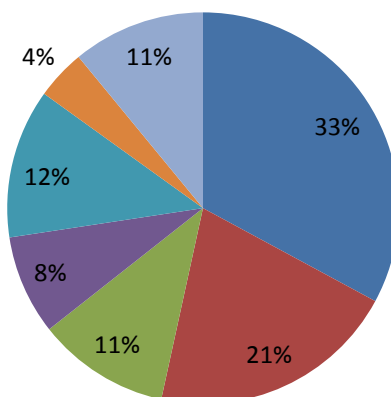
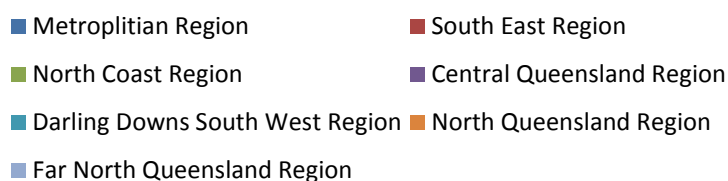
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In November 2013, 812 QATSIF Round 5 QCE Scholarships were awarded across all education sectors in 131 Queensland secondary schools.

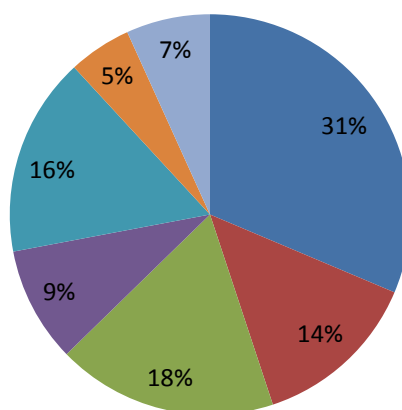
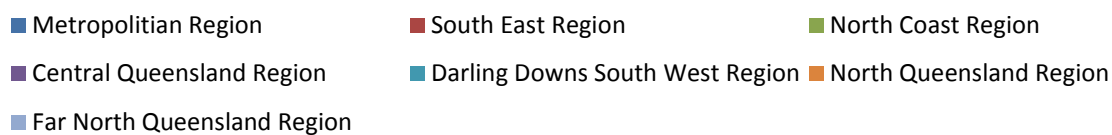
Many parents of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander senior students have indicated their appreciation of QATSIF scholarships. In the words of one parent:

“My grandmother and grandfather had their wages withdrawn and although this does not change what was wrong, at least something valuable is coming back to our family and our people through this scholarship for our son.”

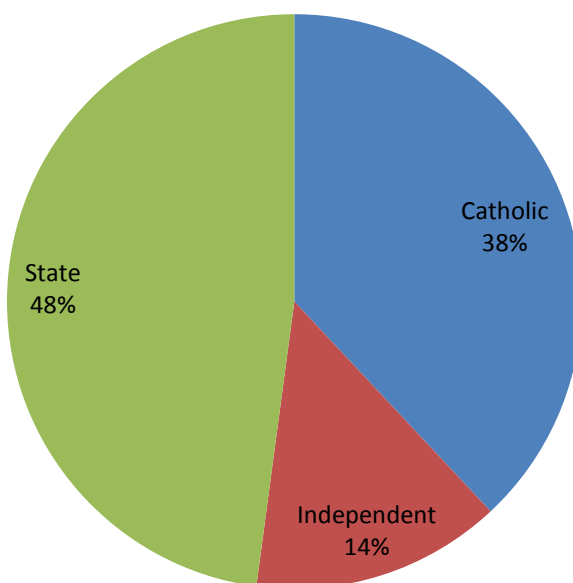
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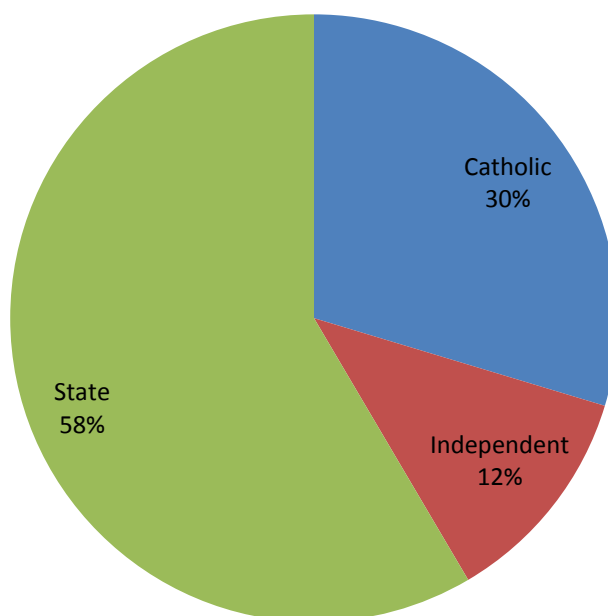
School Distribution Within Regions - Round 4



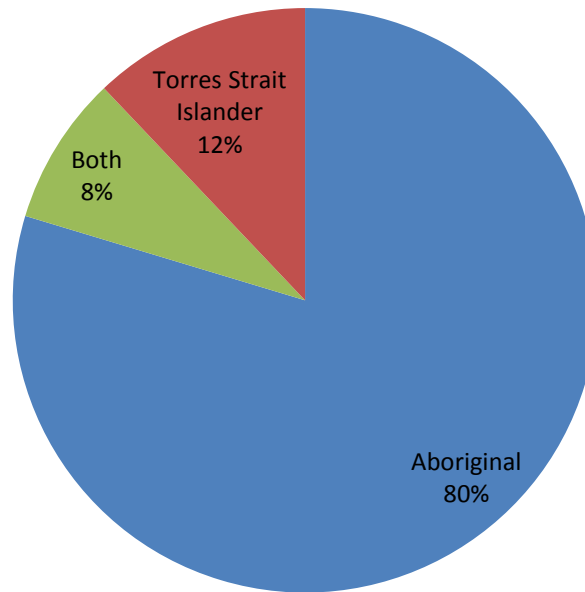
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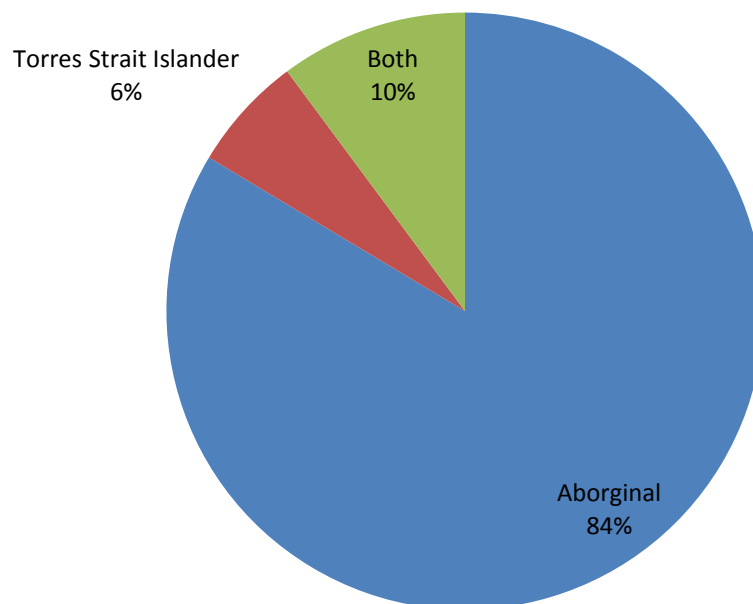
QCE Round 4 Education Sector Distribution



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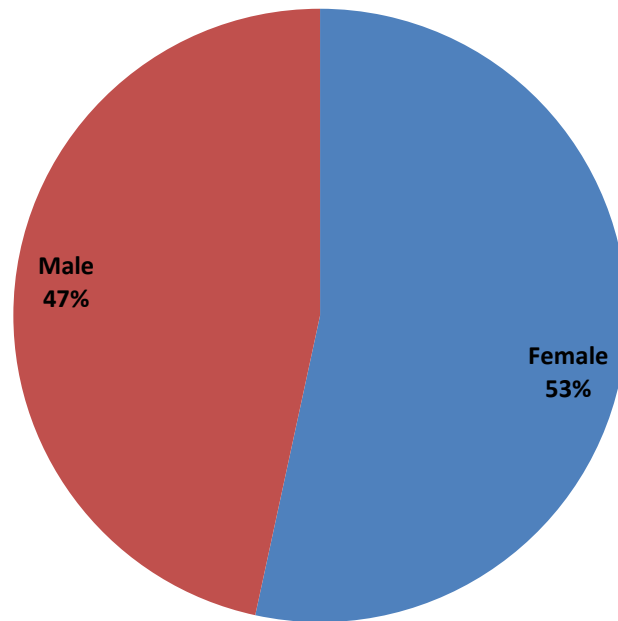


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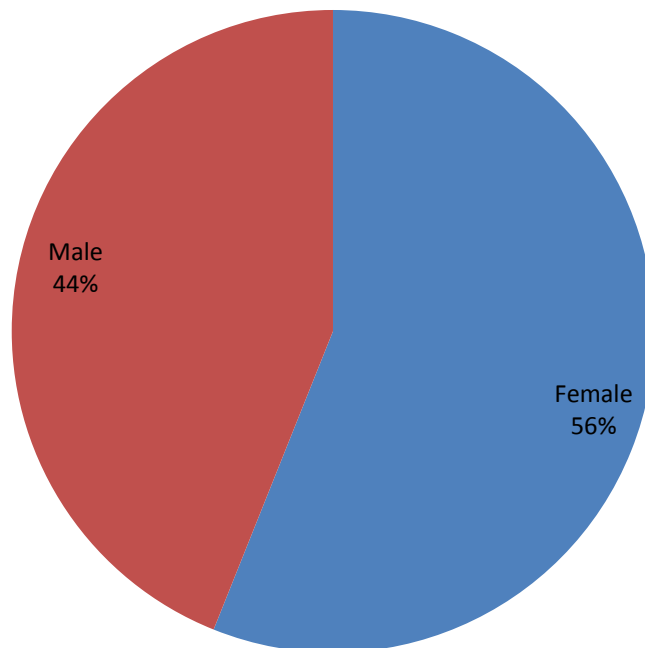


GENDER

QCE Round 3 Gender Distribution



QCE Round 4 Gender Distribution



FUTURE PLANS

The QATSIF Board of Advice:

- continues to engage in the operation of the QCE Scholarship program
- looks to continuing celebrations to acknowledging scholarship recipients and the graduation of Recipients.
- is proud of enhanced communication with QATSIF schools and developing “QATSIF identity.”
- is currently exploring opportunities for QATSIF expansion and growth in the tertiary sector
- seeks to continue support for “Closing the Gap” initiatives for improved outcomes in:
 - Retention to Year 12
 - Teacher preparedness
 - Student attendance rate
 - Literacy and Numeracy
- is actively engaged in seeking funding support from the corporate sector

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE TRUST – Year ended 30 June 2013

Trust monies are currently held and managed by the Public Trustee with recommendations from the QATSIF Board of Advice.

Financial Operations – Expenditure:

Allocated scholarship money paid to schools:

Round 1:	373,463.03
Round 2:	481,243.67
Total:	\$854,706.70

Approved funds to be paid to schools in 2012

Round 2:	572,087.45
Round 3 (2012 and 2013):	1,731,222.80
Total:	\$2,303,310.25

Operational costs of QATSIF Secretariat	\$290,350.33
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