

QATSIF's Term 1 Wrap Up

Dear QATSIF schools and supporters,

In 2022, QATSIF welcomed a record 3,900 QATSIF students from across 368 Queensland schools including 1,911 new students. It is wonderful to see our deadly foundation continuing to go from strength to strength.

Earlier this year, I saw a social media post asking why each of the past three years seemed to want to outdo the previous one in terms of new and more difficult challenges. Hopefully we are all in for better times ahead as 2022 unfolds.

QATSIF is very grateful to all our schools and your dedicated staff for the great work that you have done and continue to do, to support your students, their families and your fellow staff in these difficult times.

Education has always been a career that requires huge passion, dedication, long hours and just plain hard work. I think that the past three years has required even more of each of these from our wonderful educators (i.e. all school staff).

We began this year hoping to have our usual New Recipients celebrations, but COVID restrictions on schools and events meant that these didn't happen. Hopefully, all our graduations will go ahead for the first time in two years.

We began 2022, by farewelling Rachel Stringfellow from our office and welcoming Teagan Olssen onto our QATSIF team. Both Teagan and Rachel were past QATSIF students. Rachel has returned to complete her PhD studies into the incarceration of First Nations women. Teagan is working for QATSIF two days a week whilst studying Forensic Science, Criminology and Criminal Studies at Griffith University. We wish Rachel and Teagan all the best in their new endeavours.



L-R: Teagan Olssen and Rachel Stringfellow in front of our office in Lutwyche.

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In November, we farewelled Professor Cindy Shannon AM as our QATSIF Chair after 13 years leading QATSIF. Our new Chairperson is yet to be announced, but in the meantime, we are happy to announce that Professor Cindy Shannon AM has agreed to stay on as our QATSIF Co-Patron to support Aunty Ruth Hegarty.

Our QATSIF Board also welcomes three new Board Members:

- **Renee Blackman**
- **Benjamin Gertz**
- **Brad Jarro**



QATSIF's students are already kicking goals in 2022, just some of the many highlights so far have been:

- A record 194 QATSIF students being named as Student Leaders including **21 School Captains** and **11 Vice Captains**.
- Jasmine Armstrong (Mt St Michael's College) being named as the *Highest Achieving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student in Queensland*.
- Jakob Hearn winning the *7News Young Indigenous Achiever* award and all of the finalists being past QATSIF students.

Wishing you all the best for an exciting and hopefully better year ahead.

Michael Naylor
QATSIF Secretariat Director.

Meet our new QATSIF Board Members



Ben Gertz is a born and bred Townsvillian, and a descendant of the *Gugu-Badhun* and *Ngadjon-ji* people of North Queensland, and the *Meriam* People of the eastern Torres Strait. He currently works as a Senior Associate – Indigenous Outcomes at the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility.

Renee Blackman is a proud *Gubbi Gubbi* woman and the new ATSICHS Brisbane CEO. Renee brings a wealth of knowledge and experience including as CEO of Gidgee Health in Mount Isa and now as CEO of ATSICHS Brisbane.



Brad Jarro is a descendant of the *Bidjara* and *Ghungalu* people of Central Queensland. He is currently working as the Indigenous Education Coordinator for Catholic Education Diocese of Rockhampton.

Round 13 Recipients' Celebrations shared by our QATSIF schools

Bowen SHS

On Wednesday 23 February, Bowen State High School live streamed their Round 13 QATSIF Recipients' Ceremony due to Covid restrictions at that time. The ceremony celebrated the students' success as QATSIF scholarship recipients, as well as sharing our school and community's high expectations for our students on their journey to Year 12 attainment.

We look forward to supporting our students on their journey to success.



Front row (L-R): Daysani Power, Ta-Qusha Hegarty and Jordan Harris. **Back row (L-R):** Ashton Motto, Angel Gregory and Zach Coventry. Absent: Kathleen Matheson, Danzel Lewis.



Good Shepherd Catholic College

Good Shepherd Catholic College (Mount Isa) held its first assembly for the year on Wednesday 16 March. During that assembly, the Indigenous Education Team presented Malachi Munns & Jamaron Mothe their Round 13 New Recipients' Certificates.

In addition, the school also presented Darcy Webber with her QATSIF Indigenous Student Leader badge and certificate.

This year, we asked our students' parents to present them with their certificates on stage.





Craigslea SHS



Rochedale SHS



San Sisto College



Lourdes Hill College



St Mary's Catholic College (Woree)



Rockhampton Girls Grammar School



Burnside SHS



Townsville Grammar School



Southern Cross Catholic College (Annandale)



Lockyer District SHS



St Patrick's College Townsville



Calamvale Community College



Albany Creek SHS



**Border Rivers
Christian College**



Glenala SHS



All Souls St Gabriels School



Pioneer SHS



Murrumba SSC



Mackay SHS



Mackay Northern Beaches SHS

Transurban Paiabun Karumba STEM Scholarships

QATSIF congratulates the deadly students below who have been awarded a Transurban Paiabun Karumba (Dream Big) STEM Scholarship.

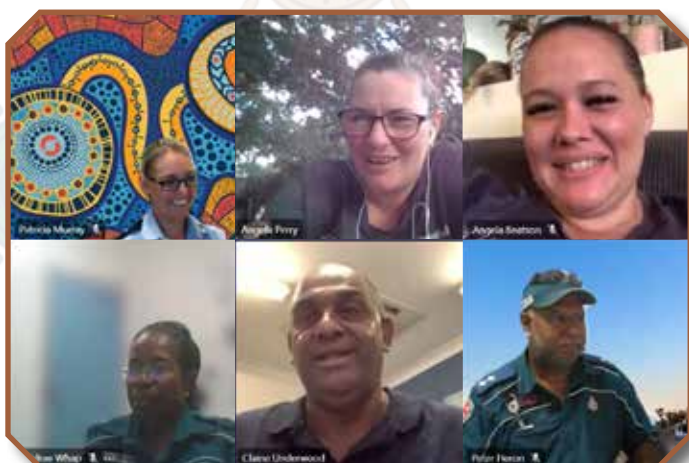
Recipient	School
Hannah Gilkes	Brisbane School of Distance Education
Rowan Gash	Northpine Christian College
Dominic Bourke	Aspley State High School
Maddison Tallis	Kenmore State High School
Zayne Rohde	Craigslea State High School
Tanika Sloane	Victoria Point State High School
Danika Connell	Bremer State High School
Khain Giberson	Kenmore State High School

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.

Eddie Pitt (Wavell SHS) shares some of the benefits of this deadly program at: <https://fb.watch/c3kTPyIL68/>



Queensland Ambulance Service School-Based Scholarships



QATSIF thanks the deadly Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) Paramedics who met with our QAS Scholarship students to share their wisdom and experience.

We are very grateful to Aunty Deidree Whap, Uncle Claine Underwood, Uncle Peter Heron, Trish Murray, Angela Perry and Angela Beatson.

Each year, the QAS supports 20 QATSIF students who are interested in becoming Paramedics.

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

Recipient	School
Ashton Olsen	St Edmund's College
Ciarn Nihot	Benowa State High School
Gweneth Korkatain	Innisfail State College
Jamie Scotter	Innisfail State College
Kailu Phineasa	Sarina State High School
Kayden Cavanagh	Marsden State High School
Mahalia Bower	James Nash State High School
Munarra Walker	Bundamba State Secondary College
Tanu Dai	Ferny Grove State High School
Tyrell Ahfa	St Thomas More College (Sunnybank)

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.

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 will support 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 the inaugural Barry Doyle School-Based Scholarship:

Recipient	School
Abigail Cutting	Rockhampton Girls Grammar School
Amara Peate	Brisbane State High School
Billy-Jack Shilvock	St Mary's College (Maryborough)
Ella Lindsay	Rockhampton Girls Grammar School
Mackenzie Buchanan	Rockhampton Girls Grammar School
Mataio Tapau-Bon	St Brendan's College
Petheru Gau Toby	St Brendan's College
Taafli Taoso	Brisbane State High School
Tamilyn Ah Kee	St Monica's College
Zoe Valler	Caboolture State High School



See I.T. Be I.T. Initiative

There is a huge digital divide between students who can afford technology and those that can't. QATSIF, ACS (Australian Computer Society), P&Cs Qld, Substation33 and LiteHaus International want to try to help to close this gap.

The *See I.T. Be I.T.* initiative aims to get refurbished laptop and desktop computers into the hands of some of Queensland's most economically disadvantaged students and families.

We want disadvantaged students to *See I.T.* (ie. have access to it) and *Be I.T.* (ie. develop the skills needed to use technology in their future careers).

We have begun approaching schools and businesses who are replacing their current devices and asking them to donate them to help students who otherwise couldn't afford a device. Our friends at Substation 33 and LiteHaus International will securely wipe and refurbish these devices and then we will provide them for schools to give to struggling families.

In 8 months, we have already allocated **540 devices** donated by schools and businesses to support young people in South East and North West Queensland. In Term 2, we are hoping to direct devices to the Bundaberg and South Western Queensland areas.

Schools and businesses who are interested in donating devices to our *See I.T. Be I.T.* Initiative can contact our QATSIF office or one of our partner organisations.





2022 QATSIF School Leaders

Aunty Ruth, Professor Cindy Shannon AM, our QATSIF Board and staff congratulate all of our 194 students (below) who have been elected to leadership positions within their schools so far this year.

We are very proud to have **21 School Captains** and **11 Vice Captains** around Queensland.

We have already held our first Student Leaders' meeting and hope to have another one later in the year.

Thanks to the Student Leaders who represented their schools and shared their hopes and ideas for the year ahead.

Alexandra Hills State High School

Gypsy McColl – Senior First Nations Leader
Jaime Woodbridge – Senior Dance Leader
Nicci-Maree Wolski – HASS Subject Mentor

All Souls St Gabriels School (Charters Towers)

Baia Gaidan – Prefect
Shakiah Stafford – Prefect

Aquinas College

Sienna Austin – College Captain

Australian Trade College North Brisbane

Dekoyta Chisholm – Student Ambassador

Ayr State High School

Julia Cahill – Indigenous Vice Captain

Blackheath and Thornburgh College (Charters Towers)

Jahvan Oui – Prefect
Johneisha Clark – Prefect
Kulaia Harris – House Captain Bryce Dickson

Blackwater State High School

Murphy Daly – Indigenous Leader
Rowdy Smith – House Captain

Border Rivers Christian College

Heidi Hall – House Captain – Bethel House

Brisbane Bayside State College

Cheyenne Brown – Indigenous Student Leader
Keely Murphy – College Vice Captain

Bundaberg State High School

Alivia Gadsby – Dreamtimers
Chloe Schmidt – Dreamtimers
Delysha Tanner – Dreamtimers
Jordan Anderson – Dreamtimers
Kaitlyn Carman – Dreamtimers
Olivia Ridgeway – Dreamtimers
Riley Simpson – Indigenous School Captain
Storm Daniels – Dreamtimers

Bundamba State Secondary College

Kaitlyn Hagar – Peer Support Leader
Mulana Walker – Peer Support Leader
Munarra Walker – Peer Support Leader
Shakiera Parsons – Cultural Captain

Calen District State College

Kane Bower – Secondary Student Council Secretary & Secondary Mercury Sports Captain

Caloundra State High School

Imogen Seale – Vice-Captain

Carmel College

Grace Debono – Arts Captain
Kobi Udowika – Ministry Captain

Cavendish Road State High School

Jayde Blair – School Vice Captain & Indigenous Prefect

Centenary Heights State High School

Beau Robinson – Indigenous Vice-Captain



Charters Towers State High School

Hayley O'Keefe – Indigenous Leader

Te'Shawn Jacks – Indigenous Leader

Corinda State High School

Emelia Stacy – Indigenous Captain

Trinity Doolan – Indigenous Captain

Dalby State High School

Evelyn Cochrane – Sports Vice Captain

Jade Williams – Culture Captain

Kate Smith – Bunya Campus Prefect

Meelah McCarthy – Culture Captain

Paige Peters – Bunya Campus Prefect

Deception Bay State High School

Elyjah Deshong – School Captain

Emmaus College (Rockhampton)

Lleyton Muggeridge – Creative Arts Leader

Faith Lutheran College Plainland

Bridie Rose – Cultural Captain

Ross Walters – Cultural Captain

Flagstone State Community College

Brooke Lacey – Indigenous Captain

Eliza Hillam – Indigenous Leader

Ella Betheras – Indigenous Leader

Jarryd Coleman – Indigenous Leader

Kitura Scott – Indigenous Leader

Shaye Williams – Indigenous Captain

Glenmore State High School

Sebastian Carr – Vice-Captain

Good Shepherd Catholic College

Darcy Webber – Indigenous Student Leader & House Captain

Groves Christian College

Lilli Moore – Vice Captain

Sarah Lock – House Captain

Harristown State High School

Brayden Thompson – Indigenous Leader

Jack Kemp – Indigenous Leader

Tahmia Duncan – Indigenous Leader

Heatley Secondary College

Imahni Lenoy – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Captain

Murray Lui – College Captain

Trequille James – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Captain

Hymba Yumba Independent School

Janaya Fox – Senior House Captain (Jagera House)

Keyimah Maybanks – School Captain

Rihanna Campbell – School Captain

Tyrell Hartas – School Captain

Ignatius Park College

Brody Ah Kit – Carew Vice Captain

Jamal Shibasaki – Rice Captain

Indooroopilly State High School

Hamish Chalmers – Year 11 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Captain

Ipswich Girls' Grammar School

Anjelika Wittkopp – Dahdi Captain

Armari Heron Jia – Dahdi Captain

Bonnie Ryder – Basketball Captain

Florence Yock – Head Boarder

Kayla Riggs – Head Boarder

Kenmore State High School

Allegra Palmer – Junior Indigenous Leader

Jayden Mansfield – Junior Indigenous Leader

Khain Giberson – Senior Indigenous Leader

Maddison Tallis – Senior Indigenous Leader

Kingston State College

Courtney Szekely – Indigenous Captain

Theodore Herbert – Indigenous Captain

Kirwan State High School

Ava Stinton – Indigenous Captain

Lachlan Adidi – Indigenous Captain

Laidley State High School

Chloe Abel – Indigenous Captain

Chloe Carr – Indigenous Captain

Lourdes Hill College

Amy Finocchiaro – Cullen House Captain

Bella Hughes – Reconciliation Captain

Mabel Park State High School

Shaylee Joseph – House Captain

Mackay Christian College

Renaysha Tass – Dennis House Family College Captain

Shanae Corowa – Dennis House Family College Captain

Mackay State High School

Jerome Hoffman – Forgan House Prefect

Laina Rudken – Arts Prefect

Oscar Filmer – Chataway House Prefect

Mareeba State High School

Akaysia Boyle – School Captain

Harley Deshong – Indigenous Leader
Keelan Muller-Casey – Indigenous Leader
Kozlan Grogan – Indigenous Leader
Lesley Deshong – Indigenous Leader
Mahkeeba Gutchen – Indigenous Leader
Nathalia Grogan – Indigenous Leader
Petria Mosquito – Indigenous Leader
Tanisha Hastie – Indigenous Leader

Marsden State High School

Ebbonny Powyer – Indigenous Captain
Kaneisha Browne – Indigenous Captain

Mary MacKillop Catholic College

Lane Richardson – College Captain

Marymount College

Jessica Eaton – College Spiritual Captain

Mirani State High School

Lainey Wilson – Senior Cultural Captain

Mitchelton State High School

Dylan Giles – First Nation Captain

Moreton Bay College

Lily Searston – Wesley House Worship & Service
Captain and Cross Country Captain

Mossman State High School

Joshua Gray – School Captain

Mount Alvernia College

Tanna-Lai Hornung – Swimming Captain

Mt Maria College Petrie

Cameron Letondeur – Kolbe House Leader

Nambour State College

Nancy Sullivan – Cultural Leader

Nanango State High School

Bayden Alexander – Sports Captain
Charli Clark – School Captain
Rose McMahon – Indigenous Leader

Nerang State High School

Chloe Bowen – Vice Captain

Declan Coulahan-Davy – Year 11 Student Council

Northern Beaches State High School

Byron Ah-Wong – Indigenous Leader
Deja Sambo – Indigenous Leader
Jaylen Wikmunea – House Captain
Joshua Fisher – House Captain
Malleya Brown – House Captain

Oakey State High School

Rebecca Sambo – Indigenous Leader

Padua College (Kedron)

Lewis Brown – Leo House Leader

Palm Beach Currumbin State High School

Tanu Nona – School Captain

Proserpine State High School

Breeana Mackay – Kennedy House Captain
Kirrilee Elies – Indigenous Student Leader (ISL) &
Cook House Vice Captain
Saskia McDonald – Senior Student Council Treasurer

Redbank Plains State High School

Alison Holmes – School Captain

Ellie Haimes – Vice-Captain

Redcliffe State High School

Amy Bird – School Captain

Sarah Kidd – School Vice Captain

Redlynch State College

Kaedyn Lammon – School Prefect and Senior
Indigenous Leader

Rivermount College

Thalayn Ryschka – House Captain

Robina State High School

Jaxon Lester – Indigenous Captain

Rosedale State High School

Allirah Burdett – Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander
Leader

Runcorn State High School

Bella Mahoney – School Captain

Jade Strudwick – Academic Captain

Ryan Catholic College (Townsville)

Brianna Cassady – Sports Captain
Eila Koskela – House Captain
Ella DeDaunton – College Captain
Jasper Caddies – House Vice Captain
Lexi Laidlow – Community Captain

Seton College (Mount Gravatt East)

Luke Gilbert – Reconciliation Leader

Spinifex State College - Mt Isa

Alysha Blackley – Indigenous Captain
Chelsea Page – House Captain
Jade Byrne – House Captain
Tremayne Gemmell – House Captain





St Anthony's Catholic College (Secondary Campus)

Lucy Duncan – Senior Indigenous Leader

Tyler Ive – Senior Indigenous Leader

St Augustine's College (Augustine Heights)

Alyssa Wehrman – 2022 First Nations Student

Ambassador

Makayla Johnston – 2022 First Nations Student

Ambassador

St Catherine's Catholic College

Dalma Jacob – House Captain

St Columban's College (Caboolture)

Eden Chapman – First Nations Leader

Zakary Riordan – First Nations Leader

St Edmund's College

Jackson Midgley – House Captain

St John Fisher College (Bracken Ridge)

Emily Moore – Cultural Captain

St John's School (Roma)

Logan Walsh – Prefect

St Margaret Mary's College (Hyde Park)

Summer Walters – First Nations Awareness Leader

Teesha Edwards – First Nations Awareness Leader

St Mary's College (Ipswich)

Estelle Synnott – Mercy Captain

Kaylee Haspels – School Vice Captain

Violet Bishop – Horan House Captain

St Mary's Catholic College Woree

Isaac Rolland – House Captain

Keanu Geary – Year 11 Mentor

Kobi Sabiston – Year 11 Mentor

Talisha Leighton – Year 11 Mentor

St Monica's College

Jemma Mosby – Social Justice and Mercy Captain

St Patrick's College (Gympie)

Chynna Mallie – Chisholm House Convenor

Georgie Bunn – Horan House Convenor

St Patrick's College (Mackay)

Aaron Lange – College Captain

Sophie Brunton – Indigenous Committee Chair

St Patrick's College (Shorncliffe)

Remy Ryall – Rice House Leader

St Patrick's College Townsville

Flora Nona – Cultural Engagement Prefect

St Stephen's Catholic College

Savannah Sprecher – First Nations Captain

Tyler Martin – First Nations Captain

Tagai State College

Jai Lewin – Vice Captain

Kailu Luffman – School Captain

Maivanga Mosby – Vice Captain

Nina Lui – School Captain

The SCOTS PGC College (Warwick)

Kaysan Miles – Prefect, Girls Boarding Vice-Captain &

Futsal Captain

Thuringowa State High School

Caleb Baker – School Captain

Chenice Sibley – Senior Indigenous Leader

Codie Leigh Body – Student Representative Council

Jordyn McKean – President of the Student

Representative Council

Trinity College (Beenleigh)

Kiera Heffernan – Cultural Prefect

Tully State High School

Jonas Gumbleton – Indigenous Leader

Upper Coomera State College

Shaneiqa Dixon – School Leader

Victory College

Seriah Bligh – Faith Captain

Wellington Point State High School

Bailey Malseed – School Captain and Warunggul Captain

Windaroo Valley State High School

Hayden Lynch – Fraser House Captain

Kole Moore – Indigenous Captain

Yeppoon State High School

Emma Warry – School Captain



QATSIF Young Leader in Focus

Lainey Wilson

Lainey Wilson from Mirani State High School was presented at the annual Senior Investiture her school leadership badges plus her QATSIF Leadership Certificate and badge. Lainey has started off 2022 running, her commitments are:

- ★ Senior Cultural Captain
- ★ QATSIF Scholarship recipient
- ★ Student Council as Treasurer
- ★ ATSIAP Program
- ★ NAIDOC committee member
- ★ School Musical – Lead role
- ★ Inter-school Netball
- ★ Rock Pop Mime – choreographer and dancer
- ★ ANZAC Day speech.

Lainey was also nominated for 2022 7 News Young Achiever First Nations Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander award. This young lady has unleashed the potential in herself and wants to unleash the potential in others.



QATSIF Students in Focus

Taafli Taoso

Congratulations the deadly Taafli Taoso, current scholarship holder from Brisbane State High School, who shone for Queensland in the Waterpolo Australia U20 Summer Slam.

Too deadly Taafli! We wish you all the best for your senior years and future.



Jarrell Quinlan

Congratulations to Jarrell Quinlan, from Good Shepherd Catholic College – Mount Isa, who was awarded the Senior Arts Award at the 2021 School Awards Night.

Tii Dynevor

Congratulations to Tii Dynevor, new Round 13 recipient from Lourdes Hill College, on being awarded The Mirragin Award for Academic Leadership. This award is given to the Mirragin student with the most improved GPA for 2021.



Tagai State College Deadly Stories

TSIMA Youth Radio Program

QATSIF Senior School Leaders had the opportunity to meet with the presenters from TSIMA radio station. Our School Captains promote what is happening at Tagai State College Secondary Campus by going on the Youth Hour program every Friday.

The leaders have been going on to talk about issues from health, education, spirituality and wellbeing. They also encourage young people to make the right decisions and promote opportunities that are available. This is also a great way to keep families up to date on what is happening in the school community. The broadcast is not only on Thursday Island but also to the outer islands. QATSIF Senior leaders would like to say *Eso* (thank you) to TSIMA 4MW for giving them the opportunity to go on the radio station.



QATSIF Leaders Meeting

Earlier this term, Vice Captains Jai and Maivanga spoke with other leaders from across Queensland and shared ideas for the year ahead. Each school was offered a minute or two to share a couple of their leadership ideas and planned activities for the year ahead. Both boys enjoyed connecting and meeting with leaders from around the state who are working hard in their schools.



Northern Pride U19's Selection

We would like to congratulate Elizabeth Hosea (*right*) on being selected in the Harvey Norman Northern Pride U19s Women's Squad.



'Chatting Around The Grill Is Really A Great Thrill'

St Mary's College, Maryborough's Aboriginal Torres Strait Islanders Education Support Officer Mrs Susan Berry facilitated an early morning breakfast that allowed First Nations students to meet with special invited guests – Uncle Glen, Uncle John, and Uncle Rob (representatives of the Butchulla Men's Business Aboriginal Association) as well as Jaylon Mimi from the Where Youth Live Dreams (WYLD) Project.

The initiative which has gone from exploratory discussion with all stakeholders to an informal, delicious BBQ which was hosted by the Saints Mary's College Rugby League team. The BBQ was developed in the hope of bringing organisations together to interact and yarn with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and Mentees from our community.

The Butchulla Men's Business Elders are not new to St Mary's College having been hosts and guides to our Year 8 Geography field trip groups in Poona National Park last year. In conjunction with the College's Chaplain this year, the Elders are working with the Saints Rugby League team to support them better role models to their younger siblings and colleagues at St Mary's College and better Young Men.

The WYLD Project is a holistic opportunity for the students at St Mary's College, Maryborough.



RAAF Indigenous Youth Program

RAAF (Amberley) are offering an Indigenous Youth Program for 15-18 year old Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to experience working with the RAAF.

They are offering two camps, 10-12 May and September (dates TBA).

Students need to cover their own travel and accommodation expenses to get to and from RAAF Amberley (outside of Ipswich).

The RAAF have limited spots available and these will be filled first in best dressed.

For those that would like to attend please contact FLTLT Sarah Woods 0407 392 149 or sarah.woods@defence.gov.au



7 News Young Achievers Awards

Congratulations to Jakob Hearn who was named as the 2022 7News Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Achievement Award winner.

Jakob has been a great supporter and has given his time to speak with younger students about his dentistry studies. QATSIF also congratulates the 2022 Finalists for the Kennelly Constructions Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Achievement Award. All these deadly young leaders have been past QATSIF students.



- ★ **Ashlei Major** (St Margaret Mary's College) uses her art to connect with her Ancestry and Culture. She shares her creations online, with some videos reaching over 1.4M views.
- ★ **Daniel Rosendale** (Peace Lutheran College) at 18 y/o co-founded Deadly Inspiring Youth Doing Good, a youth organisation that inspires, equips and empowers the next generation.
- ★ **Jakob Hearn** (St Michael's College) founded Smaller Smiles. This volunteer organisation strives to educate younger members of the community on the importance of oral health.

We also recognise Jack Growden and Renee Cremer (Leadership Award finalists) for their generous support for our QATSIF students.

Jasmine named as Queensland's Highest Achieving First Nations student

Congratulations to the deadly Jasmine Armstrong (2021 QATSIF student from Mt St Michael's College, Ashgrove) who was awarded the 2021 Highest Achievement by an Aboriginal Student and Torres Strait Islander Student in Queensland and a Distinguished Academic Achievers award at the QCAA awards.

She was also awarded a 2021 QATSIF Young Indigenous Leader Award, was named as dux of her school and was accepted into Medicine at UQ.

QATSIF students have won this prestigious award for five out of the past seven 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.

QATSIF congratulates Jasmine, her family and the Mt St Michael's College community on her outstanding achievement.

QATSIF encourages all our current 3,900 QATSIF students to work hard to achieve their dreams.

CSIRO Indigenous STEM Awards

QATSIF would like to congratulate all of the deadly winners of the 2021 CSIRO Indigenous STEM awards. We would especially like to congratulate our QATSIF student winners:

- ★ **Catie Nugent (Grace Lutheran College):** Catie is a proud *Gubbi Gubbi* woman who has aspirations to study medicine. Catie's leadership roles include House Captain, College Ambassador and Student Representative council, as well as previously engaging with the Deadlee Maadars, supporting Indigenous youth through a range of engaging activities. Catie is an Alumni of the CSIRO Aboriginal Summer School for Excellence in Technology and Science (ASSETS) program and member of the Young Indigenous Women's STEM Academy and is always looking for opportunities to broaden her understanding of STEM pathways.
- ★ **Cooper Smith (Rosedale State School):** Cooper is already studying university subjects in Data Analysis and Engineering Statistics, has participated in the CSIRO Virtual Work Experience program and is an Alumni of the CSIRO Aboriginal Summer School for Excellence in Technology and Science (ASSETS) program. Cooper is planning to complete a degree in Actuarial Science.

We would also like to congratulate, thank and acknowledge the deadly Taylah Griffin (Boeing Aerospace Engineer) who shared her passion for STEM with QATSIF students at our Aerospace Day and via an online student session for all Queensland schools.

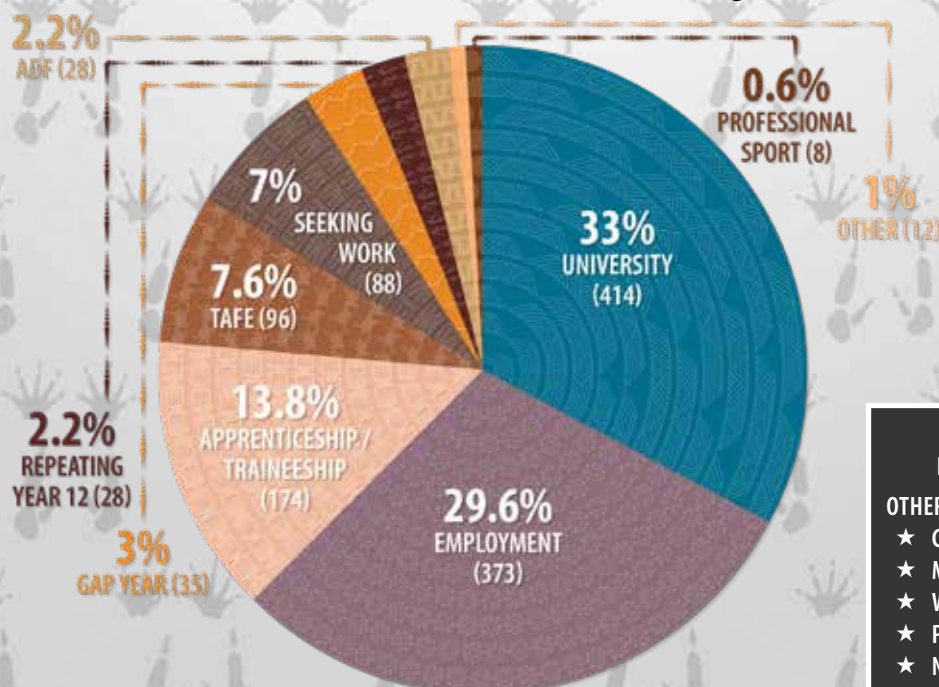
Full list of award winners at:

<https://www.csiro.au/en/education/programs/indigenous-stem-education-project/indigenous-stem-awards/2021-winners>.



Round 11 (2021) QATSIF Students Known Post-School Destinations

QATSIF congratulates our Round 11 students and schools on their outstanding achievements.



TOTAL STUDENT NUMBERS
REPORTED BY SCHOOLS – 1,256

OTHER (12)

- ★ COURSE AT PRIVATE INSTITUTION (4)
- ★ MEDICAL / DISABILITY ISSUES (3)
- ★ WAITING ON UNI (2)
- ★ PARENTING (2)
- ★ NT POLICE (1)

Deadly Rockets

QATSIF will join with the team from *It's Rocket Science* (<https://itsrocketscience.com.au/>) to offer two Deadly Rockets weeks for schools around:

- ★ Cairns and Thursday Island: **23-27 May**
- ★ Bundaberg, Gladstone, Gayndah and Kingaroy: **17-21 October.**

Last year, we offered two very successful Rocket Science and Aerospace Days for students in Brisbane's North and South. Thanks to an *Engaging Science Grant* through the Department of Environment and Science we would like to take this exciting experience on the road.

The experience is open to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary and secondary students from local schools. We will also open it up to other students if there are spare spots.

During a 1 ½ hour session, students will learn about space and rocket science from a former commercial pilot, launch air powered rockets the length of a football field and hear from a First Nations young person studying STEM.

The purpose of the Deadly Rockets program is to help to inspire Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people into one of the fastest growing career sectors.



Ideas for class or school Reconciliation or NAIDOC Week celebrations

(From QATSIF's website: <https://www.qatsif.org.au/ideas-for-school-celebrations>)

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



2022 QATSIF Creative Arts Competition

Our 2022 QATSIF Creative Arts Competition is open until Friday 24 June for all Queensland secondary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists. We are open to all styles of creative arts – including visual arts, poetry, music, dance, performing arts, photography, videography 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 2021 entries, please go to: <https://youtu.be/jMNHGYIMCz8>.



QUEENSLAND ABORIGINAL AND
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FOUNDATION



Griffith
UNIVERSITY

2022 Creative Arts Competition

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

Artists Storytellers Performers Photographers
Videographers 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 Brave. Make Change.
RECONCILIATION WEEK 2022 THEME

OR

Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!
NAIDOC WEEK 2022 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:
enquiries@qatsif.org.au or QATSIF 2/439 Lutwyche Road,
Lutwyche QLD 4030.

COMPETITION CLOSING FRIDAY 24 JUNE.

Yarning With Our Elders Project

The Australian Catholic University (ACU) and QATSIF congratulates the deadly Isabella Eurell (Emmanuel College Gold Coast) who has won QATSIF's 2022 Yarning With Our Elders Project.

Isabella's entry entitled "*Barcoola*" (<https://youtu.be/gfQOIHQCOks>) tells the moving story of her great grandmother, Marley Lena Byerly (Bostock) who was one of the first Aboriginal Brownie leaders in Australia. (Please be advised that this video contains the images of deceased persons)

Barcoola or Brown Owl was highly respected and much-loved by her Brownies, family and within the wider community.

QATSIF thanks and congratulates Isabella for sharing her great grandmother's story and ACU for sponsoring our Yarning With Our Elders Project.



DATE CLAIMER: 2022 QATSIF Graduations

QATSIF is hoping to return to our normal graduation program for our graduating Year 12 students, their families and schools again this year.

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.

Thursday 21 July	QATSIF Graduation at QUT (Kelvin Grove / Gardens Point)	Tuesday 23 August	QATSIF Graduation at CQU (Rockhampton)
Monday 1 August	QATSIF Graduation at Bond Uni (Gold Coast)	Friday 24 August	QATSIF Graduation at CQU (Mackay)
Wednesday 3 August	QATSIF Graduation at JCU (Townsville)	Wednesday 26 August	QATSIF Graduation at USQ (Toowoomba)
Thursday 4 August	QATSIF Graduation at JCU (Cairns)	TBA	QATSIF Graduation at USC (Sunshine Coast)
Friday 12 August	QATSIF Graduation at UQ (St Lucia)	TBA	QATSIF Graduation (Bundaberg)

JCU 2022 Winter School for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students

Kick start your future at a one week residential program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students.

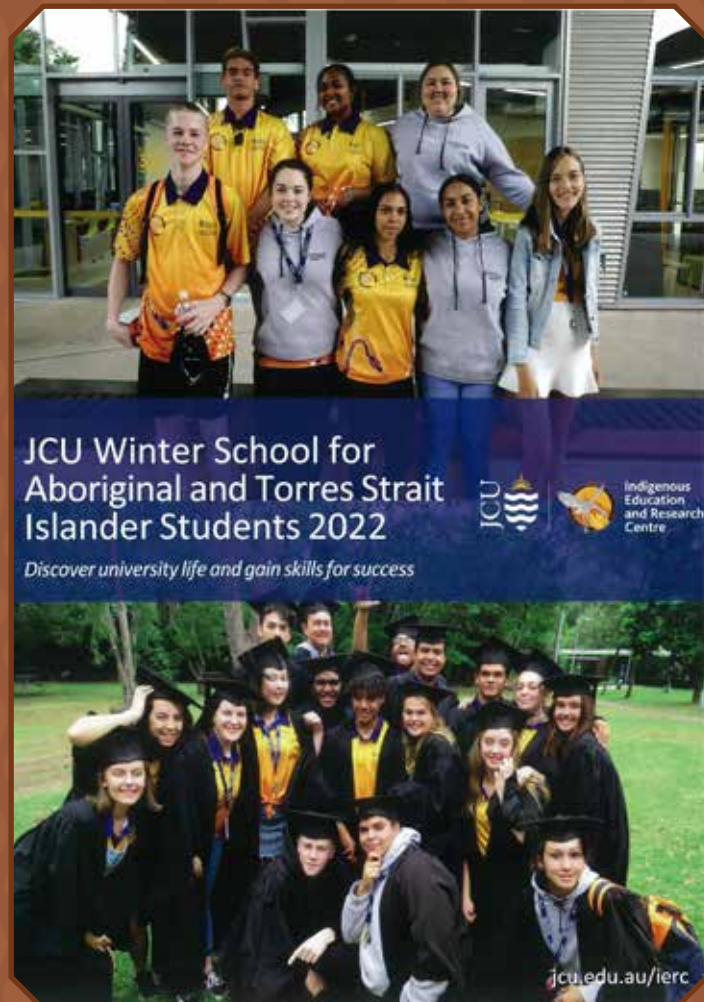
If you are in Year 10, 11 or 12 and want to know what it's like to be a uni student at JCU: James Cook University, Australia, this program is for you!

The Winter School is held at JCU's *Bebegu Yumba* Campus in Townsville, North Queensland from Sunday **26 June** to Friday **1 July** 2022.

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.

Applications and more info at: <https://www.jcu.edu.au/ierc/pathways-to-study/winter-school>.



Work Exposure in Government (WEX)

Applications are now open for WEX Regional 2022, which will take place in Cairns from 18 to 22 July 2022.

WEX is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Years 10, 11 and 12. They are also seeking applications from teachers and school support staff.

The Work Exposure in Government (WEX) program is an opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to learn about careers in the Australian Government. This will be the first WEX Regional event and is a great opportunity to learn about Australian Government careers in regional Australia.

Selected students will travel to Cairns for a five-day interactive program. All accommodation, transportation and meals are provided.

Students will be accompanied by teachers and mentors who provide cultural mentoring and leadership guidance.

To apply and for more information, please go to: <https://www.niaa.gov.au/indigenous-affairs/education/work-exposure-government-wex>

WEX Regional activities and experiences may include:

- Meeting Indigenous leaders and getting advice on career planning.
- Working alongside Indigenous mentors who will help guide your personal leadership journey.
- Meeting other Indigenous students and future leaders.
- Visits to Australian Government agencies such as the Australian Defence Force and National Indigenous Australians Agency.
- 1 on 1 and small group workshops on leadership, mentoring and preparing to complete Year 12.
- Cultural activities.
- A Careers Expo, where students can talk to representatives from a range of government agencies.
- Prizes and Giveaways.

WEX Canberra 2022 will be held in October 2022. A separate application process will take place in mid 2022.



National Indigenous Business Summer School (NIBSS)

The National Indigenous Business Summer School (NIBSS) is an exciting opportunity for Year 11 and 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students who have a strong interest in entering the business world, becoming an entrepreneur or want to know more about coming to uni.

Places are limited to 25 students and will be based on your application and personal interest in studying a business degree.

QUT strongly encourage students located anywhere in Queensland to apply.

Express your interest in attending at:

<https://www.qut.edu.au/engage/national-indigenous-business-summer-school>

Dates: Monday 27 June to Friday 1 July 2022.

Location: QUT Gardens Point Campus, Brisbane.

Cost: Free. All costs including travel to and from Brisbane, accommodation, meals and activities are sponsored.

For further information on the program, please contact Bianca Hill-Jarro, Indigenous Project Officer on (07) 3138 1288 or nibssqld@qut.edu.au.



Free coaching for past QATSIF students

A huge thank you to the deadly International Coaching Federation (ICF Queensland) who are providing free coaching sessions to support 10 of our QATSIF Ambassadors.

Some of our QATSIF Ambassadors and the ICF Coaches had a Teams meeting to discuss the benefits of coaching for tertiary students and young people in their early careers.

QATSIF and ICF are hoping to expand to offer free coaching to other First Nations young adults after this initial trial.

Coaching is about supporting the coachee (person being coached) to set their own goals, create outcomes and manage personal change. All coaching is completely confidential.

Coaching can support you to reach your goals whether you are currently studying, in your early career or looking to the future.

QATSIF looks forward to working with ICF (Queensland).



Sports Grants Local Sporting Champions

The *Local Sporting Champions* program provides financial assistance for coaches, officials and competitors aged 12-18 participating in state, national or international championships. For more information, visit:

https://www.sportaus.gov.au/grants_and_funding/local_sporting_champions

FairPlay Voucher

Parents, carers or guardians can apply for a voucher valued up to \$150 for their child, which can be used towards sport and active recreation membership, registration or participation fees with registered activity providers. For more information, visit:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/fairplay>

Emerging Athlete Pathways

Emerging Athlete Pathways aims to foster the development of young athletes and support elite athlete pathways by providing financial assistance to help alleviate the costs associated with attending championship events. The subsidy provides financial assistance through 3 event tiers and supports attendance at specific state, national and international events. For more information, visit:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/emerging-athlete-pathways>



2023 QATSIF SCHOLARSHIPS OPENING 16 MAY

Join over 14,300 young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders who have already received a QATSIF Scholarship.

Talk to your school about applying for a QATSIF Scholarship of \$1,000 per year to support with the financial costs of your senior studies.

More information on QATSIF Scholarships is available at www.qatsif.org.au.

Are you
currently in Year 10 or
11 at a Queensland
school?

Are you
proud of your Culture
and efforts?

Are you
Aboriginal or Torres Strait
Islander?

Are you
working hard towards
receiving your Queensland
Certificate of Education
(QCE)?*

**QCIA for
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APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON 8 AUGUST 2022

Our 2022 QATSIF Team



L to R: Mike Nayler, Sonia Norbido, Tegan Olssen and Shalana Uta.

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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