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## QATSIF's Term 1 Wrap Up

Dear QATSIF students, schools, families, and supporters,

Term 1 has started well with many successful events and activities including our New Recipients and Student Leaders celebrations, Student Leaders' Online Forum and the launch of our 7<sup>th</sup> annual **QATSIF Creative Arts Competition**.

This term we heard the exciting news that Ethan Naylor (QATSIF student from Mountain Creek State High School) had been named as the *Highest Achieving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student in Queensland*. Ethan is the 8<sup>th</sup> QATSIF student to receive this award over its 10-year history.

Our past QATSIF students have also made a clean sweep as finalists in the **2024 7News Young Achiever awards**.

In 2024, we welcome 2,255 new QATSIF students. We are currently supporting around 4,290 QATSIF students across 400 Queensland schools.

We welcome our new schools that have joined us this round, and a few returning schools including: Assisi Catholic College, Australian Industry Trade College (Brisbane), Baringa State Secondary College, Brisbane Christian College, Calliope State High School, Fortitude Valley State Secondary College, Foxwell State Secondary College, King's Christian College - Reedy Creek, Lee Street State Special School, MacKillop Catholic College (Mount Peter), Matthew Flinders Anglican College, Redcliffe Special School, Rockhampton Special School, Rosella Park School, St Andrews Lutheran College (Tallebudgera), St Luke's Anglican School (Bundaberg), Tara Shire State College, Tec-NQ, The Rockhampton Grammar School, Villanova College (Coorparoo) and YMCA Vocational School - Ipswich.

On behalf of our QATSIF Patrons, Board, team, students, schools, families and community, I would like to thank Jane Ceolin (our Deputy Chairperson) for her 7 years of passionate and dedicated service to Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait young people. Jane will finish with our QATSIF Board at the end of this term.

She is passionate about seeing our First Nations young people achieve their dreams and has seen over 12,300 students receive QATSIF scholarships during her time with our Board.

We thank Jane for the incredible gift she has been to us all and wish her the brightest of futures.

I am looking forward to an exciting year ahead. On behalf of our QATSIF Patrons, Chairperson, Board and staff, I wish everyone a deadly year ahead.

*Michael Naylor*

QATSIF Director





# QATSIF New Recipients and Student Leaders' Celebrations



QATSIF celebrated some of our 2,255 new QATSIF Scholarship Recipients and 290 School Leaders with events at the **Australian Catholic University (Banyo)**, **University of Southern Queensland (Springfield)** and **Griffith University (Logan)**.

Around 900 people joined us for our three ceremonies including Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM, Governor of Queensland, many Elders, and special guests.

Across Queensland, many of QATSIF's current 4,290 students 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 candles as a sign of their commitment to carry on Culture handed down since the Dreaming.

Outstanding student MCs from our QATSIF schools led each of the ceremonies – **ACU:** Jacob Grant (Padua College) & Siann Gilsenan (Lourdes Hill College); **Griffith University:** Rhys Rylance (Rosedale SHS) & Ella O'Neil Emmaus College); **UniSQ** - Jayden Allie (Yeronga SHS) & Ava Smits (Springfield Central SHS).

During the ceremonies, the students heard from either Professor Cindy Shannon AM (QATSIF Co-Patron) or Mrs Jane Ceolin (QATSIF Deputy Chair) who both reminded our 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.

The talented students from Kedron SHS, Woodridge SHS and Bremer 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 Logan Walsh (*B. Physiotherapy*), Charlie Hazelton (*B. Health Sciences*) and Tyson Knapp (*Post-Graduate Engineering researcher*) and all the students and staff who helped with our ceremonies.

During the ceremony, some of QATSIF's 292 school leaders including a record **35 School Captains** were presented with their leadership badges and certificates in front of their proud families and schools.

Our **QAS, Transurban, Barry Doyle and Gold Coast Health School-based Scholarship** students and all new Round 15 QATSIF students were also presented with their scholarship certificates.

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

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















GRIFFITH (NATHAN)









UNISQ (SPRINGFIELD)

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# Round 15 Recipients' Celebrations shared by our QATSIF schools

## MACGREGOR STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations to our newly new QATSIF students and student leaders from MacGregor State High School who received a special visit from our much-loved QATSIF Patron, Aunty Ruth Hegarty.







ASSUMPTION COLLEGE  
(WARWICK)



BENOWA SHS



MOUNT ST BERNARD COLLEGE



MARY MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE



TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN SHS



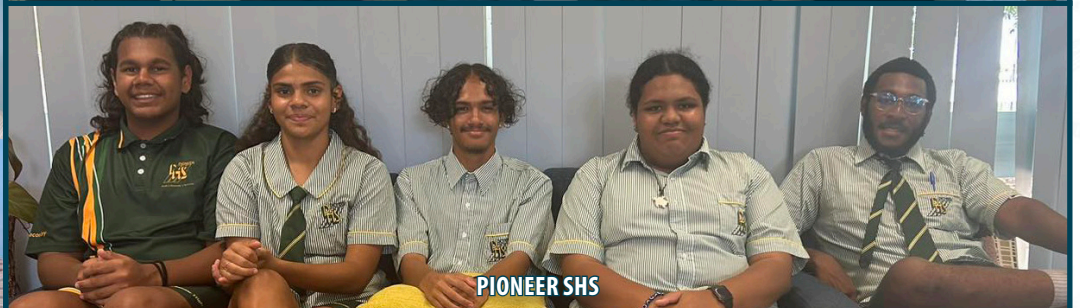
INDOOROPILLY SHS



WELLINGTON POINT SHS



SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE KINGAROY



PIONEER SHS



NORTHERN BEACHES SHS



ST MARY'S COLLEGE (MARYBOROUGH)





VICTORIA POINT SHS



TOOWOOMBA SHS



SARINA SHS



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC COLLEGE



ST TERESA'S COLLEGE ABERGOWRIE



CALOUNDRA SHS



ST JOHN'S SCHOOL (ROIMA)



COLUMBA CATHOLIC COLLEGE



GYMPIE SHS



SHALOM COLLEGE (BUNDABERG)



WOREE SHS





WAVELL SHS



ST MONICA'S COLLEGE



BLACKWATER SHS



ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE TOWNSVILLE



JAMES NASH SHS



HEATLEY SECONDARY COLLEGE



ST TERESA'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE (NOOSAVILLE)



KILCOY SHS



MACKAY NORTHERN BEACHES SHS



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE WOREE



# Queensland Ambulance Service School-based Scholarship

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

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

RECIPIENT	SCHOOL
Alexis Chapman	Murrumba State Secondary College
Alliarna Wilson	Lighthouse Christian School
Cameron Beckett	Dalby State High School
Eloise Hammond	Cavendish Road State High School
Frederick Body	Spinifex State College
Kayleb Davis	Men of Business Academy
Madison Tatow	Holy Spirit College (Mount Pleasant)
Morgan Nihot	Benowa State High School
Talah Maund	Innisfail State College
Tshala Fischer	Innisfail 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.



ELOISE HAMMOND WITH TONY ARMSTRONG (QAS ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER METRO NORTH REGION) WITH.

## Transurban Paiabun Karumba STEM Scholarship

QATSIF congratulates the following deadly students who have been awarded a **2024 Transurban Paiabun Karumba (Yuggera: Dream Big) STEM Scholarship**

RECIPIENT	SCHOOL
Abby Lock	Earnshaw State College
Anika Jackson	Varsity College
Cleo Robson	St James College
Faithe Cregan	Beenleigh State High School
Jackson Green	Ferny Grove State High School
Kayley Renouf-Dowdle	St John's Lutheran School Kingaroy
Layla Ross	Springfield Central State High School
Naima Pryor	Springfield Central 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.



AUNTY DEB DE BREE WITH FAITHE AND ABBY AT ACU (BANYO)



MS GAYLE DUFF FROM TRANSURBAN WITH JACKSON AND CLEO AT GRIFFITH UNI (NATHAN CAMPUS)



MS ANNELISE PROCTOR FROM TRANSURBAN WITH LAYLA AND NAIMA AT UNISQ (SPRINGFIELD)





FREDERICK

# The Barry Doyle School-based Scholarship

The **Queensland Indigenous Violence Legal Service (QIFVLS)** partners with QATSIF to offer the **Barry Doyle Scholarship** to QATSIF students with an interest in working in areas such as Law, Social Work, Psychology and other fields.

In addition to receiving their QATSIF Scholarship (funded by QIFVLS) students will also receive:

- ★ Opportunities to experience what a career in QIFVLS could look like by meeting with First Nations professional in their field of interest.
- ★ If possible, visits and work experience at a QIFVLS office.
- ★ Access to life readiness skills i.e. healthy relationship, keeping yourself safe etc.

We congratulate the following students on being awarded a **Barry Doyle School-based Scholarship**:

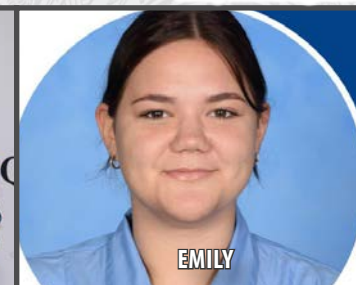
RECIPIENT	SCHOOL
Alannah Sheppard-Rix	Brisbane Christian College
Dasani Appoo	Bowen State High School
Emily McGrath	Xavier Catholic College
Frederick Body	Spinifex State College - Mount Isa - Senior Campus
Kimberly Clemments	Ingham State High School
Madison Moloney	Nambour State College
Molly McIvor	Carmel College
Riley Johnson	MacGregor State High School
Troy Wylie	St James College



DASANI



RILEY, UNCLE BARRY WATSON, MOLLY AND ALANNAH AT GRIFFITH UNI.



EMILY

## Gold Coast Health First Nations School-based Scholarship

The **2024 Gold Coast Health First Nations School-based Scholarship** is a partnership between the **Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service (GCHHS)** and QATSIF to provide students with the opportunity to build their professional capabilities and networks, and to assist with their transition into the workforce and/or tertiary education, to achieve their desired career.

This opportunity was open to all current QATSIF students in the Gold Coast and Logan regions. In addition to paying for these students' QATSIF scholarships, GCHHS will provide additional funding for driving licences and IT devices and opportunities to meet with and learn from Gold Coast Health professionals.

Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service (GCHHS) and QATSIF would like to congratulate the following students who were awarded a 2024 scholarship.

RECIPIENT	SCHOOL
Anika Jackson	Varsity College
Jake Malone	Forest Lake State High School
Jordan Bellido	Elanora State High School
Jorja Sheehy	Queensland Academies Health Sciences Campus
Lachey Button-Wright	St James College
Morgan Nihot	Benowa State High School



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JORDAN



# 2024 QATSIF School Leaders

Our Patrons Aunty Ruth & Professor Shannon AM, our QATSIF Board and staff congratulate our record **292** students (below) who have been elected to leadership positions within their schools so far this year.

This year, we also have a record **35 School Captains** and **6 Vice Captains** around Queensland.

## Albany Creek State High School

Tilly-Jane Reading – First Nations Captain

## Alexandra Hills State High School

Anna-Belle van Overbeek – First Nations Leader

## All Souls St Gabriels School (Charters Towers)

Danni Eastaughffe – Indigenous Prefect Leader

Darnelle Steedman – Indigenous Prefect Leader

## Ambrose Treacy College

Trent Wylie – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leader

## Australian Christian College - Moreton

Liam Niebling – House Captain

## Babinda State School P-12

**Adah Naawi – School Captain**

Harley Webb – Sports Captain

Kiara Holani – Indigenous Ambassador

Raylee Lister – Indigenous Ambassador

## Beaudesert State High School

Daniel Murtagh – Indigenous Leader

Mia Matthews – Indigenous Leader

**Phoenix Brooks – School Captain**

## Beenleigh State High School

**Aaliyah Oram – School Captain**

Kai McQuire – Indigenous Cultural Leader

Violet Hudson – Indigenous Cultural Leader

## Bellbird Park State Secondary College

Dante Sanchez – First Nations Prefect

## Blackheath and Thornburgh College (Charters Towers)

Bayley Gibson – Girls Boarding Vice-Captain

**Ferlyn Hunter – College Captain**

Patrina Savage – Girls Boarding Captain

Tyrone Aliya – House Captain (Archie Black)

## Blackwater State High School

Kenneth Weir – Senior Indigenous Captain

Regan Carsburg – Sports Captain

**Shanae White – School Captain**

## Bribie Island State High School

Amos Harrop – House Leader

Jett Appleby – Deadly Leader (Indigenous Leader) & House Leader

Kieran Maher – House Leader

## Brigidine College

**Tiah Kalaja – College Captain**

## Brisbane Bayside State College

Blaiz Duffy – First Nations Student Council Representative & Duribang Ganjiyil Dance Group Captain

Erin Miller – First Nations Student Council Representative & Duribang Ganjiyil Dance Group Captain

## Brisbane School of Distance Education

Arabella Lang – First Nations Leader

Gabriel Devine – First Nations Leader

## Browns Plains State High School

Jazmyn Simpson – First Nations School Leader

## Bundaberg State High School

Charlie Kemble – Dreamtime Indigenous Leader

Emily Broome – Dreamtime Indigenous Leader

Kyjuan Tanna – Dreamtime Indigenous Leader

Liarah Tyger – Indigenous Captain

Lilly Gadsby – Dreamtime Indigenous Leader

Mya Patterson – Dreamtime Indigenous Leader

## Bundamba State College

Jakeisha Lucas-Watego – Prefect First Nations

## Burdekin Christian College

Ezra Henaway – House Captain

## Calamvale Community College

Nikita Jones – First Nations Ambassador

Rickell Playle – First Nations Ambassador

**Shanieka Sampson-Booth – College Captain**

## Calen District State College

**Amy Bower – School Captain**







**BARRY**



**IRENE**



**BRONSON**



**GILLINGA-BELLE & TULLIAH**



**BELLA**

### **Capalaba State College**

**Kya Munro – College Vice Captain**

### **Cavendish Road State High School**

Kameryn Bray – Sports Prefect

Zaliyah Stoddart – Indigenous Prefect

### **Charleville State High School**

Emmerson Mitchell – Indigenous Ambassador

Rory Williams – Indigenous Ambassador

**Tori Castles – School Captain**

### **Charters Towers State High School**

Denzel Epong – Senior Indigenous Leader

Lochlan Dines – Senior Indigenous Leader

### **Chinchilla State High School**

Natasha Mount – Cultural Captain

### **Clermont State High School**

**Eva Anderson – School Captain**

### **Cloncurry State School P-12**

Junior Heslin (Deon Callope) – Wills House Captain

Chyanne Land – Burke House Captain

### **Columba Catholic College (Mount Carmel Campus)**

Grace Kuhl – Girls Residential Captain

Matthew Hewlett – Boys Residential Captain

### **Concordia Lutheran College**

Khan Sturt-Cummings – Boys College Boarding Captain

### **Coolum State High School**

Aston Chapman – Indigenous Captain

### **Corinda State High School**

Sofie Corowa – Indigenous Captain

Stella Sorgel – Indigenous Captain

### **Dalby State High School**

Henry Jones – First Nations Captain

Josephine Cooper – First Nations Captain

Landon Tarrant – First Nations Captain

### **Earnshaw State College**

Abby Lock – Cultural Captain

Taryn Anno – Cultural Captain

### **Emmaus College (Jimboomba)**

**Ella O'Neil – College Captain**

### **Emmaus College (Rockhampton)**

Larni Walker – Indigenous Leader of Connecting Cultures Committee

### **Faith Lutheran College - Plainland**

Dimity Hewitt – Student Leader

Lachlan Harrison – House Captain

### **Flagstone State Community College**

Amity Davies – Indigenous Captain

### **Forest Lake State High School**

Alexandria Cuso – Student Leader

### **Gilroy Santa Maria College**

Cash Ormonde – House Captain

Ashleigh Smallwood – House Captain

### **Glasshouse Christian College**

Jessi James – House Captain

Ruby Ciantar – House Captain

### **Glenala State High School**

Kiarna McDonough – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leader

### **Good Shepherd Catholic College**

Cooper Munns – Indigenous Student Leader

Darci Gillett – House Captain

Rilee Webber – House Captain

### **Gordonvale State High School**

**Malachi D'Arcy – School Captain**

### **Groves Christian College**

Jacob Hartin – Prefect

Orepa Davis – Prefect

### **Gympie State High School**

Zander Kenny – Indigenous Ambassador

### **Heatley Secondary College**

Irene Mari – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Captain

Kenneth Brown – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Captain

### **Heights College**

Ailia Dow – Music Captain

Ava Prasad – Community Captain



**ALISSA, LAYLA, TAYLAH AND ALEXIS**





**TYRONE, BAYLEY, PATRINA & FERLYN**



**SHAYLEE & WILL**



**DARNELLE & DANNI**

### **Hymba Yumba Independent School**

**Allira Tilbrook – School Leader**

Cheyenne Parker – Year 11 Respects Leader

**Cienna Fuller-Chapman – School Leader**

Tion Torrens – Year 11 Respects Leader

### **Innisfail State College**

Aaron Ambrum – Year 12 Student Leader

Alice Sands – Year 12 Student Leader & Sustainability Captain

Dallas Rudken – Year 11 Student Leader

Jolene Martin – Year 11 Student Leader

Karien Mau (Meeks) – House Captain & Junior Sustainability Officer

Romona Ramsay-Tanner – Year 12 Student Leader

Shakia Ambrum – Year 12 Student Leader

Violet Lawrence – Year 12 Student Leader

### **Ipswich Girls' Grammar School**

Ava Bohan – Touch Football School Captain

Laquisha Nona – Dahdi School Captain

Lily Richardson – Prefect

### **James Nash State High School**

Blake Catlin – First Nations Leader

Hayley Cummings – First Nations Leader

### **John Paul College**

Lou (Aleisha) Cox – Boarding Captain

Steven Blanas – Boarding Captain

### **Kedron State High School**

Jorja McAlpine – School Prefect & Junior School Leader

Ma'ayan Michaelis-Thorpe – Indigenous Leader

### **Keebra Park State High School**

Affrica-Jade Hippi – Senior Indigenous Leader

Okalani Compton – Year 11 Leader

### **Kingston State College**

Calvin Cochrane – First Nations Representative

Emmanuel Fletcher – First Nations Representative

Jayden Kelly – First Nations Representative

Kalan Fisher – First Nations Representative



**SHANICE**

**LILY**

### **Kirwan State High School**

Ammon Phineasa – House Captain

Bella Wishart – House Captain

**Emily Waters – School Captain**

Jacinta Parsgaard – First Nations Captain

Jaheim Chong – First Nations Captain

Mahleena Hellyer – House Captain

### **Laidley State High School**

Gloria Blake – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Senior Captain

### **Lee Street State Special School**

Kaycee Goff – Cultural Leader

### **Lourdes Hill College**

Audrey Higgins – Creative Portfolio Captain

Edwina Doyle – Hendriks House Service and Spirituality Captain & Mirragin Co-Captain

Lola Higgins – STAR Service Group Co-Captain

Siann Gilsenan – Reconciliation Captain

Sienna Willmet – Lee House Service and Spirituality Captain & Mirragin Co-Captain

Tara Hill – Hendriks House Captain

### **Mabel Park State High School**

**Madison Thomas – Vice Captain**

### **MacGregor State High School**

Lily Davis – First Nations Student Leader

Shanice Ware – Clan Captain

### **Mackay Northern Beaches State High School**

Kassidy Davis – Cultural Ambassador

### **Mackay State High School**

Belinda Towler – Cultural Representative

Ellie Hansen – Academic Prefect

Merrileen Towler – Cultural Prefect

Riley Armstrong – Sports Prefect

### **Mareeba State High School**

Gillinga-Belle Willis – Indigenous Leader

Tulliah Slater – Indigenous Leader

### **Marsden State High School**

Xavier Eliot – First Nations Captain

### **Mary Mackillop College**

**Trinity North – College Captain**

### **Marymount College**

Evie Corker – Mob Captain

Loki Gibson – Mob Captain

Rory Randall – House Captain

Tanya Woodger – House Captain



**Mitchelton State High School**

Byron Dau – First Nation School Leader

**Moranbah State High School**

Shari Pedersen – Indigenous Captain

**Mount St Bernard College**

Amora Krnjacki – Mercy Captain

Lataia Petersen – Sports Captain

**Limferd Lui – School Captain**

Lizikerah Luffman – Mercy Captain

Mary Kyle-Smith – Boarding Captain Morrissey

Shandrella Pilot – Boarding Captain Morrissey

Teri-Lee Shepherd – Student Representative Council Captain

Tony Harry – Boarding Captain Bernard's

**Mt Maria College (Mitchelton)**

Emily Croker – Social Justice Leader

**Nambour State College**

Ruby Jones – Senior Indigenous Leader

**Noosa District State High School**

Carys Underwood – Year 11 Leader

Jasmine O'Neill – First Nations Leader

**Noosa Pengari Steiner School**

Stella Montgomery – First Nations Representative

**North Lakes State College**

Isaac Bullis – House Prefect (Kinsellas House)

**Oakey State High School**

Halle Slade – Indigenous Leader

**Pacific Lutheran College**

Olivia Boland – Academic College Captain

**Palm Beach-Currumbin State High School**

Shaylee Borg – Prefect

Will Mann – Prefect

**Park Ridge State High School**

Charlotte Jackson – Cultural Leader

Deagen Howard – Cultural Leader

Hope Dawe – Cultural Leader

Mikayla Maas – Cultural Leader

Willow Beard – Cultural Leader

**Peace Lutheran College**

**Atlanta Escott – College Captain**

**Pimlico State High School**

Bevan Kepa – Phoenix House Captain

Charlie David – First Nations Student Ambassador

Shemilla Undi – First Nations Student Ambassador

**Pioneer State High School**

Cornilious Henry – Sports Ambassador

Levi Fallon – Carlise Ambassador

Yasmin Johnston – Spirit Captain

Zara Muller – Indigenous Ambassador

**Queensland Academy for Science Mathematics and Technology**

Lachlan Peel – Sports Captain

**Redbank Plains State High School**

Mylecia Jackson – REAL Council Prefect

**Redcliffe Special School**

Jacinta Coolwell – Cultural Leader

Kyan Kirk – Cultural Leader

Thomas Melissari – Cultural Captain

**Redcliffe State High School**

Jessica Mitchell – First Nations Student Leader

**Riverside Christian College**

**Kaiden Ratcliff – College Captain**

**Robina State High School**

**Airlee Lester – School Captain**

Sarah Lyons – Indigenous Leader

**Rosedale State High School**

Daron Wynn – First Nations Student Leader

Isabella Dare – First Nations Student Leader

**Rockhampton Special School**

**Anastasia Grimshaw – School Vice-Captain**

**Beau Daley – School Captain**

**Jack Raymond – School Captain**

Oscar Struthers – School Prefect

**Rosedale State School**

Jack Daniells – O'Neill House Captain



**BENJI, KOYOP & GRACE**



**TORI**

**RORY & EMMERSON**



**COOPER**



**DESANYA**



**Rosewood State High School**

Ashanti Bessell – First Nations Cultural Captain

**Runcorn State High School**

Jai Bird-Baxter – Sports Captain

**Shailer Park State High School**

Gabrielle Hill – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ambassador

Joan James – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ambassador

Zachariah Cooper – Cultural Captain

**Southern Cross Catholic College**

Connor Gleeson – Culture/Arts Captain

**Spinifex State College - Mount Isa - Senior Campus**

Cooper Wyld-Hill – School Captain

**Desanya Kirk – Indigenous Captain**

**St Andrew's Anglican College (Peregian Springs)**

Bailey Coughlan – Indigenous Student Leader

Jade Leaman – Indigenous Student Leader

Tyler Coughlan – Indigenous Student Leader

**St Anthony's Catholic College (Secondary Campus)**

Hayley Holmberg – Indigenous College Leader

Rhylee Price – Indigenous College Leader

**St Augustine's College (Augustine Heights)**

Brydie Barnbrook – First Nations Ambassador

**St Brendan's College (Yeppoon)**

**Barry Hankin – College Captain**

Bluey Kabai – Hayes House Captain

Carter Ford – Tynan House Captain

Harvey Mahoney – Gettons House Captain

**St Catherine's Catholic College (Proserpine)**

Eleanor Baldock – Stewardship Captain

Jack Kimlin – House Captain

**St Columban's College (Caboolture)**

Charlotte Ellis – First Nations Senior Ambassador

Harley St John – First Nations Senior Ambassador

**St Eugene College**

Bella Moffatt – Dunlea Leader

**St George State High School**

**Jacob Hiles – School Captain**

**St James College**

Ella Bloomfield – College Indigenous Ambassador

Mikahlia Saltner – College Indigenous Ambassador

**St John Fisher College (Bracken Ridge)**

Jorja Barlow – House Captain

**St John's College (Nambour)**

Aidan Forman – Academic School Captain

Ella Luton – Sports House Captain

Georgia Shuttleworth – Stewardship and Culture Committee Captain

**Jarlo Dart – School Captain & Stewardship and Culture Committee Captain**

Kirree Luton – Academic School Captain

**St John's School (Roma)**

Alexander Hayward – Marian House Prefect

**St Joseph's College (Toowoomba)**

Izabella Harch – Multi-Cultural Leader

**St Margaret Mary's College (Hyde Park)**

Delaney Phillips – Senior First Nations Awareness Leader

Ebony Sotheren-Hatton – Senior First Nations Awareness Leader

Raven Taylor – Senior Health and Wellbeing Leader

**Taya Bowie – School Captain**

**St Mary's Catholic College Woree**

Eliana Richardson – Prefect

Joshua Rolland – Mentor

Quinn Go Sam – House Leader

William Toogood – House Leader

**St Mary's College (Ipswich)**

**Eadie Thornely – Vice Captain**

Georgia Riddock – Sports Vice Captain

**St Monica's College**

**Alexis Dixon – College Captain**

Alissa Dixon – First Nations SRC Representative

Layla Broderick – First Nations SRC Representative

Taylah Ung – Morrissey House Captain

**St Patrick's College Townsville**

Jusaray Maka – Boarding Prefect

Kenya Mari – House Captain

Nancee-Rae Bowen – First Nations Prefect

Willimina Misi – Boarding Prefect

**St Saviour's College**

Juantae Bamaga – First Nations Leader

Kyomie Deemal – House Leader

Minnika Baird – Residential Captain

Xeroxia Nona-Poi Poi – House Leader

**St Teresa's College Abergowrie**

Bailey Gesa – Student Council Representative

**Jahrahn Neal-Yeatman – College Captain**

Marsat Newman – Student Council Representative

Meshack David – Sport Captain

**St Ursula's College (Toowoomba)**

Dakota Weatherall – Cultural Group Captain

**Stanthorpe State High School**

Cooper Cubby Wenban – House Captain

**Tagai State College**

Jikidda Manuel – Prefect

Shontay Kelly – Cultural Leader

**Sonrae Lui – School Captain**

**Udiwad Tapim – Vice Captain**





## **Tamborine Mountain State High School**

**Bronson Malezer – Vice Captain**

## **Thuringowa State High School**

Annabelle Ladyman – Senior Gouldian House Captain

Florina Billy – Senior Riverway House Captain

Latifah Evennett – Senior Gollogly House Captain

**Lizzie Tabuai – School Captain**

Phoenix Toby Mann – Student Representative Council President

Tylance Williams – Indigenous Leader

## **Toogoolawah State High School**

Ava Young – Student Council Indigenous Leader

Hunter Masters-Woods – Student Council Indigenous Leader

## **Toowoomba State High School**

**Benji Wenitong – School Captain**

Grace McMahon – Indigenous Captain

Koyop Whaleboat – Indigenous Captain

## **Trinity College (Gladstone)**

Natalyne Cakau – Sports Captain

## **Tully State High School**

**Jamie Muriata – School Captain**

Sipi Sipi – Indigenous Leader

Tanisha Roggensack – Indigenous Leader

## **Villanova College (Coorparoo)**

Roman Dunne – House Captain of Adeodatus

## **Warwick State High School**

Carge Martin-Brown – First Nations Leader

## **Wavell State High School**

Quincy Afa – Prefect

## **Wellington Point State High School**

Bella Chadburn – Warunggul Captain

## **Woodcrest State College**

Kathrina Mollee – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ambassador

## **Woodridge State High School**

**Georgina Dargin – School Captain**

## **Woree State High School**

Geena Nolan – Student Council President

Jasmin Gela – Arts Captain

Jeorjah Minniecon – Dumbul Sports House Captain

Romeo Knudsen – Dumbul Sports House Captain

**Vanya Palmer-Geia – School Captain**

## **Yeronga State High School**

Patricia Watcho – First Nations Leader

## **YMCA Vocational School - Moreton Bay (Mango Hill)**

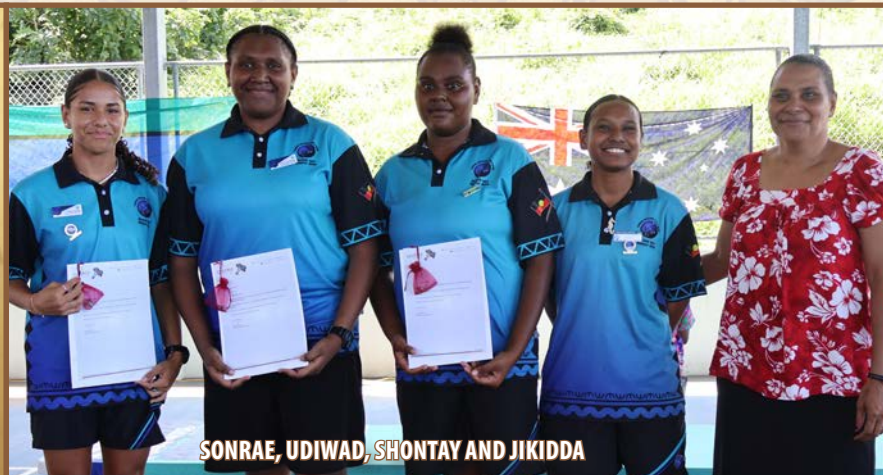
Nate Singh – Y Senior Leader







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**THOMAS, KYAN, VIOLET, AALIYAH, AMOS, TIAH, BLAKE, JORJA, HAYLEY, MA'AYAN, LOLA, SIANN, TRINITY, BYRON, JORJA.**



**DAKOTA, XEROXIA, MINNIKA, KYOMIE, JUANTAE, GEORGIA, EADIE, BRYDIE, LILY, LAQUISHA, CHEYENNE, KIARNA, DIMITY, KHAN, JAKEISHA, ALEXANDRIA PATRICIA, SIANNA, TION. CIENNA, ALLIRA, KATHRINA & DANTE.**



# QATSIF Round 16 Scholarships (2025–2026)

Our 16<sup>th</sup> Round of QATSIF Scholarships will open on Monday 20 May (Week 6, Term 2) and they will remain open for schools to lodge their students' applications until Monday 19 August (Week 7, Term 3).

All Queensland schools will receive application packs and instructions by mid-May. As usual, we will send application 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.

## 2024 QATSIF SCHOLARSHIP

### OPENING 20 MAY

Join over 18,800 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](http://www.qatsif.org.au).

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

\*QCIA for students with disability.

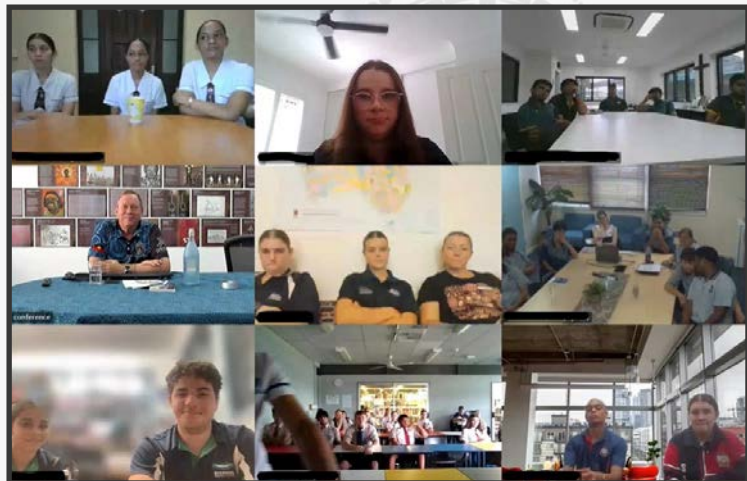
Are you proud of your Culture and efforts?

Are you Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

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







## QATSIF Student Leaders' Forum

Thank you to our deadly Student Leaders from around 30 schools who took part in our QATSIF Student Leaders' forum.

Some of our record 292 QATSIF Student Leaders, including our 35 School Captains joined us to share their ideas, plans and activities for the year ahead.

QATSIF thanks Amanda Martin (past QATSIF student and lawyer) for joining our forum to speak about her inspirational educational and career journey and challenging our young leaders to take up the challenge leadership.

The recording of this meeting and minutes was shared with all 400 QATSIF schools, so that leaders who were unable to attend due to other commitments can be inspired by the many deadly ideas.

## QATSIF student named as Queensland's Highest Achieving First Nations student

Congratulations to the deadly Ethan Naylor, QATSIF student from Mountain Creek State High School who awarded the **2023 Highest Achievement by an Aboriginal Student and Torres Strait Islander Student** in Queensland at the QCAA Awards.

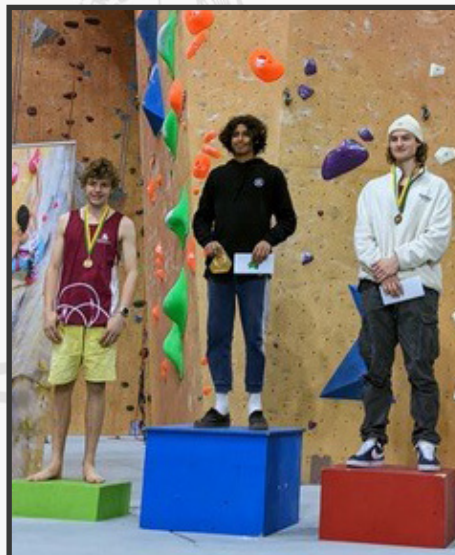
Ethan is planning to join the Navy and study electrical engineering at the Australian Defence Force Academy at the University of New South Wales, Canberra. He is also a champion Lead Climber.

Eight QATSIF students have won this prestigious award over the award's ten years.

- ★ **2022: Jemima Bainbridge** (Coolum State High School) and **Lachlan Munns** (St Laurence's College)
- ★ **2021: Jasmine Armstrong** (Mt St Michael's College, Ashgrove)
- ★ **2020: Rani Carmichael** (Brisbane State High School)
- ★ **2017: Lucinda Colbert** (Forest Lake State High School)
- ★ **2016: Kyle Ryan** (Glenala State High School) and 2021 *7News Young Achiever Queensland Award Winner*.
- ★ **2015: Aidan Train** (Spinifex State College - Mount Isa - Senior Campus)

QATSIF congratulates Ethan, his family and school community on this outstanding achievement.

QATSIF celebrates Ethan and all our 2023 Graduates as they take the next steps after school and encourages all our current 4,290 QATSIF students to work hard to achieve their dreams.





# 7NEWS Young Achiever Awards Finalists

QATSIF would like to congratulate all our deadly past students who have made a clean sweep as finalists in the **2024 7NEWS Young Achiever Awards Queensland**.

We are honoured to have been able to play a small part in supporting the education of all these deadly young leaders in the following awards:

## Kennelly Constructions Pty Ltd Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Achievement Award Finalists:

- ★ **Daniel Rosendale** (past QATSIF student from Peace Lutheran College)
- ★ **Gullara McInnes** (past QATSIF student from Mareeba State High School)
- ★ **Jessy Renouf** (QATSIF Ambassador and past QATSIF student from Sandgate District State High School)
- ★ **Mitchell Harrison-Currie** (past QATSIF student from Glenala State High School)
- ★ **Tahlulah Tillett** (past QATSIF student from St Mary's Catholic College, Woree)

## Queensland Family and Child Commission First Nations Youth Advocacy Award Finalists:

- ★ **Daniel Rosendale** (past QATSIF student from Peace Lutheran College)
- ★ **Kaiden Ratcliff** (current QATSIF student from Riverside Christian College)
- ★ **Kellie McDonald** (past QATSIF Board Member and past QATSIF student from Alexandra Hills SHS)
- ★ **Seleena Blackley** (past QATSIF student from Spinifex State College)
- ★ **Tahlulah Tillett** (past QATSIF student from St Mary's Catholic College, Woree)

We wish all these outstanding young people the best for the upcoming awards presentation. The judges will have a tough decision ahead with this exceptional line up of young achievers.



## 2024 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.

We would like to congratulate Fletcher Griffin (Year 8 at Allora P-10 State School) for his interview with Aunty Flo Watson which won the **Junior School QATSIF Yarning With Our Elders Project award**.

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.





# 2024 QATSIF Coffee Mugs

Congratulations to our three talented student artists whose deadly artwork is featured on our 2024 QATSIF coffee mugs. These mugs will be presented as gifts to our Elders and guest speakers at our 2024 QATSIF celebrations.

The featured artworks are:



*Our Elders*  
Rotannah Joe-Gela  
MOUNT ST BERNARD  
COLLEGE



*NgaroGia Country*  
Taleisha Waistcoat  
ST CATHERINE'S CATHOLIC  
COLLEGE



*Footprints*  
LaShontae Owens-Edwards  
BLACKHEATH &  
THORNBURGH COLLEGE



These talented young artists entered our **2023 QATSIF Creative Arts Competition** along with 189 other Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander secondary artists.

QATSIF congratulates Rotannah, Taleisha and LaShontae on their beautiful artwork and thanks them for allowing us to celebrate their incredible talent on our mugs.

Our **2024 QATSIF Creative Arts Competition** is now open for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists from all Queensland secondary schools. The focus will be this year's **Reconciliation** and **NAIDOC Week** themes.

QATSIF is grateful to Jesse Green and the team at **Yilay** for producing these beautiful mugs.

## 2024 QATSIF Creative Arts Competition



Our **2024 QATSIF Creative Arts Competition** is open until Friday 7 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 189 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 2023 entries, please go to: [https://youtu.be/9mFXPN4q\\_xA](https://youtu.be/9mFXPN4q_xA)



**QATSIF**  
Building tomorrow's leaders

**Griffith UNIVERSITY**

QUEENSLAND ABORIGINAL AND  
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FOUNDATION

### 2024 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:

**Now More Than Ever.**  
RECONCILIATION WEEK  
2024 THEME

**OR**

**Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud.**  
NAIDOC WEEK  
2024 THEME

Please email [enquiries@qatsif.org.au](mailto:enquiries@qatsif.org.au) your permission form and a high resolution image (not the original artwork) or audio / video recording (5 min max) of your artistic piece.

**COMPETITION CLOSING FRIDAY 7 JUNE**



# Some of our 2023 graduates shared by our QATSIF schools



## QATSIF Students in Focus

### SIENNA WILMETT

Year 12 QATSIF student, Sienna Wilmett, of the *Kuku Yalanji* and *Waanyi* People, travelled to Canberra for five days as part of her work with the **First Nations Youth Advisory** team. This is her second year with the group and visit to Canberra where she even got to meet the PM.

Sienna will be working with the **Department of Education** and the **National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA)** to provide input into school engagement. Throughout the year, the First Nations Education Advisory Group will be focusing on four priority areas: the role of teachers, education policy settings, cultural capability and curriculum content and targeted program support for school engagement. They work with the Office for Youth and Ministers Dr Anne Aly (Minister for Early Childhood Education and Minister for Youth), Linda Burney (Minister for Indigenous Australians) and Jason Clare (Minister for Education). Too deadly Sienna!



### RUBY BROWN

Year 12 *Butchulla* student Ruby Brown won Open Women's Age Champion at the St Mary's College (Maryborough) swimming carnival held early in Term 1. Ruby placed first in the 50m butterfly and freestyle events and second in the 50m breaststroke and backstroke events. Ruby had the anchor leg for both the Open Women's medley and freestyle relay securing the wins for her team. *Galangoor yanggami* Ruby!



### COOPER MUNNS

Good Shepherd Catholic College's Indigenous Student Leader, Cooper Munns, attended the NRL Youth Leadership Dialogue in Townsville as part of the All Stars game in February. Students had the opportunity to share their voices on issues facing our young people in their own communities, and were also fortunate to meet and listen to very inspirational First Nations peoples.



### RHYS BACHMANN

Rhys Bachmann (Year 12 Mt Maria College – Mitchelton) took up the challenge of ACU's Uni Step Up program that enables students to enrol in one subject toward a degree at ACU whilst studying Year 11 and another subject during Year 12. The timings of the units are designed for minimum impact on school studies as students attend the University campus during school holidays. Students have access to lecturers, group and individual tutors (through the Indigenous Higher Education Unit), as well as mentors to guide them through general university life.

Rhys has now passed both subjects and is guaranteed a place in a degree after he graduates Year 12 at Mt Maria College Mitchelton. He completed the Health Science stream and has chosen a dual degree, Paramedicine and Nursing.





# QATSIF Young Achievers

## ARABELLA-ANNE DAVIS

Congratulations to the deadly Arabella-Anne Davis (QATSIF Rnd 13 graduate) who was named the school dux of Mossman State High School for 2023.

At the Presentation Awards Ceremony last year, Arabella received a *Distinction award, subject awards for English and Legal Studies, Year 12 Academic Excellence Award* and the *James Cook University Rising Star Award* with a \$10,000 scholarship.



Arabella achieved the highest ATAR in her Year 12 cohort and is at James Cook University in Cairns studying a Degree in Social Work.

Well done Arabella!

## JORJA TRIFFETT

Congratulations to Jorja Triffett (Rnd 13 QATSIF graduate) was named St Patrick's College Townsville's College Dux, achieving the highest ATAR out of her Year 12 cohort. You may recall Jorja was also the recipient of the **2023 Peter Doherty Award**.

Jorja has accepted an offer to study a Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery at James Cook University and is also one of 100 national recipients of the **Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme (PMHSS)**. The PHMSS provides a scholarship to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander undergraduate students who study a course in a health-related discipline.

Too deadly Jorja!



## MAHALIA MAIRU

Mahalia Mairu is a Round 13 QATSIF graduate from Calamvale Community College and this year will begin her tertiary education at Griffith University studying a Bachelor of Contemporary Australian Indigenous Art.

Mahalia's art won awards in our QATSIF Creative Arts Competition over consecutive years.



## NRL INDIGENOUS ALL STARS

QATSIF congratulates our deadly past QATSIF students and school support staff who made the NRL Indigenous All Stars team for their game earlier this semester.

**Men's Indigenous All Stars:** Bailey Biondi-Odo (Innisfail State College) and Bailey Butler (St Brendan's College, Yeppoon). **Women's Indigenous All Stars:** Jasmine Peters (Mackay North State High School) and Tallisha Harden (Indigenous Community Engagement Officer, St Patrick's College Townsville).





# Victorian Indigenous Engineering Winter School (VIEWS) Program

Applications for the **2024 Victorian Indigenous Engineering Winter School (VIEWS) program** in Melbourne from **29 June to 6 July 2024** are now open.

The **Victorian Indigenous Engineering Winter School (VIEWS)** is an exciting program for **Year 10, 11 and 12** Indigenous students from across Australia who are enrolled in Maths or Science subjects and will expand their perspective on all things engineering. Over 5 days, participants will get an insight into what it's like to study and work in engineering, information technology and tech – and it may not be what you think.

There is no cost to participate. All expenses are covered; flights, accommodation at University College, food during the camp and university led social nights. To apply or find out more, please go to:

[www.eng.unimelb.edu.au/engage-with-us/indigenous/views](http://www.eng.unimelb.edu.au/engage-with-us/indigenous/views)



## 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](http://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/fairplay)

## FairPlay parent, carer or guardian

FairPlay provides vouchers valued up to \$150 for an eligible child to put towards sport and active recreation membership, registration or participation fees.

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



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## LOOKING FOR WORK OR TRAINING AND STUDY OPTIONS?

Join the Link & Launch Program today!



## Link and Launch

**Link and Launch** officers are based at participating schools to connect with 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.

To find a list of Queensland schools where you can connect with a Link and Launch Officer, please go to:

[www.wethedifferents.qld.edu.au/link-launch/](http://www.wethedifferents.qld.edu.au/link-launch/)



# JCU Winter School

JCU's *Winter School* for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students offers students in **Year 8, 9, 10, 11 or 12** the chance to experience university life during the school holidays from **23 June to 28 June 2024**.

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.

Apply or find more information at: [www.jcu.edu.au/ierc/experience-uni/winter-school](http://www.jcu.edu.au/ierc/experience-uni/winter-school)



## UQ's InspireU Camps

The **University of Queensland's InspireU program** has two camps for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander senior students coming up in the June/July school holidays.

### YEAR 11 AND 12 HEALTH SCIENCES CAMP (23-28 JUNE)

A week-long university experience for Year 11 and 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to learn about health sciences. Participants will get to explore potential study options and gain practical insights into a range of disciplines. To learn more or apply, please go to: [www.study.uq.edu.au/events/inspireu-health-science-camp](http://www.study.uq.edu.au/events/inspireu-health-science-camp)

### YEAR 12 CAMP (30 JUNE-5 JULY)

A week-long (residential camp for Year 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to learn more about preparing for university at The University of Queensland's (UQ) St Lucia campus. Participants will explore different study options plus learn about applying through QTAC, scholarships, financial assistance, admissions pathways, tutoring and accommodation. To learn more or apply, please go to: [www.study.uq.edu.au/events/inspireu-year-12-camp](http://www.study.uq.edu.au/events/inspireu-year-12-camp)



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For more information or to apply visit:  
[www.tafeqld.edu.au/fee-free](http://www.tafeqld.edu.au/fee-free)



## Free NBN for eligible students

To ensure all students have equal opportunities for online learning, the **School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI)** is providing free internet access for eligible families with school-aged children and no current internet access.

To find out more, call the **National Referral Centre** (Monday to Friday) 1800 954 610 or head to:  
<https://www.anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet/>



School Student  
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powered by nbn

**Are you eligible for free nbn  
broadband at home until  
December 2025?**

#### You might be eligible if you:

- have a school-aged child
- have no active nbn broadband connection or have not disconnected in the last 14 days. Having the internet on a mobile phone is ok
- live in a premises that is serviced by the nbn network

#### To check your eligibility, or to get help using your voucher:

Contact the National Referral Centre

1800 954 610  
(Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm AEDT)

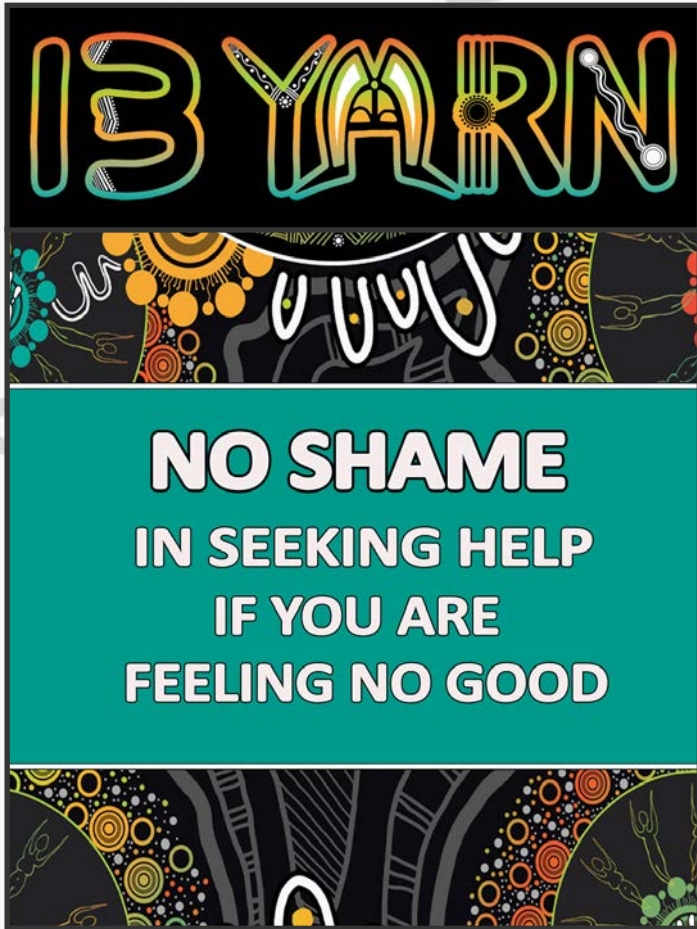
[anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet](https://www.anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet)

Callback, webchat, translating and  
interpreting services are available.



## 13YARN

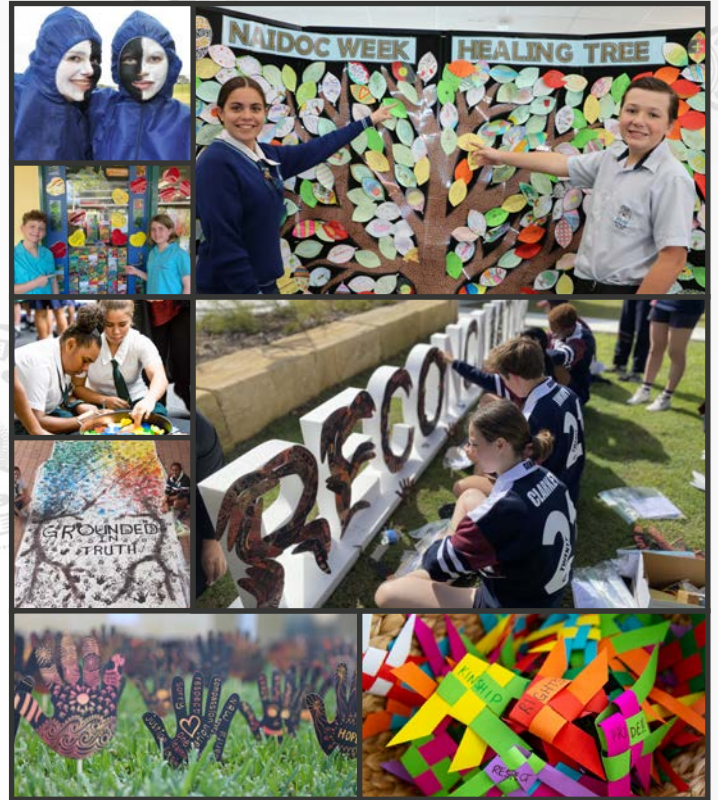
If you're not coping, it doesn't mean that something is wrong with you, seeking help and being pointed in the right direction by one of our support workers is a great step and could help you get the right support you need. Give us a call on **13 92 76** for a yarn.



## Ideas for class or school Reconciliation or NAIDOC Week celebrations

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



## Our 2024 QATSIF Team

QATSIF is very proud of our friendly, hardworking, and dedicated staff who oversee our 4,290 QATSIF scholarships.

Please call us on 3257 1777 for any assistance. Our office hours are Monday to Friday from 8am to 4pm.

L TO R: TEAGAN OLSSSEN (WED – FRI), SONIA NORBIDO (MON – WED),  
MIKE NAYLER (FULL-TIME) AND SHALANA UTA (FULL-TIME).





# 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](mailto: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.



# Get Involved in 2024

Donate now to support QATSIF's vital work at: [www.qatsif.org.au/get-involved](http://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](http://www.qatsif.org.au/get-involved).

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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.





# 2024 QATSIF CELEBRATION DATES

**Friday 5 July or the Friday of your NAIDOC celebrations** **Floral Friday Fundraiser** – Wear your brightest floral clothes to raise money to support QATSIF. QATSIF will also send out Torres Strait Islander resources for schools.

**Monday 15 July** **QATSIF Graduation at JCU (Townsville)**  
(NB\* Ceremony starts at 11.30am due to room availability)

**Tuesday 16 July** **QATSIF Graduation at JCU (Cairns)**

**Thursday 18 July** **QATSIF Graduation at QUT (Kelvin Grove)**

**Monday 29 July** **QATSIF Graduation at Bond Uni (Gold Coast)**

**Friday 2 August** **QATSIF Graduation at CQU (Bundaberg)**

**Friday 9 August** **QATSIF Graduation at UQ (St Lucia)**

**Monday 12 August** **QATSIF Graduation at CQU (Rockhampton)**

**Tuesday 13 August** **QATSIF Graduation at CQU (Mackay)**

**Thursday 15 August** **QATSIF Graduation at UniSC (Sunshine Coast)**

**Tuesday 20 August** **QATSIF Graduation at UniSQ (Toowoomba)**

**Thursday 22 August** **QATSIF Graduation at Griffith (Logan)**

QATSIF is looking forward to celebrating with our students, their families and schools.

Celebrations (*except Townsville*) will run from **10:30am – midday + lunch afterwards**.



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 celebrations.**

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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