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QATSIF celebrates Mabo Day and The Coming of The Light

On Mabo Day, QATSIF celebrated Reconciliation Week with a strong Torres Strait Islander focus on Mabo Day and The Coming of The Light.

QATSIF students led the ceremony with School Captains, Ziphoria Minniecon and Dylan Thomas as MCs, students from St James College performing Torres Strait Islander songs and students from Brigidine College reading a poem on the life of Eddie Mabo.

Ted Williams, a proud Yugambeh Elder and renowned local educator welcomed two hundred Elders, students, families, school staff and special guests to the beautiful celebration at Griffith University's Logan campus. Mr Williams encouraged the students to continue to show pride in their Cultures, to make the most of their education and to carry the message of reconciliation out into the wider Australian community.

Aunty Cathy Jackson lit the QATSIF Elders candle on behalf of all Elders present. Students from Beenleigh and Rochedale State High School used the light from the Elders' candle to symbolically light our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candles as part of their commitment to proudly carry their Cultures forward.

Uncle Milton Walit, a much loved Torres Strait Islander Elder, spoke passionately about Eddie Mabo's legacy and the meaning of The Coming of The Light for Torres Strait Islanders.

To highlight the Reconciliation Week theme, *"More than a word, Reconciliation takes action"*, everyone present was given a Torres Strait Islander designed woven paper fish on arrival. They were invited to write a word about their commitment to Reconciliation, gratitude for Eddie Mabo or reflection on The Coming of The Light on the fish and to bring it forward during the ceremony.



Please forward this Newsletter on to your QATSIF students and families.

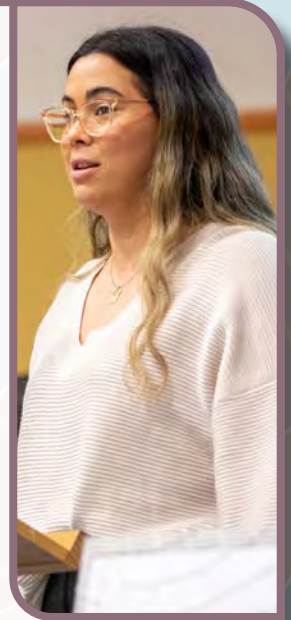
The fish were attached to nets on the stage to highlight the wider commitment of all people to work together for Reconciliation and pride in our Cultures.

Professor Cindy Shannon AM, QATSIF's Chair and the first Indigenous Pro Vice Chancellor of Griffith University, spoke to the students about the sacrifices of previous generations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders and Ancestors, especially those affected by the injustice of Stolen Wages.

Rikki Regelling, a past QATSIF student, proud Torres Strait Islander woman and current Griffith University student invited students to take up the many opportunities that they are given in order to achieve their dreams.

At the end of the ceremony, the Elders present were presented with QATSIF mugs featuring artworks created by students in QATSIF's Creative Arts Competition. Dr Chris Sarra, the Director General of DATSIP and Professor Shannon presented the students with a Torres Strait Islander themed wrist band to encourage them to remember the messages from the celebration.





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



2021 QATSIF Yarning With Our Elders Project

The students from a number of schools recently spoke with respected Elders about their experiences and life stories as part of QATSIF's Yarning With Our Elders Project: https://youtu.be/q7MB9a_fEnQ

The idea of this project was to help young people learn from our Elders' wisdom and stories, and to help to keep our Cultures strong.

Elders: Aunty Florence Watson; Uncle Ivan Pickering, Aunty Penelope Hill.

Students: Tawhiti Barr (Year 8, Gregory Terrace); Ronald Watson (Year 7 Bribe Island State School); Bowie Ellis (Year 6 Banksia Beach State Scwhool), Charlotte Ellis (Year 9 St Columban's College)

We thank the Australian Catholic University (ACU) for supporting our project.

Craigslea State High School ANZAC Day

Craigslea State High School are extremely proud of Kayah Farrawell - School Prefect and QATSIF Scholarship Recipient.

Kayah presented the Acknowledgement of Country at our School's ANZAC Day Ceremony and also a very meaningful tribute to the First Nations People who served Australia. On ANZAC Day Kayah also was a Wreath Bearer at Kedron Wavell RSL Club.

Lest We Forget.



Out-of-this-world opportunity for QATSIF students

Recently, QATSIF organised two aerospace and rocket science days for 25 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from South East Queensland schools.

It's Rocket Science Adventures donated their time and expertise for the days to help to encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students with a passion for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) to reach for the stars.

Over the two days students got to visit aerospace facilities, hear from Australia's first Aboriginal Aerospace Engineer, learn about David Unaipon's inventions, fly drones and launch pressurised water launch rockets the length of a football field.

On the first day, students visited *Black Sky Aerospace* to learn from Australia's leading rocket science team and to present students' artworks which will be carried on board the first Australian made rocket into space.

Three students – Mikah Browning, Graham Melville and Jaeve Proberts proudly presented their entries from QATSIF's 2020 Creative Arts Competition to be carried on board the first Australian made rocket launched into space. *Black Sky Aerospace* have already completed the first commercial rocket launch from Australian soil and will launch sometime over the next 12 months.

The artwork is being sent to space to acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as Australia's first scientists and inventors. The students are hoping to watch the launch live online and are looking forward to receiving their artworks back after their journey to space.

The students also heard from the inspirational Taylah Griffin – Australia's first Aboriginal Aerospace Engineer. Taylah spoke about her educational journey and her current work test flying the RAAF's newest drones. Taylah challenged the students to work hard to achieve their dreams and not to let set-backs hold them back.

QATSIF would like to thank Emmaus College Jimboomba, Burpengary State Secondary College, *It's Rocket Science Adventures*, *Black Sky Aerospace* and Taylah Griffin for providing this out-of-this-world opportunity for our young people.

We are hoping to partner with *It's Rocket Science Adventures* to offer a similar opportunity in other centres.



Harristown State High School Deadly Stories

Year 12 Arts In Practice

At Harristown SHS, the senior subject, Arts in Practice, places Indigenous culture, history and issues at the centre of its study modules. Unit 3 titled Social Commentary, explores the ways in which the arts act as a vehicle of advocacy by commenting on important Indigenous social justice issues. Students select a social justice issue of their choice and after conducting research, comment on it through their own integrated artwork. Pictured are two Year 12 QATSIF students; Kynan Lamb and Tyrel Rowe, who chose to get their message across about issues relating to loss of culture since colonisation, through a multimodal presentation incorporating dance and visual art.



Girls' Cultural Weaving Workshop

Earlier this term, Junior Indigenous girls at Harristown SHS participated in a weaving workshop facilitated by *Dhiyaan Dhinawan*. A group of EALD girls was also invited to engage in a cultural exchange experience. While enjoying the morning's activities and using their newfound skills to create an item they could keep, the girls learned that the process of creating objects for specific purposes requires a high level of knowledge that has traditionally been passed down from generation to generation.

A big thank you goes to the USQ Deadly Ways team who sponsored the workshop and assisted the girls with the weaving activities.



Senior Indigenous Boys

A group of Harristown State High School senior boys spent an afternoon with some starry eyed little ones at the Early Grow Education Childcare Centre in Toowoomba. Led by a very impressive Kynan Lamb, a proud QATSIF recipient, they encouraged the children to learn a dance; mimicking animals like kangaroos and emus.

They then engaged the children in painting activities, with each of the boys assisting different groups to create their own artworks. Apart from having lots of fun, the staff at Early Grow along with the Harristown's Clontarf mentors, were extremely proud of the efforts of the senior leaders.



7 News Young Achievers Awards

QATSIF is very proud to have supported four of the past six winners of the *7 News Kennelly Constructions Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Achievement Award*, including two *Queensland Young Achievers of the Year* – Kyle Ryan and Justice King.

Our deadly young achievers (top left clockwise) and just some of their many achievements are:

- ★ **Kyle Ryan** (Glenala State High School): Indigenous community work including: QATSIF Ambassador visiting Western Queensland schools; Inala Wangarra Board Member; InspireU camps; and Queensland Australian Indigenous Health Council's Indigenous Youth Health Committee.
- ★ **Claudia Moodoonuthi** (Clayfield College): painter renowned for her bold imagery and vibrant colours; honours her heritage and culture through her art; completed a *Bachelor of Contemporary Australian Indigenous Art*; many art prizes and exhibitions; Brisbane Festival artist.
- ★ **Zane Ratcliff** (Burnett State College): Indigenous mentor; teaching Indigenous dance, sport and acting; School Captain; Commonwealth Games dancer; and *Young Citizen of the Year* award.

- ★ **Justice King** (Spinifex State College): founder of "The Youth League", a group of 12-18 year olds who voluntarily run youth events specifically to deter crime and provide young role models in their community; passionate youth mental health advocate and is actively involved with Headspace and RUOK? Day; appointed *Youth Mayor* of the Mt Isa Youth Council; and awarded the *2015 Young Citizen of the Year*.



Queensland Ambulance Service Lunchtime Q&A Session

Thanks to the **Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS)** for arranging a lunchtime yarn with some of QATSIF's twenty Queensland Ambulance Service Scholarship students.

Our students got to hear from three inspirational Indigenous Paramedics – Trish, Krystal and Jordan. These deadly paramedics spoke about what motivated them to join the QAS, their proudest moments and encouraged our young people to aim high in their future careers.

Each year, the Queensland Ambulance Service selects 10 of our new Year 11 QATSIF students with a passion for a QAS career for their QAS Scholarship program.

As well as learning from Indigenous Paramedics, our QAS students also receive support with First Aid courses and driving lessons.

Year 10 students who apply for a QATSIF Scholarship will again be invited to apply for this wonderful QAS program sometime in term 4.



Highest Achieving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students in Queensland

QATSIF is extremely proud to have supported four of the past six Highest Achieving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students in Queensland.

Top left (clockwise):

- ★ Kyle Ryan (Glenala State High School) studying medicine at the University of Queensland.
- ★ Lucinda Colbert (Forest Lake State High School) studying medicine at the University of Sydney.
- ★ Rani Carmichael (Brisbane State High School) studying Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours) at the University of Queensland.
- ★ Aidan Train (Spinifex State College / University of Southern Queensland) Graduate Engineer at GHD.



Mackay Mr & Miss NAIDOC Pageant 2021

Congratulations to Lainey Wilson who entered *Miss NAIDOC Pageant 2021* in Mackay. The event was held at the Ocean International one Wednesday 23 June.

Lainey is proud of her Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage and decided to enter into the Mr & Miss NAIDOC Pageant in 2021.

Lainey was the recipient of:

- ★ Senior Female 15 – 17 Years Best Dressed, **1st Place**
- ★ Senior Female 15 – 17 Years General Cultural Knowledge, **Runner Up**

Lainey's family is extremely proud of her and her achievements, and so is Mirani State High School. She is a young lady representative of what you can achieve when you are focused and determined. Lainey is an ideal role model for young Indigenous youth and she hopes she inspires others to reach up to become stars for others.



Tannum Sands QATSIF Parade

At Tannum Sands State High School Formal Parade the following students proudly received their QATSIF certificates. Acting Deputy Principal Leon Sternberg gave some background information to the audience about what QATSIF means and why it was created. Parents and caregivers were able to attend the parade and see their children receive their award.

Tracy Pirie (Acting Clinical Support Officer) and Benjamin Ghee (Advanced Care Paramedic and Indigenous Liaison Officer) presented Imogen Stacey with her QAS scholarship certificate.



Tagai State College's Mabo Day Celebration

The deadly students and staff from Tagai State College recently celebrated Mabo Day with a special whole school parade.

Tagai State College were privileged to have a Mabo family descendent, Rashae King read a beautiful poem about her *Athe* (Grandfather).

Students from the Kaziw Meta Boarding College and Tagai's own *Island Stars* dance team also performed.



Good Shepherd students volunteer at the Mount Isa Show

Congratulations to the deadly Good Shepherd Catholic College QATSIF students who recently volunteered at the Mount Isa Show.

Good Shepherd students volunteer at community events to help to strengthen their connections with our local Elders and community members.

It also allows them to show leadership and demonstrate their pride in themselves, their school and community.



Mirragin Year 7 Induction and Family Welcome Event

Each year, Lourdes Hill College host a Mirragin Year 7 Induction and Family Welcome Event. It is an evening celebration that has become a permanent addition to their calendar. Kicking off with the girls performing a traditional welcome dance, followed by a water blessing and then a small presentation to parents informing them of what is to offer in the Mirragin program at Lourdes Hill College. The new Year 7 students are then formally inducted into the Mirragin family by being presented with their special Mirragin badges, something the Mirragin girls wear proudly each day on their school ties.

Finally, everyone enjoys a BBQ style meal together which is a perfect opportunity for families to mix, mingle and connect, (following COVID safe guidelines of course!). This year, Lourdes Hill College had 82 attendees with families that have connections to 32 communities across Australia.

It was also an opportunity to invite Lourdes Hill College's 2020 QATSIF graduates back to speak about their time at school, the privileges of being a QATSIF scholarship recipient and their plans for the future.



National Reconciliation Week at Carmel College

The deadly staff and students of Carmel College recently celebrated National Reconciliation Week with a powerful activity.

Guided by the theme of *ACTION*, students and staff used scratch board boomerangs to design patterns, statements and drawings that depicted what Reconciliation meant to them.

This celebration was championed by Carmel College's Student Leaders and First Nations students and involved their entire college community.



ABC First Nations Talent Portal

The ABC believes that First Nation voices and stories matter. So they're on the lookout for First Nation talent to be part of the Australian discussion and entertainment landscape.

For anyone wanting to be part of the ABC's growing database of potential talent, please submit your interest by completing the application form –

https://www.abc.net.au/tv/independent/indigenous_talent_form.htm

The information you provide will be made available to ABC content teams via their internal database.

If you have any queries about the ABC's First Nations Talent Portal or would like to update your details, please email indigenoustalent@abc.net.au.



Aura Retirement Community Floral Friday Fashion Parade

Thanks to the Aura Kingsford Terrace Community at Corinda for allowing QATSIF to speak about Reconciliation Week and our vital work.

Rachel Stringfellow (past QATSIF student and current QATSIF staff member) shared the difference that her QATSIF Scholarship had made to her at school, about gaining her degree and her new role tutoring other university students.

Both Michael and Rachel spoke passionately about the importance of Reconciliation Week for all Australians and had the opportunity to speak individually with community members about QATSIF.

We thank Aura Holdings for arranging such a wonderful fashion parade to support QATSIF.



Marymount Mob Polos

Congratulations to the deadly students of Marymount College who designed their own Marymount Mob polos.

The students and staff are thrilled with these beautiful new polos and they are certainly catching the eye of everyone they pass.

BW Promotions (a Supply Nation company) printed the deadly new shirts.



QATSIF Creative Arts Competition

Over the past few months, QATSIF has been running our annual QATSIF Creative Arts Competition for Year 7 – 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students across all of Queensland's schools.

Our competition is currently being judged by a panel of judges including past First Nations artists, QATSIF students, staff and Board Members.

We hope that you are inspired by the incredible talents of our deadly young artists.

2021 ENTRIES

The Rainbow Serpent

Dekierim Schrieber (Year 7), Mount St Bernard College



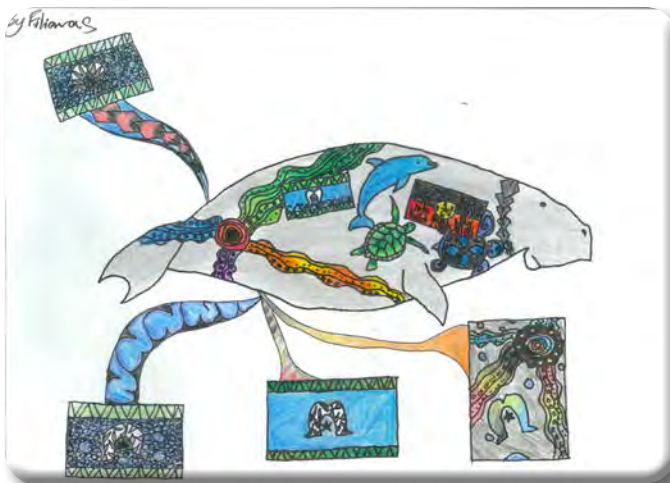
Dadhakub (Camp)

Ellena Warria (Year 7), Tagai State College



Peace on Earth

Filiara Salam (Year 7), Mount St Bernard College



Communities Healing Country

Kate Johnson (Year 7), Bracken Ridge SHS



Kirra Anderson and Nadia Chapman (Year 7), Earnshaw State College



Tablelands
Leslie Foster (Year 7), Mareeba SHS



Piiramu Wilson (Year 7), St Augustine's College (Cairns)



Life as an Aboriginal girl
Tahlee Adams (Year 7), Lourdes Hill College

Goo-roo-mba big-I. My name is Lowanna, I am Aboriginal, and I was born in 1952. When I was two weeks old, I was taken to live in Manly with my cousins, as my mum was sick and could not look after me. I am very lucky. Others were not so lucky.

Tomorrow I am going to meet my older siblings for the first time, and I am so excited. I was sad to leave them. I wish they did not have to go through what they went through. We all are safe and happy now, that is all that matters.

I have started high school now and I was so excited to try out for the netball team. I went to the netball try out and as soon as the other girls saw me, they gave me weird looks just because of the way I was born. They told me to go home but I was not going to just give up, so I practised and practised every day after school.

I walked to the netball grounds to show the coach what I could do but he ignored me. I started to shoot some hoops like I did at home, and they all were stunned by what I could do.

I did not realise I was that good at netball, I thought my Aunty was saying that because she loves me. They had to work some things out so that I could join the team and then I was winning netball games. All the time, everyone was so proud of me and how I got on to the team.

In the end I know my talent. I know that this is me and you cannot change the way I was born. This is me!

The sea cows of the Torres Strait
Rotannah Joe-Gela (Year 7), Mount St Bernard College



Special to me
Rotannah Joe-Gela (Year 7)
Mount St Bernard College





Music link: <https://youtu.be/CkbrGDS9q70>

Heal the Land (LYRICS)

Nellie Browning (Year 7), King's Christian College

A gum tree standing alone in the middle of the street
Where the green grass used to grow is made of concrete
And the place that used to be of song and dance
Is now the place we go to buy our groceries

But together lets heal the land
It will never be the same but lets just compromise
There are still valleys and deserts and forests untouched
So lets keep it that way

A fallen nest of native birds
New pests and new disease from years ago
And the songs have changed and the empty valleys filled
And now all we hear is the sound of that ticking clock

But together lets heal the land
It will never be the same but lets just compromise
There are still valleys and desserts untouched
Lets keep it that way

And the shining moon has always shone
and the dazzling stars still shine above
and the wind that blows has always blown
and the sun is still shining

but together lets heal the land
it will never be the same but lets just compromise
there are still valleys and desserts and forests untouched
let keep it that way.

Two Worlds

Reem Sam (Year 7), Mount St Bernard College



Heal Country! (LYRICS)

Sajida, Chenille, Georgia & Kyzearne (Year 7)
All Souls St Gabriels School

Georgia:

Heal country, you don't have to be sad,
You can be happy and you can be glad,
But try your best at everything,
Just keep on moving, like the words you sing
And keep on trying and doing your thing
You don't have to be scared, so use your voice
You don't have to be shy, it's your choice
Don't let anyone stop you, keep on being brave,
Be kind to your Elders, and the land you'll save
Protect your country be proud of your culture
Remember your past, but live for your future.

Chenille:

Protect your family, protect your friends,
Protect your community it's not the end
Don't forget your culture, it's here to stay,
Don't put it off for another day
Remember the old days, but today is a new day
Go outside and don't be lazy
Staying inside will make you crazy
To heal your country you've got to live it,
Love and support you've got to give it.

Sajida:

Ready to shine just like a black diamond
No need to be ashamed of who you are
Just have courage and you'll get far.
Don't worry because you have a big heart
It won't melt and fall apart.
You have the power to push up hard.
No matter where I go, I'll still shine like a diamond,
Along with my Ancestors from Palm Island.

All:

Heal country! Here we go
Another new day ready to glow
Here we come, we're ready to shine
Like a glowing star in the night-time sky.
Heal country! Heal country!
Heal country! Heal country!
Heal, heal country! Heal, heal country!
Heal, heal country! Heal, heal country!
OH YEAH! OH YEAH! OH YEAH! OH YEAH!
OH YEAH! OH YEAH! OH YEAH! OH YEAH!

Two Breeds Apart

Abby Lock & Lachlan Neale (Year 8), Earnshaw State College



Kookaburra Dreaming

Loveonia Balliee (Year 8), Mount St Bernard College



Islanders' Life or Totem

Nayita Joseph (Year 8), Tagai State College



A Brighter Future

Olivia Doyle (Year 8), Urangan State High School



Yiramilan

Audrey Higgins (Year 9), Lourdes Hill College



Diron Snake

Annie Reihana (Year 9), Beenleigh SHS



Our Country
Makala Harries (Year 9), Mount St Bernard College



Jenorah Yellub-Fell (Year 9), Mount St Bernard College



Yarning as One
Kaiden Ratcliff (Year 9), Mount St Bernard College



A New Place
Mikah Browning (Year 9), King's Christian College



Paddy Bassani (Year 9), St Augustine's College (Cairns)



Towri
Quinn Go Sam (Year 9), St Mary's Catholic College Woree



Shania Lee Jane O'Brien (Year 9), Mount St Bernard College



Byan

Sienna Willmettt (Year 9), Lourdes Hill College



Tai Thurgate (Year 9), St Augustine's College (Cairns)



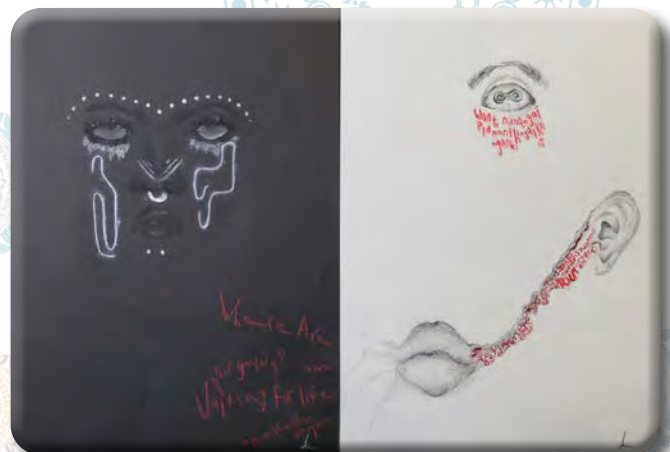
Sea pot

Xavier-Ray David-Williams (Year 9)
St Augustine's College (Cairns)



I am a Kaurna Woman

Annakye Evans (Year 10), Grace Lutheran College



Spirit Bird

Elicia Melville (Year 10), Upper Coomera State College



Ancestral Healing

Emerson Kucks (Year 10), Lourdes Hill College



Dreamtime Snake

Graham Melville (Year 10), Upper Coomera State College



The New Beginning

Graham Melville (Year 10), Upper Coomera State College



Jameika Tilmouth (Year 10), Mount St Bernard College



Alukera

Jilaysha Tilmouth (Year 10), Mount St Bernard College



The Point

Taryn Anno (Yr.9) & Lynette Sands (Yr.8)
Earnshaw State College



POEM

I'm Sorry, Jacob Lasserre (Year 10)
St Mary's College (Toowoomba)

Rain fell on the beach like men in conflicts,
The waves were crashing and roaring.
Boats came with guns and convicts,
We knew the end was dawning.

They beat and massacred my ancestors,
I can feel their pain inside me.
Enduring the agony, they despised their oppressors,
Never receiving an apology.

220 years after the invasion,
The 'sorry' finally arrived.
It attempted to bind the wounds of a nation,
Instead it was lacking and deprived.

Generations had lost their culture and heritage,
Their leaders didn't care or worry.
The rivalry of parties got too competitive,
For the race to say sorry.

Is an apology to move on or move forward?
What does it mean to apologise?
They didn't care when they came with explorers,
When they came to colonise.

Sorry isn't a word that is used randomly,
It holds value and significance.
It should serve as the roots for a blooming tree,
To make the future magnificent.

Change won't happen if we don't make it change,
Nothing will be fixed with only words.
Assist each other to write in history's page,
The brighter way we're heading towards.

We're not separate in origin, but one in unity,
The future can be changed, but not the past.
By working together locally and nationally,
We can make a country that'll last.

Home

Laura Bob (Year 11), Tagai State College



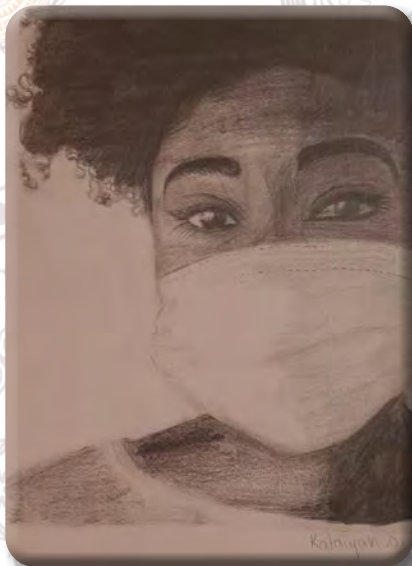
Together We Live
Jacinta Marrison (Year 11)
Queensland Academy for Health Sciences



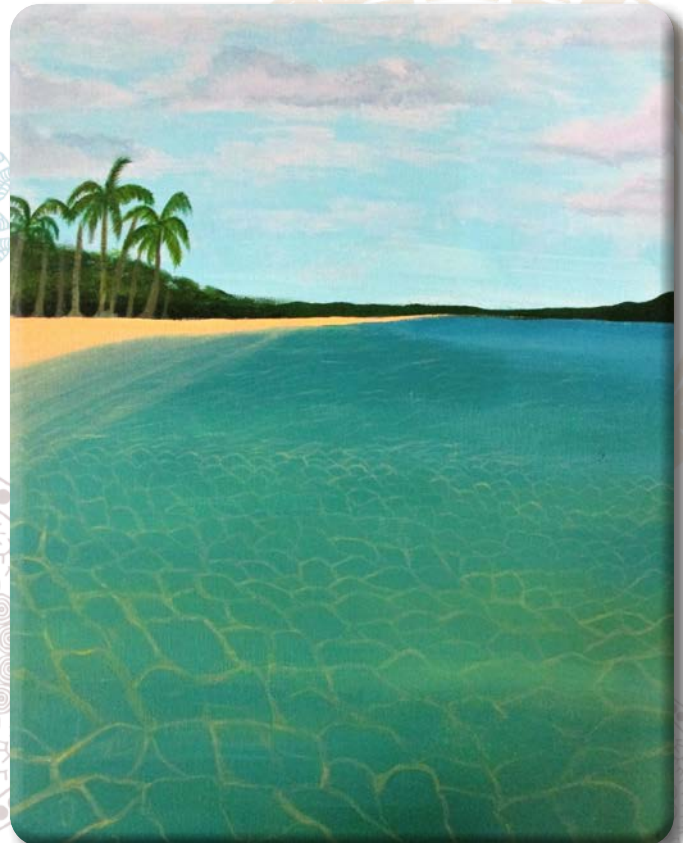
A Journey of Healing
Jessica Johnston (Year 11), Groves Christian College



Kalaiyah Ottaviano (Year 11)
Carinity Education Southside



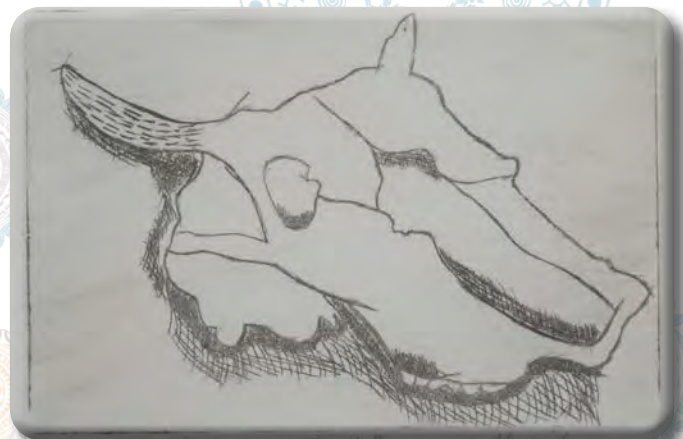
Arkai Buthu – Kubin Village, Moa Island
Hannah Kaitap (Year 11), Tagai State College



Portrait of Aunty Nic
Lynnie Tyson (Year 11), Carinity Education Southside



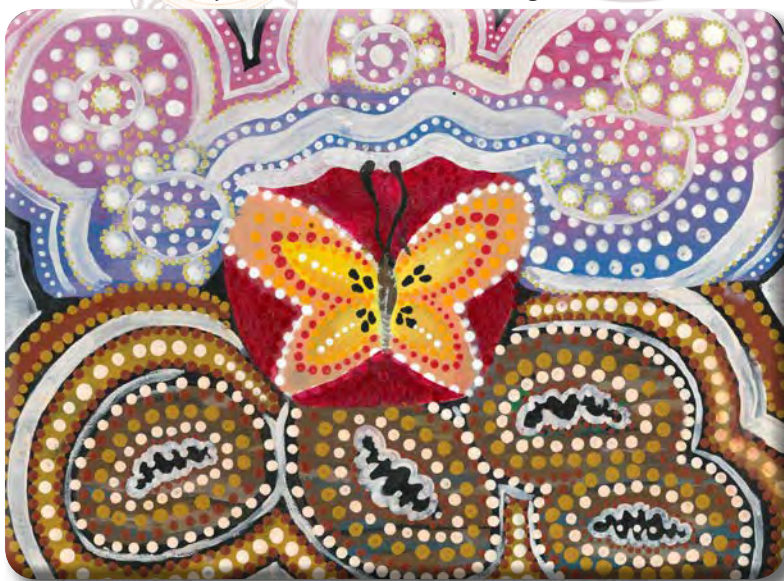
Cow Skull
Jyrett David (Year 11), St Augustine's College (Cairns)



Emu Dreaming
Melinda Obah (Year 11), Mount St Bernard College



Gilgil Bihdjun (Central Heart)
Phyllis Maher (Year 11), Beenleigh SHS



Mother Nature
Talía Crabb (Year 11), Carmel College



Video link: <https://youtu.be/MeanGMOxMY0>

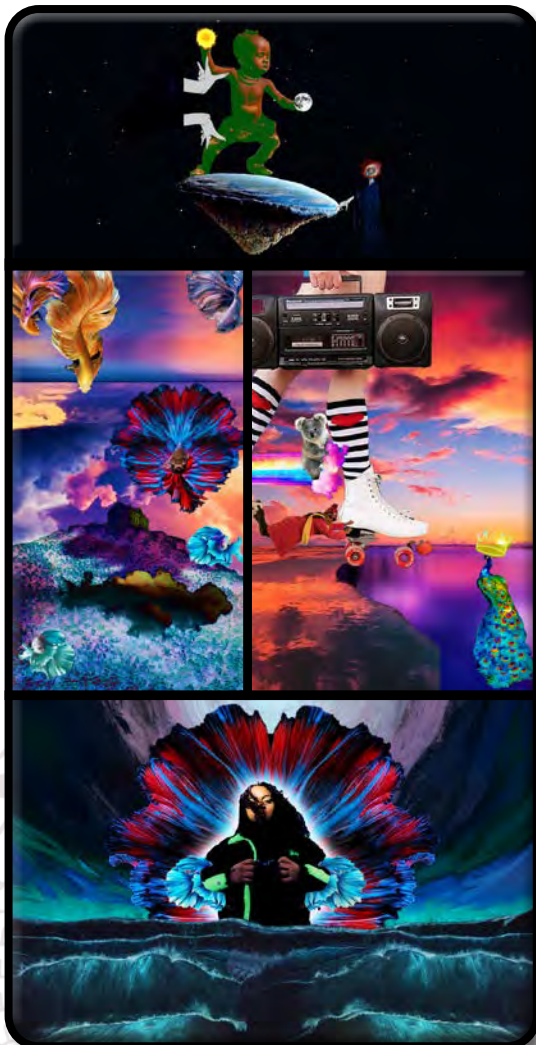
Into the Deep
Matraima Faid (Year 11), Mount St Bernard College



Heal my Country
Tali Karklis (Year 11), Carmel College



Andrew Young (Year 12)
St Augustine's College (Cairns)



Before Ways
Tayiesha Warria (Year 11), Mount St Bernard College



Connect back to country
Alice Morton (Year 12), Ferny Grove SHS



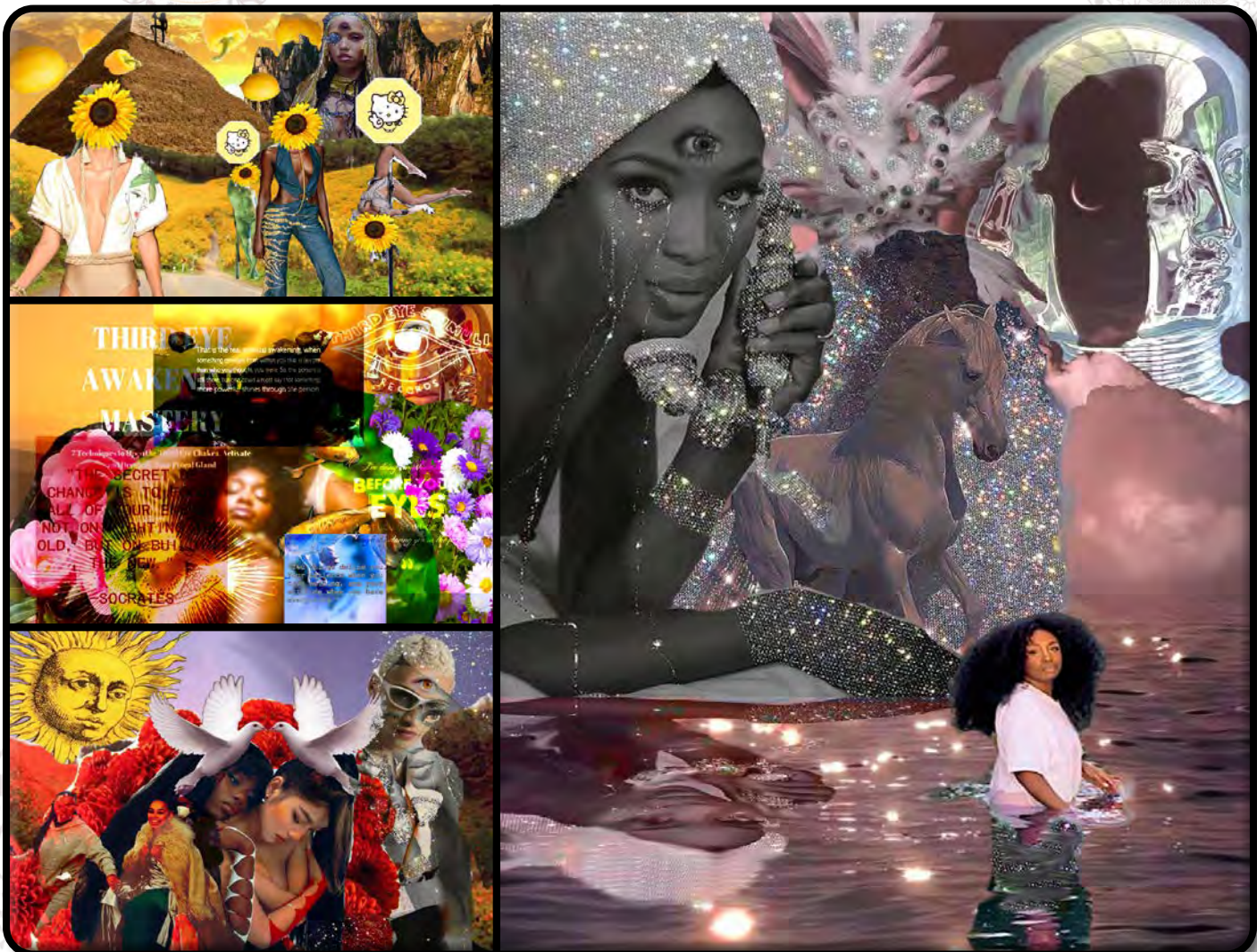
My Island Home
Anita Richard (Year 12), Mount St Bernard College



Hammond Islander Dancer
Blayse Zamiak (Year 12), St Augustine's College (Cairns)



Working at the Pyramid, Love, Enlightenment, Paradisum
Blayse Zamiak (Year 12), St Augustine's College (Cairns)



Bruce Mountford (Year 9), St Augustine's College (Cairns)



Kangaroo
Jack Barnes (Year 12), St Augustine's College (Cairns)



Spirit Song
Lurlene Langton (Year 12), Good Samaritan College



Ayatpia
Jaeve Proberts (Year 12), Genesis Christian College



Totem Collide
Joanna Mari (Year 12), Tagai State College



Tufi

Kira-Lee Cooper Wilson (Year 12), Ravenshoe SS (P-12)



My Identity

Michael Baragud (Year 12), Tagai State College



Ntelyapelyape

Tanisha Vincent (Year 12), Mount St Bernard College



End Racism

Kynan Lamb (Year 12), Harristown SHS



POEM

Racism and Reconciliation,
Kynan Lamb (Year 12), Harristown SHS

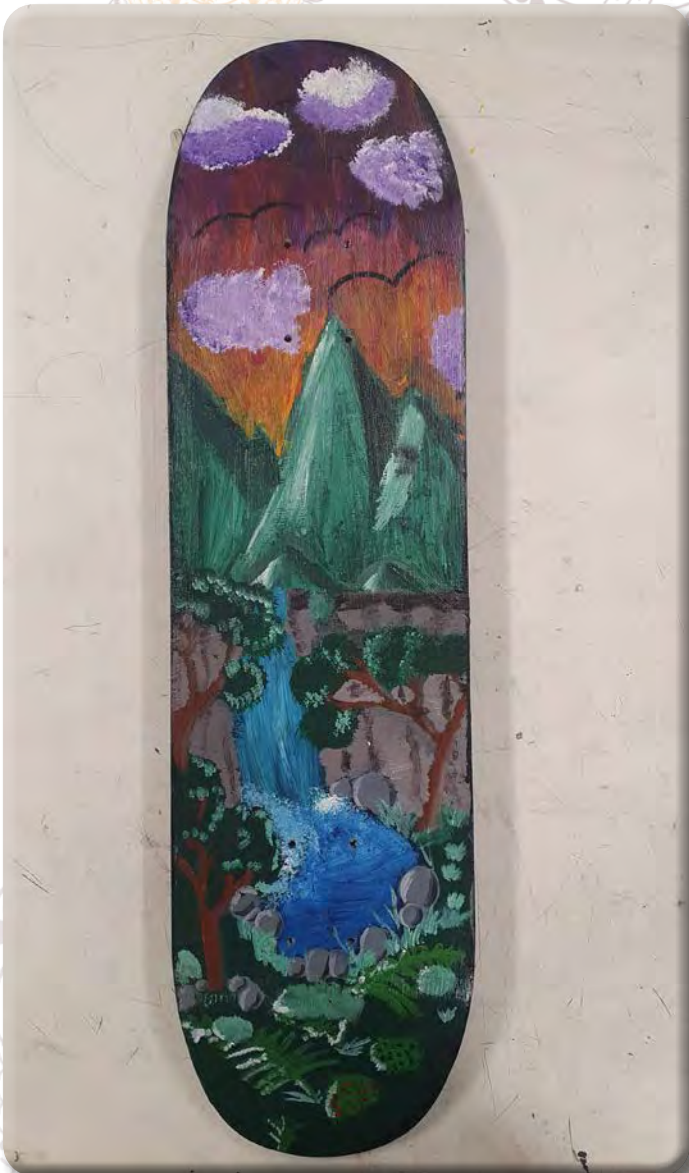
*Culture has been lost from the old generation,
Traditions and ties cut with rules of segregation,
Our people governed by strange laws
with no explanation,
And all because of what?
RACISM!*

*But our people's roots in this land
are like native plantations,
And together we're reviving culture,
through pure dedication,
Reconciling our troubled history
with others in this nation,
And trying to end,
RACISM...*

Baker Boy
Tina Dau (Year 12), Mount St Bernard College



Our Country
Yalla Jacksonia (Year 9), Northern Peninsula Area College



Tahnee Stewart & Kaylisha Mamarika (Year 12)
Mount St Bernard College



The Heart of Reconciliation
Zachery Brady (Year 12), Harristown SHS



POEM

The Heart of Pain

Zachery Brady (Year 12), Harristown SHS

Trapped in a never- ending cycle of pain,
With memories and sadness of losses,
no gain,
Our people are in denial of scars in their hearts,
It's become unrepairable,
in their lives it's a part.

History repeating again and again,
Diseases affecting communities
living in pain.

What's needed right now is true Reconciliation,
Not just the word,
but genuine action.

Tertiary Studies & Career Expos

**Brisbane, 17 & 18 July | Townsville, 20 July
Sunshine Coast, 2 August**

Get expert advice for your transition from education to employment. Entry to the Expo is FREE.

The Tertiary Studies Careers Expo is a must for anyone interested in starting, changing or upgrading their career including – high school students and their parents, mature age and post graduate students, career seekers of ALL ages, employers looking for staff training and others.

- ★ Access the latest careers, course study and employment options.
- ★ Advice on enrolment procedures.
- ★ Talk to local and national employers.
- ★ Opportunity to talk to admissions staff.
- ★ Meet with interstate and overseas exhibitors.
- ★ Info on bursaries, scholarship and application procedures.
- ★ Compare courses from different providers.
- ★ Students services, GAP and exchange programs.

More info at www.careersevent.com/



2021 Registrations Now Open

Know Your Country – World Vision

QATSIF has been supporting World Vision's *Know Your Country* campaign.

World Vision are petitioning the Government to provide a Cultural Educator in every Primary School in Australia, to ensure our children receive an authentic education on their local First Nations peoples and culture.

Having a Cultural Educator on staff would be of great benefit to all our Educators in building your confidence to embed more First Nations perspectives into your classroom.

Learn more about the *Know Your Country* campaign at <https://youtu.be/WldqHLiGgTw>

We invite you to join us on this campaign by signing the petition, or through accessing the free classroom resources and toolkit – including free stickers for a limited time designed by *Goreng Goreng* artist Rachael Sarra. For more info, visit:

www.knowyourcountry.com.au/teachers

If you are a Principal please join us on this page to register your school at www.knowyourcountry.com.au/schools



QATSIF Ambassador Lunch Time Q&A Teams sessions

During Semester 2, we are hoping to again offer a number of Teams sessions with some of our many outstanding QATSIF Ambassadors and other guest speakers including Taylah Griffin (Aerospace Engineer at Boeing).

Once again, our sessions will be open to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students (not just QATSIF students) to hear inspirational guest speakers talking about their educational journeys and how they came to choose their current career or studies.

Our sessions have tended to run for 45 min with two or three guest speakers followed by an open Q&A sessions with schools. Schools can either choose to join in the online discussions at the time or listen to the recording afterwards.

We will email schools with more details in the near future.



2022 QATSIF SCHOLARSHIPS NOW OPEN

Join over 12,400 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 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?

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON 6 AUGUST 2021

DATE CLAIMER: QATSIF 2021 Events and Graduations

Wednesday
4 August

QATSIF Graduation at JCU
(Townsville)

Thursday
5 August

QATSIF Graduation at JCU
(Cairns)

Friday
6 August

QATSIF RND 13 SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATIONS CLOSE

Friday
13 August

QATSIF Graduation at UQ
(St Lucia)

Tuesday
17 August

QATSIF Graduation at CQU
(Rockhampton)

Wednesday
18 August

QATSIF Graduation at CQU
(Mackay)

Friday
20 August

QATSIF Graduation at QUT
(Gardens Point)

Wednesday
25 August

QATSIF Graduation at Bond Uni
(Gold Coast)

Friday
27 August

QATSIF Graduation at USQ
(Toowoomba)

Tuesday
31 August

QATSIF Graduation at USC
(Sunshine Coast)

QATSIF Young Indigenous Leader Awards

In term 3, QATSIF will be inviting our schools to select an outstanding student leader from amongst your current Year 11 and 12 QATSIF students. We believe that it is important that this award is only given to student leaders who have gone above and beyond your school's general expectations.

Your selected student will receive a 2021 QATSIF Young Indigenous Leader Award medallion and certificate for presentation at your Annual Awards night or similar occasion.

We are happy if schools would like to select a Year 11 and a Year 12 student or have a couple of students who are equally worthy.

Nominations are NOW OPEN until 17 September 2021

QATSIF Young Indigenous Leader Award criteria

The QATSIF Young Indigenous Leader Award nominee must:

- be a current QATSIF QCE Scholarship student – Year 11 or 12.
- have **demonstrated** outstanding leadership (eg. They must have made a significant contribution to their community and not just held a leadership position).
- have consistently met QATSIF's Student Eligibility Criteria – www.qatsif.org.au/student-eligibility-criteria/

Nominations close: Friday 17 September.





QATSIF
Building tomorrow's leaders

HEAL COUNTRY!
4-11 JULY 2021

Floral Friday Fundraiser

On the Friday of your NAIDOC celebration

Join our QATSIF team and wear your brightest floral shirts or dresses to celebrate Torres Strait Islander culture during your NAIDOC Week celebration.
QATSIF invites schools and organisations to collect a gold coin donation to support our vital work.

Thank you prizes for the best workplace organisers.

Donations to: Account Name: Public Trustee of Queensland
BSB: 064006 Account Number: 00090244
Identification/reference number: 20553754
enquiries@qatsif.org.au (or call 3257 1777) for more information or a tax deductible receipt

Cheques: Made out to Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation and posted to:
QATSIF, 2/439 Lutwyche Rd, Lutwyche, QLD 4030.

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

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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