

## QATSIF Term 2 Wrap Up

Dear QATSIF students, families, schools and supporters,

It's hard to believe that we are already half-way through 2022. This year seems to be racing past.

In July and August, we will again hold our QATSIF graduations after having them largely cancelled due to COVID over the past two years. Our QATSIF Patrons, Board and team all very excited about once again celebrating our deadly graduating students' achievements. We have sent invitations to our schools and hope that many QATSIF students' families will be able to join our celebrations.

Aunty Ruth, our much-loved Patron is hoping to join us at our QUT graduation and we will record her words of encouragement to be shared at our other graduations.

It seems strange having our graduations so early, but of course with the change to external exams, our Year 12s have very limited time in term 4 and most of this must understandably be devoted to achieving their best results.

This term we opened our 14th QATSIF Scholarship Round and our 5th QATSIF Creative Arts Competition. Our Creative Arts Competition has attracted over 83 entries so far, which is our biggest number of entries to date. We are also expecting that our 2023 Scholarship round will be the biggest yet. We may even break the 4,000 QATSIF students mark in 2023.

QATSIF had an extended Reconciliation Week celebration this year with our Deadly Rockets visit to Cairns and Thursday Island and our Mabo Day celebrations. There will be more on these deadly events later in our newsletter.

We wish all of our QATSIF students, especially our 2,000 Year 12s the best for their final semester. As Aunty Ruth, our Patron says:

*"We celebrate and congratulate you as you proudly and valiantly prove your worth...You carry in your veins the blood of your Ancestors that is stronger than skin colour. Your anchor is your Culture. Be strong - shine on. You are the stars that will radiate as you excel. Get out and lead."*

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# QATSIF celebrates NRW, Mabo Day and Torres Strait Flag

On Mabo Day Friday 3 June, QATSIF celebrated Reconciliation Week with a strong Torres Strait Islander focus on Mabo Day and the 30th Anniversary of the Torres Strait Islander flag.

Our celebration was beautifully led by our deadly MCs, Jaxon Lester (Robina SHS) & Kaylee Haspels (St Mary's College, Ipswich).

Associate Professor Marcus Waters, Griffith University's Dean of Indigenous Teaching and Learning led our Acknowledgement of Country and shared a powerful message on Cultural pride with all.

We thank the talented students from Brigidine and Ambrose Treacy College who performed a powerful welcome dance to begin our celebrations.

Much respected Elder and long-time QATSIF supporter, Uncle Barry Watson lit our QATSIF Elders' candle on behalf of all Elders present.

To highlight the Reconciliation Week theme, **"Be Brave. Make Change"**, everyone present was given a paper hibiscus flower on arrival. They were invited to write a word about their commitment to reconciliation or gratitude for Eddie Mabo's legacy on the flower and to bring it forward during the ceremony.

The paper flower petals were folded over but opened to reveal the message when they were placed in camp ovens filled with water by participants. This was to highlight that we need to **"Be Brave"** and be open to help to **"Make Change"** and Reconciliation happen.

During the ceremony, Keenan Burns who travelled from Concordia College shared a moving poem on the life of Eddie Mabo.

Professor Cindy Shannon AM, QATSIF's Co-Patron 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. Mr Samay Zhouand (the Public Trustee of Queensland) and Professor Shannon presented the students with a wrist band and a specially designed book mark to encourage them to remember the important messages from the celebration.

Uncle Milton Walit, a much-loved Torres Strait Islander Elder finished our beautiful ceremony by blessing all present.

















# QATSIF schools celebrate National Reconciliation Week

## Burnside SHS

Students from our Burnside State High School took part in the Aunty Betty Memorial Reconciliation Walk at Point Park in Mooloolaba. Students immersed themselves in Indigenous Culture as Traditional Custodian Aunty Bridgette Chilli welcomed everyone to her Country by performing a traditional smoking ceremony whilst sharing Dreamtime stories of the area over a 1.5km walk around Point Park.



## Robina SHS

A group of First Nations students from Robina State High School visited *Numinbah Valley Environmental Education* to explore key ideas linked the National Reconciliation Week theme 'Be Brave Make Change'.

Students engaged in an art activity, sound healing experience, didgeridoo and clapstick workshop, and a walking on Country experience to explore bush technologies, tucker and wildlife. Many students embodied the theme of National Reconciliation Week by stepping outside of their comfort zone to explore something new.

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are incredibly grateful to the Elders, mentors and staff members who gave their time and guidance for such a memorable experience.





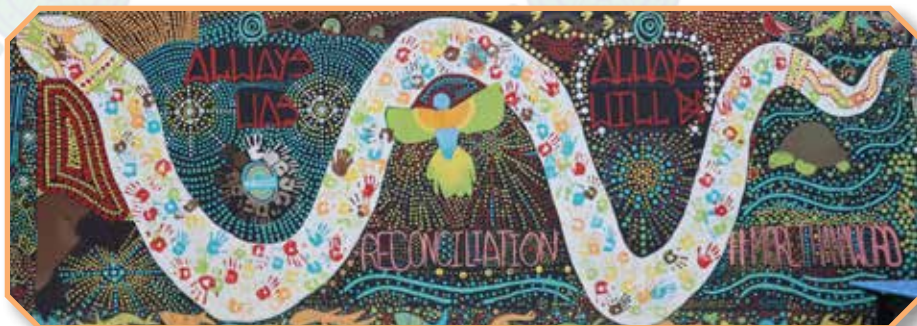
## Arcadia College

National Reconciliation Week reminds us all to acknowledge and understand that Reconciliation starts with brave actions, like owning history, truth telling and acknowledging that we stand on unceded Aboriginal/First Nations and Torres Strait Islander lands.

What an honour it was to have proud *Gamilaroi* educators Buddi, Christina and the crew from *Winangali Infusion* at Arcadia College on Monday 30 May. They performed and delivered a unique and interactive style of ancient Educational Healing Practices and powerful storytelling to our students and staff.

For more information on Winangali Infusion please visit: Facebook ([www.facebook.com/winangaliinfusion](https://www.facebook.com/winangaliinfusion)) or website ([www.winangaliinfusion.com.au/pages/schools-1](http://www.winangaliinfusion.com.au/pages/schools-1)).

A huge shoutout to all students for their participation and engagement throughout the day!



## Toowoomba SHS

Reconciliation Week is an important annual observance to acknowledge past and ongoing injustice, and "to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia." Everyone has a role to play in contributing to the strengthening of relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples, for the benefit of all Australians.

We thank past Toowoomba SHS graduate and QATSIF scholarship holder, Breanna Jacobs-Rochford, for coming from Cairns to speak with us on Reconciliation Week and the importance of it. Breanna who has been in the Navy for 6 years is a Leading Seaman and Regional Indigenous Development Coordinator.

Bridie and Jakye joined their employer *Harness Energy* in a Reconciliation gathering with Chris Winter and Sharron Jackson from Harness. We thank Sharron for her incredibly powerful and very personal speech. She made some points that encouraged us to be both brave – from learning about our Indigenous history and courageous to play our part in reconciliation – no matter how small.

We can all make a change for good from a friendly gesture through to standing up in public with our actions and words.





## St Mary's College (Maryborough)

Students at St Mary's College, Maryborough created colourful mandala artwork with pebbles using local Butchulla totems, *Yul'lu* (dolphin) and *Yindingi* (carpet snake representing creation), during National Reconciliation Week. To the Butchulla people, *Yindingi* is a symbol of lore and sustainability of this shared land.



## St Peter Claver College

Congratulations to the deadly students of St Peter Claver College who were awarded their QATSIF Scholarship certificates at a moving Reconciliation Week Celebration.

The celebration included the presentation of a Uluru Statement from the Heart canvas as a symbol of the College's commitment towards shaping a fair and truthful relationship with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.





## QATSIF Round 14 Scholarships

QATSIF's 14th Round of scholarships officially opened at the end of May. We are expecting more than 2,000 applications this year.

Our QATSIF online portal is open for schools to submit any Round 14 QATSIF applications up until **5pm Friday, August 5**. Our P-10 and 7-10 feeder schools have a separate form that is emailed back.

We also wanted to share a couple of hints to help schools with their applications:

- ★ Please remember that if you decide to pull apart a form into separate pages that it needs to be put back together and submitted as a single PDF form.
- ★ The Endorsement form (completed by an Elder or Indigenous CEO) is to endorse your school as being worthy of support and is not completed for each student.
- ★ The QCIA form is only completed by a school when applying for a QCIA student with a verified disability. All other students must be QCE eligible.
- ★ A Confirmation of Aboriginality form is only required if students have not previously identified as being Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander on your school's records and present asking for a QATSIF Scholarship. If in doubt, please contact us.
- ★ Year 11 students with a two-year QATSIF scholarship do not need to reapply as their scholarships carries over into Year 12.

Thank you to our deadly school teams for supporting your students and families in applying for our QATSIF scholarship.

## 2023 QATSIF SCHOLARSHIPS NOW OPEN

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](http://www.qatsif.org.au).

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

Are you Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

Are you proud of your Culture and efforts?

*\*QCIA for students with disability.*

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

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON 5 AUGUST 2022**



# Deadly Rockets School Visits

Thanks to the Chief Scientist of Queensland for providing our Emerging Science Grant for our Deadly Rockets visits to Cairns and Thursday Island schools. We are also grateful to Viva Energy Australia for supporting our inspirational student speakers to join our trip.

Across the week, around 700 students from Djarragun College, Woree State High School, Balaclava State School, Tagai State College and Sacred Heart Primary School took part in our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) spectacular.

Our team from QATSIF, It's Rocket Science Adventures and James Cook University worked to inspire students from Prep to Year 12.

The students moved through three different activities:

- ★ Rocket Science and Aerospace session with Cran Middlecoat, an ex-commercial pilot and owner of It's Rocket Science Adventures.
- ★ STEM session with JCU staff and other special guests. In Cairns, Orr Thomason ran an exciting engineering session with the support of JCU Student STEM Ambassadors. On Thursday Island, medical students T'kido Titasey and Tish Sivagnanan generously gave their time to speak about their medical careers and to do some First Aid training.
- ★ Rocket launching with Mike Nayler (QATSIF) who helped the students to launch over 1,600 air powered water rockets. The record rocket flight was over 110m.

From **October 17 to 21**, we will be offering schools in the Bundaberg, Gladstone, Gayndah, Murgon and Kingaroy region an opportunity to experience our Deadly Rockets program.

Thank you to the deadly students, staff and presenters who took part in our first Deadly Rockets Days 🚀.





## Barry Doyle Scholarship students meet the QIFVLS Board

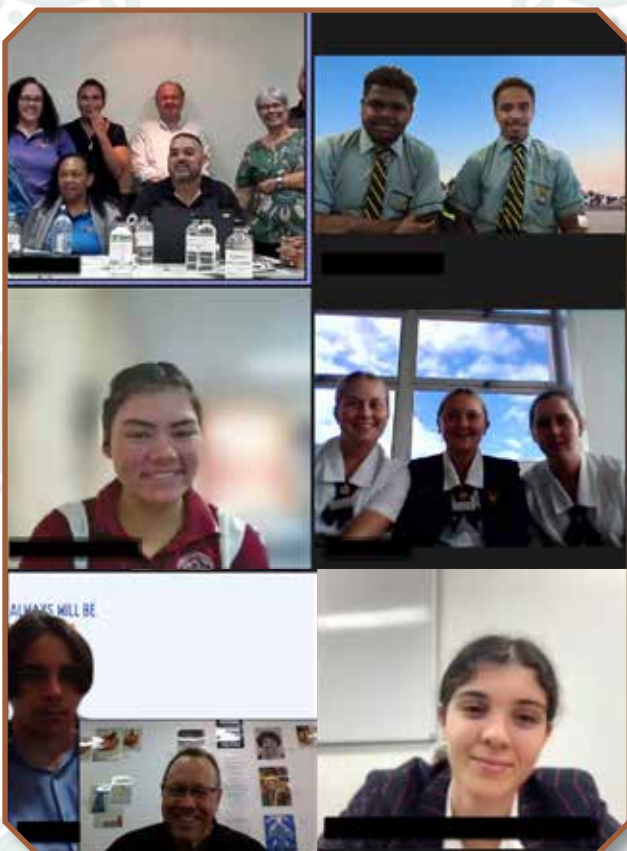
Congratulations to the recipients of the inaugural Barry Doyle School-Based Scholarship who met with the QIFVLS Board.

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 (e.g. law, counselling, social work, community development etc.).

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

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



## QATSIF Ambassador Lunch Time Q&A Teams sessions

During Semester 2, we are hoping to again offer Teams sessions with some of our many outstanding QATSIF Ambassadors and other guest speakers.

Once again, our sessions will be open to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and other interested 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.

Our first session will be from **12:30pm-1:15pm on Friday, July 22** featuring Katrina Wruck, a Torres Strait Islander Chemistry PhD student and Juliet Biemann an Aboriginal Law student.





# QATSIF Students in Focus

## Tracelyn Warusam

Congratulations to Tracelyn Warusam from Rockhampton Girls Grammar School and her fellow students who have received hands on training while being employed at Coco Brew Restaurant as part of their CQUniversity Australia Hospitality courses.

All the students received their initial hospitality training in the Willby's Training Restaurant at CQU's Rockhampton City Campus.

The full story can be found at: [www.cqu.edu.au/cquninews/stories/general-category/2022-general/trial-at-coco-brew-restaurant-the-recipe-for-success-for-four-cqu-hospitality-students](http://www.cqu.edu.au/cquninews/stories/general-category/2022-general/trial-at-coco-brew-restaurant-the-recipe-for-success-for-four-cqu-hospitality-students)



## Taafili Taoso

Congratulations to the deadly Taafili Taoso from Brisbane State High School who will compete at Australian Youth Fina Water Polo World Championships in August 2022.

If anyone would like to support Taafili and her team to get to the Water Polo Championships, you can donate at: [www.asf.org.au/donate/water-polo-australia-ltd/youth-girls-world-championships-2022](http://www.asf.org.au/donate/water-polo-australia-ltd/youth-girls-world-championships-2022).

QATSIF wishes Taafili and her team all the best for a great championship. Go Australia!



## Ethan Naylor

Congratulations to the deadly Ethan Naylor (QATSIF student from Mountain Creek SHS) who will compete for Australia in Lead Sport Climbing at the World Youth Championships.

In June, Ethan represented QLD at the 2022 Youth National Youth Climbing Championships at the Sydney Indoor Climbing Gym (SICG) Villawood.

Ethan competed in bouldering, placing 8th, and he was very happy with his result.

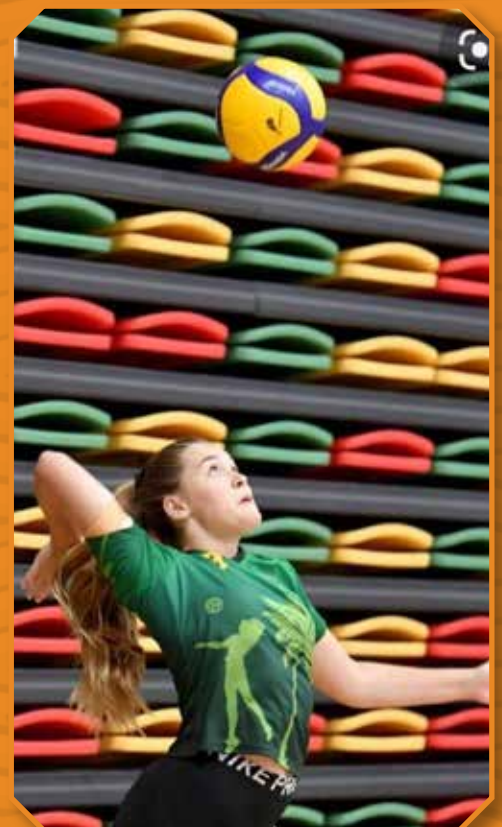
The next day he competed in lead climbing and ended up placing 3rd, giving him the opportunity to represent Australia overseas as a member of The Australian Sport Climbing International Youth Team.



You can support Ethan to go to the World Championships in Dallas, Texas USA by donating through the Australian Sports Foundation at: [www.asf.org.au/projects/ethan-leads-in-dallas,-texas-2022](http://www.asf.org.au/projects/ethan-leads-in-dallas,-texas-2022)

## Breeana Mackay

Breeana Mackay from Proserpine State High School has been selected as shadow in Queensland State U19s Volleyball team.





## Hannah Edwards

Congratulations to the deadly Hannah Edwards, Year 11 QATSIF recipient from St Monica's College, who was selected to represent Australia at the 2022 Oceania Games in U18 Discus and Hammer Throw events.

Hannah came 3rd in U18 Discus with a throw of 44.51m and 2nd in U18 Hammer with a throw of 58.03m.

Too deadly Hannah!



## Catie Doyle

Congratulations to the deadly Catie Doyle from Mitchelton State High School on her outstanding efforts and passion to succeed. We are very proud to see you achieving your dreams.

Year 12 student and proud *Wirajuri* woman Caitie has almost finished up her Deadly Start traineeship at RBWH's Women's and Newborns Services. Even though she'll be sad to leave, Caitie's looking forward to graduating high school and starting her university studies next year in midwifery.

*"In my second week here I was watching this little Indigenous newborn baby and it just made me realise how much I wanted to be part of this side of healthcare and what I can offer as an Indigenous woman,"* Caitie said.

*"It's hard to explain but there's a sense of connection between the community that I understand and it's inspired me to work in the outback as a midwife when I finish my studies."*

*"My brothers and I had some health issues when we were babies, so I've always been drawn to helping little ones. I've loved the traineeship and I know I'll love my career too."*

A huge thank you to Metro North Health Deadly Start program for this incredible traineeship and for supporting our young people.



## Zayne Rhode

Year 11 QATSIF student, Zayne Rhode from Craigslea State High School joins 7 other QATSIF students who have been awarded the 2022 Transurban Paiabun Karumba (Dream Big) STEM Scholarship.

In partnership with QATSIF, Transurban provides scholarship recipients with financial support, work experience opportunities and mentoring opportunities in engineering and technology.

Zayne said it was a great honour to receive the Transurban Paiabun Karumba STEM scholarship.

2023 QATSIF applicants from the Brisbane, Ipswich and Logan region (near Transurban's operations) who have a passion for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) will be offered the opportunity to take up the additional opportunities offered by this scholarship.

QATSIF is grateful to Transurban for supporting our students' future careers





# QATSIF Students in Focus

## Lainey Wilson

Congratulations to the deadly Lainey Wilson from Mirani State High School who had a busy NAIDOC week.

Lani was cast in a local production telling Eddie Mabo's story and took part in the Hay Point Coal Terminal NAIDOC Week celebrations.



## U18 Queensland Schoolgirls Selection

Congratulations to our talented QATSIF students Nancy Sullivan (Nambour SC) Relna Hosea (Ipswich Girls Grammar) and Shaylee Joseph (Mabel Park SHS) on their selection in the inaugural U18 Queensland Schoolgirls team.

The QLD state team took on a combined NSW / ACT side in a curtain raiser for the 2022 State of Origin series decider at Suncorp Stadium.

Our deadly Maroons defeated the NSW / ACT side 30-6.



## Yarning With Our Elders Project Winner

Congratulations to the deadly Isabella Eurell from Emmanuel College Gold Coast who won our QATSIF 2022 Yarning With Our Elders Project.

Isabella shared the story of Barcoola (Brown Owl), her great grandmother, who was one of the first Indigenous Brownie Leaders.

Isabella was presented with her trophy and certificate on assembly.

QATSIF thanks the Australian Catholic University (ACU) for supporting our Yarning With Our Elders project.





# QATSIF Young Achievers

## Josiah Corowa



Corinda State High School's Senior Schooling team partners with employers across a range of industries to create work experience opportunities for students and pathways post school. A recent example of this successful partnership is 2021 graduate Josiah Corowa who recently commenced a 4-year apprenticeship with J&P Richardson Industries (JPR).

From hundreds of applicants, Josiah successfully secured one of six positions with the leading electrical contracting company who he had undertaken work experience with during his senior year.

Work experience provides invaluable insight for students according to Corinda's Vocational Education Training (VET) Coordinator, Karina Doolan who helped Josiah secure the opportunity that would cement his chosen pathway after school.

*"We received positive feedback from JPR after Josiah completed his work experience so it was no surprise when JPR advertised job opportunities with us that he applied," Ms Doolan said. "In prep for his interview, we practiced aptitude tests and I advocated for him on several occasions. At school, Josiah was an outstanding role model to younger Indigenous students and actively contributed to the school's cultural pride."*

In return, Josiah is full of praise for Ms Doolan's assistance. *"I received a lot of guidance from her. I wasn't sure where to start my job search but with her help and my interest in the electrical industry having completed a Certificate II in Electrotechnology in Year 11, I had options to pursue,"* the 2021 QATSIF Young Indigenous Leader Award winner said.

JPR views the partnership between schools and industry as essential. Industry can provide real world experiences and support students to achieve their pathway goals according to Deb Fox, JPR's WHSE Manager / Apprentice Training Manager. *"Communicating early about our apprenticeship offering means we can be involved in setting students up for success to obtaining an apprenticeship,"* Ms Fox said.

*"In the electrical space, it is so important that teachers, students and parents understand what an industrial electrician actually does, what an employer is looking for, the career pathways available and the academic requirements to ensure success,"* she said.

While waking up at 5am has taken some adjustment, Josiah is relishing the transition from school to full-time work. Throughout his electrical fitter mechanic apprenticeship, he will learn how to build, repair and maintain the electrical infrastructure for overhead, underground and water infrastructure.

His advice to students looking at future pathways – *"Don't be afraid to ask for help. There are people who can help you look for a job, prepare for an interview or even help you decide which path you want to take. There's always someone there to support you. You just have to ask."*



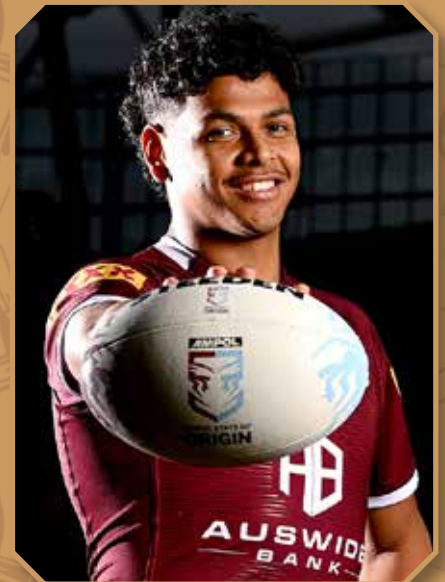
## Selwyn Cobbo

Congratulations to the deadly Selywn Cobbo (Murgon SHS School Captain and past QATSIF student) who has made his debut with the Brisbane Broncos and in State of Origin football.

While at school, Selwyn's outstanding leadership was recognised with many awards including:

- ★ Cherbourg's NAIDOC Week Youth award.
- ★ QATSIF Young Indigenous Leader award.
- ★ QATSIF School Leaders award.

Well done to Selwyn on being such an outstanding young leader and role model. We wish him all the best for his football career and beyond.





# National Indigenous Business Summer School

On the first week of the school holidays, Mackenzie and Abigail from Rockhampton Girls Grammar School attended the National Indigenous Business Summer School at QUT.

During the program, both students got to experience Indigenous guest presenters from all different industries, academic skill workshops, social and cultural events such as weaving and games night, and site tours which included multiple universities, the ABC Studios, accounting firms, Fujitsu, 1 William Street and many others.

As well as enjoying the many fun and exciting activities, the girls were put into teams of 5 to create a case study using the information from the many guest speakers. The idea was to create a pitch to increase the rate of participation of First Nations Peoples in the 2032 Brisbane Olympics.

Abigail said, *"I am so glad that I was able to attend this as I got a better understanding of what business is and what types of careers are out there. It was a big eye-opener to see all the possibilities. It helped me to understand what it could be like to be when I graduate from school."*

Mackenzie said, *"My overall experience was amazing. I gained insights into the business world and the range of things I could do. I was able to see people exactly like me doing what I wanted to do, and that for me, put everything in perspective. It allowed me to see that my dream was in reach and that there was a whole community behind me cheering me on."*



# Ideas for class or school 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 a few great ideas.





# QATSIF's Floral Friday Fundraiser

Thank you to all the schools, organisations and businesses who took part in QATSIF's Floral Friday Fundraiser last year. Your support raised \$10,000 which directly helped 10 First Nations students to graduate from Year 12.

We would like to schools, organisations and businesses to participate in our 2022 Floral Friday Fundraiser on the Friday of your NAIDOC Week celebrations.

As well as raising money to support Queensland's Year 11 and 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to graduate from secondary school, our Floral Friday Fundraiser also aims to raise awareness of our rich Torres Strait Islander Cultures. Every Friday is Floral Friday throughout most of the Torres Strait's islands with both Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous staff and students wearing their brightest floral clothing.

Once again this year, we will send Torres Strait Islander educational resources to our 360 schools to help all students and staff learn more about our deadly Torres Strait Islander Cultures.

Donations can be made online or by EFT or cheque. More information is available on our [www.qatsif.org.au/get-involved](http://www.qatsif.org.au/get-involved) page.

Please email [enquiries@qatsif.org.au](mailto:enquiries@qatsif.org.au) with any Floral Friday photos and to let us know about your donation, so that we can email back a receipt and thank you certificate.



Brisbane Catholic Education



Lourdes Hill College



Queensland Ambulance Service





## Round 13 Recipients' Celebrations shared by our QATSIF schools



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



**St Andrew's Anglican College**



**Mount St Bernard College (Rnd 12)**



**Woree State High School**



**Northern Beaches SHS**

## St Mary's College (Maryborough) Student Ambassador

Year 8 St Mary's College (Maryborough) student Abbey Kulka proudly displays her Student Ambassador badge for 2022 to Indigenous Support Officer, Mrs Susan Berry.

Abbey is a voice for the Social Justice committee which organises events to bring awareness on social justice issues.





## Some of our 2022 QATSIF School Leaders



Kaysan (Prefect SCOTS PGC College)



Laina, Jerome and Oscar (Mackay SHS)



Joshua, Byron, Deja, Malleya (Northern Beaches SHS)



Makayla and Alyssa (St Augustine's College)

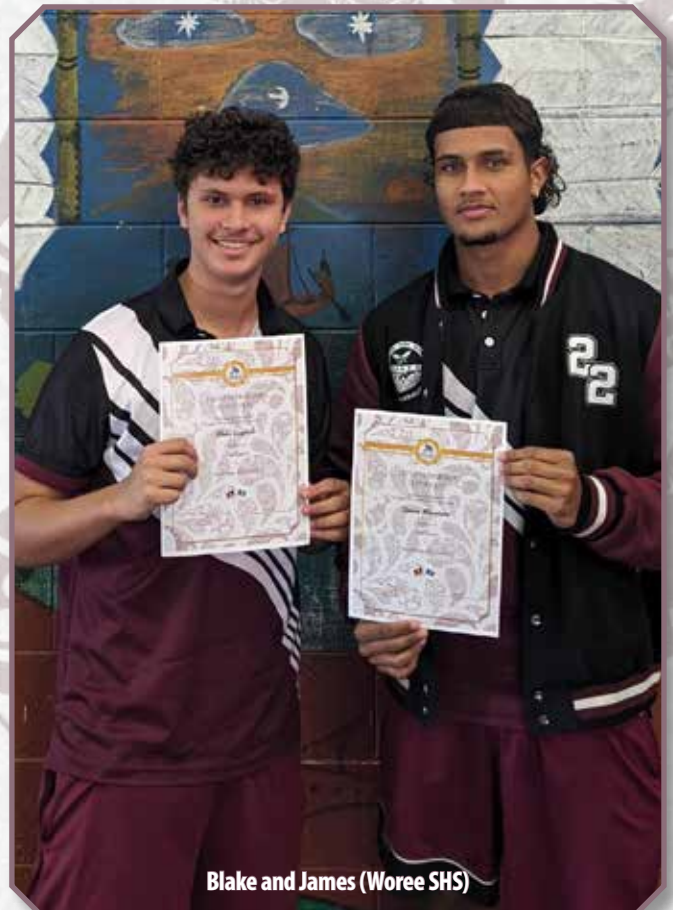


### Tagai State College

In Term 2, Michael Nayler had the opportunity to catch up with some of our deadly student leaders from Tagai State College during the recent Deadly Rockets visit.

Nina (School Captain), Jai (Vice-Captain) and Kailu (School Captain) are just some of QATSIF's 200 Student Leaders from across Queensland. Tagai also has Maivanga (Vice Captain) who was away that day.

These impressive young leaders help to produce a weekly community radio program which goes throughout the Torres Strait. The program keeps families up to date with school events and provides support and advice for other young people.



Blake and James (Woree SHS)



# QATSIF Creative Arts Competition

Our 2022 QATSIF Creative Arts Competition has had a record 83 deadly entries this year.

As always, our QATSIF staff are inspired by the depth of talent of our young First Nations artists.

Our judging panel, which is made up of First Nations artists, QATSIF Board and staff members and past QATSIF students will have the exciting, inspiring and difficult task of judging between so many talented young artists. We would hope to be able to announce our award winners later in Term 3.

Each year, three of our young artists from the previous year's competition are invited to have their artworks immortalised on our QATSIF coffee mugs. These mugs are presented as gifts to Elders and presenters at our various celebrations. The young artists are also given a set for their families.

Our 2022 QATSIF mugs feature the artworks of these talented 2021 QATSIF Creative Arts Competition artists:



*Spirit Song*

**Lurlene Langton**

GOOD SAMARITAN COLLEGE



*Yarning as One*

**Kaiden Ratcliff**

RIVERSIDE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE



*My Identity*

**Michael Baragud**

TAGAI STATE COLLEGE

We congratulate and thank our talented young artists, their families and the dedicated staff who have supported them.

## 2022 Creative Arts Competition Entries

*Eddie Mabo* – Pearce (YEAR 7)  
ST BRENDAN'S COLLEGE (YEPPON)



*Sunset* – Shakita (YEAR 7)  
ST MARY'S COLLEGE (IPSWICH)

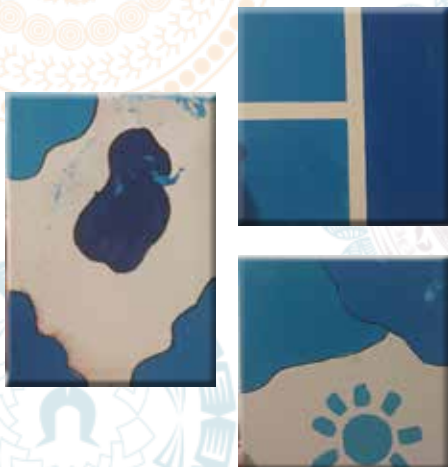


*As the sun rises* – Abby (YEAR 7 – DANCE)  
EMMAUS COLLEGE (ROCKHAMPTON)





*Blue lines imperfect* – Shakita (YEAR 7)  
ST MARY'S COLLEGE (IPSWICH)



*The Thin White Line* – Jeramiah (YEAR 8)  
BARCALDINE P-12 STATE SCHOOL



*What goes around, comes around*  
Lhaycie (YEAR 8), BURDEKIN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE



*Spirit of the sea* – Halle (YEAR 8)  
BURDEKIN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE



*Nanna Leigh* – Mariah (YEAR 8), BARCALDINE P-12 STATE SCHOOL



*Be Brave. Make Change.* (POEM) – Amelia (YEAR 8),  
MACKAY NORTH STATE HIGH SCHOOL

*Over 250 nations called this wide land home.  
Food and water were everywhere, wherever we roam.  
We all belonged to mother earth.  
And sharing was taught, right from birth.*

*Then things, they were different they seemed to just change.  
These new people lived here and to them we were strange.  
Our land, our culture, our kids they were stolen.  
Our hearts and our lands were broken and swollen.*

*Our Elders and leaders they fought for our rights.  
To claim back our lands, with all of their might  
Heal country we exclaimed, was the way for our future  
Us coming together, is like a wound and a suture.*

*We can't do it alone; we must do it together  
Heal country is real, for all and forever  
Its more than a word, we believe it is a person  
Country is our soul, without it we worsen.*

*Imagine the future for what it could be  
Heal country is done, thanks to you and to me  
Our country is healed it feels like no other.  
A warm loving hug from our beautiful mother.*

*Land & Sea*  
Ezra (YEAR 8), TAGAI STATE COLLEGE



*Shine Brightly* – Layla (YEAR 8), TULLY STATE HIGH SCHOOL





*Ocean Desert* – Maxine (YEAR 8)  
MOUNTAIN CREEK STATE HIGH SCHOOL



*NAIDOC* – Salome (YEAR 8)  
TAGAI STATE COLLEGE



*Tree of Life* – Maxine (YEAR 8), MOUNTAIN CREEK STATE HIGH SCHOOL



*Dreathime Serpent* – Jaxson (YEAR 9)  
ST BRENDAN'S COLLEGE (YEPPPOON)



*The Two Worlds* – Jimmy (YEAR 9)  
ST BRENDAN'S COLLEGE (YEPPPOON)



*Torres Strait Islands* – Kabai (YEAR 9)  
ST BRENDAN'S COLLEGE (YEPPPOON)



*Turtle Land* – Blake (YEAR 9)  
ST BRENDAN'S COLLEGE (YEPPPOON)



*The Rainbow Serpent*, Shyanne (YEAR 9),  
ST MONICA'S COLLEGE



*Mantaray Hunting* – Keiron (YEAR 9), ST BRENDAN'S COLLEGE (YEPPPOON)



*Silence (POEM)* – Lola (YEAR 9)  
LOURDES HILL COLLEGE

*When languages were lost like liquid to vapour,  
you wouldn't expect silence but anticipate  
uproar,  
when children were stolen our screams were  
silenced,  
we wanted nothing but peace but were served  
with violence,  
when mercy was pleaded our calls were ignored,  
but it never stopped, we are still at war,  
slurs and stereotypes only deepen our  
emptiness,  
but we will no longer sit and suffer in quietness,  
like the wings of a bird our culture will soar,  
you will hear our languages and hear our roar,  
The world's oldest living culture deserves our  
attentiveness,  
we will continue to dance, sing and tell stories of  
that I am doubtless  
respecting our rich cultural heritage is not a  
chore,  
society will honour what are fighting for,  
discrimination isn't tolerated because humanity  
isn't careless,  
Australia is a country that will never be  
cultureless.*



*Pregnant Dugong – Trigga (YEAR 9)*  
ST BRENDAN'S COLLEGE (YEPPPOON)



*The Green & Gold – Max (YEAR 9)*  
ST BRENDAN'S COLLEGE (YEPPPOON)



*Coastal Dreaming – Nash (YEAR 9)*  
ST BRENDAN'S COLLEGE (YEPPPOON)



*Young Blood – Chole (YEAR 10)*  
CALAMVALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE



*Trigga (YEAR 9)*  
ST BRENDAN'S COLLEGE (YEPPPOON)



*Lincoln (YEAR 9)*  
ST BRENDAN'S COLLEGE (YEPPPOON)



*The Life's Journey – Erin (YEAR 10)*  
BRISBANE BAYSIDE STATE COLLEGE



*Coming Together – Kobie (YEAR 10)*  
CALAMVALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE



*Headhunter – Micfreda (YEAR 10)*  
MOUNT ST BERNARD COLLEGE

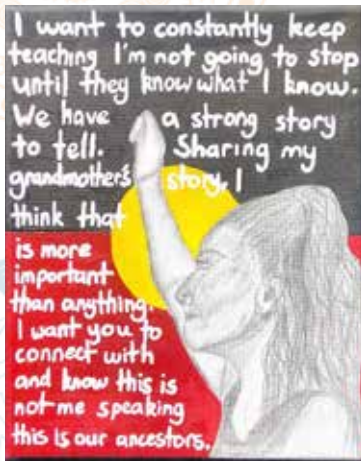


*Night and Day! Sky meets land – Tiarna (YEAR 10), BRISBANE BAYSIDE STATE COLLEGE*





Rhi – Sienna (YEAR 10)  
LOURDES HILL COLLEGE



Standing up to colonisation – Eleanor (YEAR 10)  
MOUNT ST BERNARD COLLEGE



Guyala – Bella (YEAR 10), ST  
PATRICK'S COLLEGE, TOWNSVILLE



Tabo of Truth – Gladys (YEAR 10)  
MOUNT ST BERNARD COLLEGE



My Land – Kasim (YEAR 10)  
MOUNT ST BERNARD COLLEGE



We matter – Makala (YEAR 10)  
MOUNT ST BERNARD COLLEGE



Surumau Dhari – Sannah (YEAR 10)  
MOUNT ST BERNARD COLLEGE



Kowanyama: Place of many waters – Toshianna (YEAR 10)  
MOUNT ST BERNARD COLLEGE



Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! – Shania (YEAR 10),  
MOUNT ST BERNARD COLLEGE



Be Brave. Make Changes  
Kaiden (YEAR 10)  
RIVERSIDE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE



Flowers – Jasmine (YEAR 10)  
MOUNTAIN CREEK STATE HIGH SCHOOL





*Uniting Australia through culture*  
Charlotte (YEAR 10)  
PIMPAMA STATE SECONDARY COLLEGE



*Indigenous Inspirations*  
Kaiden (YEAR 10), RIVERSIDE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE



*Connection to land & sea*  
Jmelliah-lee (YEAR 10)  
ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, TOWNSVILLE



*The Thupmul Greatest Adventure*  
Lorianna (YEAR 10)  
ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, TOWNSVILLE

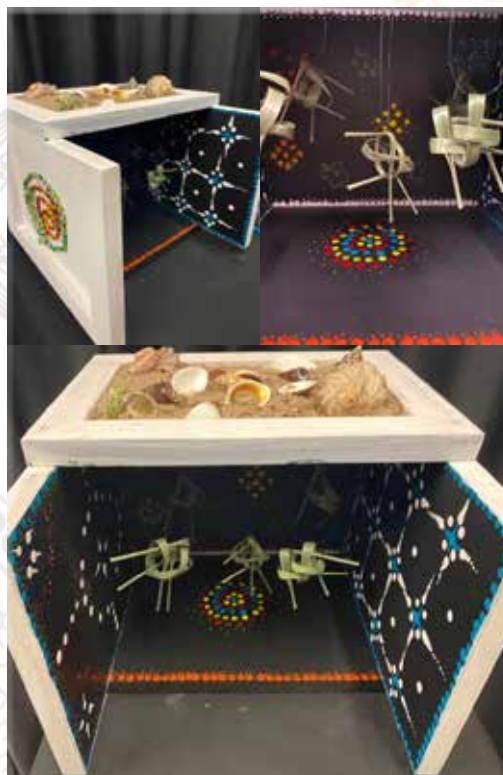


*Balabalaa*  
Caitlin (YEAR 11), A.B. PATERSON COLLEGE

*Kukuwam – Osaelma* (YEAR 10)  
ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, TOWNSVILLE



*Upstream*  
Dahlia (YEAR 11), CARMEL COLLEGE



*Being brave can help make change, even if you're scared or shame!*  
Deanne (YEAR 11)  
BRISBANE BAYSIDE STATE COLLEGE



Mahalia (YEAR 11),  
CALAMVALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE





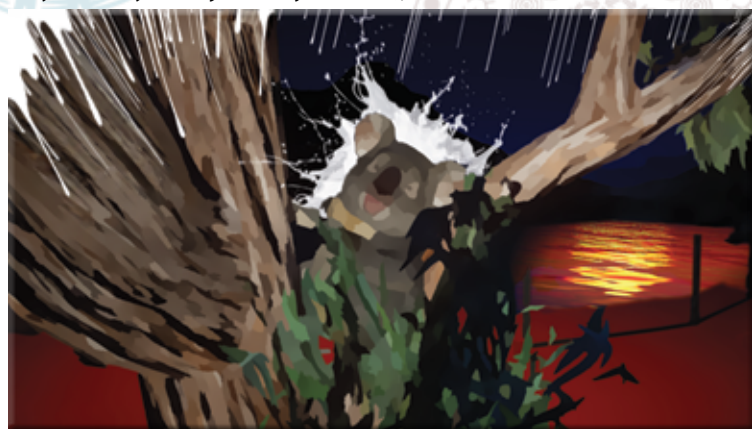
*Two Cultures* – Marcus (YEAR 11), KIRWAN STATE HIGH SCHOOL



*Mirragin Family* – Tyy (YEAR 11), LOURDES HILL COLLEGE



*Reflection of History* – Bailey (YEAR 11), MABEL PARK STATE HIGH SCHOOL



*Infinity* – Leandra (YEAR 11), MOUNT ST BERNARD COLLEGE



*Koedal (Crocodile)* – Mikayla (YEAR 11)  
MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE



*Healing Together*  
Tahni (YEAR 11), MOUNT ALVERNIA COLLEGE



*Dhari* – Millianna (YEAR 11)  
MOUNT ST BERNARD COLLEGE



*Acknowledgement. Respect. Change* – Nataya  
(YEAR 11), ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE MACKAY



*Gapirri* – Tae (YEAR 11)  
MOUNT ST BERNARD COLLEGE



*Mantaray* – Mervyn (YEAR 11)  
ST BRENDAN'S COLLEGE (YEPPON)





Manawukan – Tae (YEAR 11)  
MOUNT ST BERNARD COLLEGE



The journey of change – Jessica (YEAR 12)  
GROVES CHRISTIAN COLLEGE



Tilli (YEAR 12)  
CHANCELLOR STATE COLLEGE



The night sky – Telisha (YEAR 12), MARSDEN STATE HIGH SCHOOL



Gapirri – Tae (YEAR 11)  
MOUNT ST BERNARD COLLEGE



Gapirri – Mackenzie (YEAR 12)  
ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, TOWNSVILLE



Life's Journey – Tyreisha (YEAR 12)  
ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, TOWNSVILLE



Warriors Cry (LYRICS)  
Ashleigh (YEAR 11), ST MONICA'S COLLEGE

#### VERSE 1

Hear the echoes of our past as they speak  
the way we stand,  
To sing about our culture like song lines  
in the sand,  
And though I may fall down on my feet,  
I'll raise my head high,  
With strength like a soldier,  
I'm never gonna die

#### VERSE 2

To speak up and sing is the only thing I  
know,  
And if your not so careful be prepared to  
hear my roar,  
The prejudice that held me back,  
Won't be there anymore,  
So brace yourself for impact,  
Cause I'll be kicking down doors,  
Hear the warriors cry,  
Hear the warriors cry

#### BRIDGE

Be brave make change like it's the only  
thing to do,  
Be brave make change yeah there's still  
hope for me and you,  
And if they see me now,  
They'll be proud of who I am,  
And when I'm feeling down,  
They'll tell me to be strong

#### CHORUS

Voice 1:  
Hear their cry,  
they will cry,  
they will cry,  
Never die

#### VOICE 2:

the echos of our past as they speak the  
way we stand,  
To sing about our culture like song lines  
in the sand,  
And though I may fall down on my feet,  
I'll raise my head high,  
With strength like a soldier,  
I'm never gonna die

#### VOICE 3:

Be brave make change like it's the only  
thing to do,  
Be brave make change yeah there's still  
hope for me and you,  
And if they see me now,  
They'll be proud of who I am,  
And when I'm feeling down,  
They'll tell me to be strong

Hear the warriors cry,  
Hear the warriors cry



BE YOU. KEEP GOING UNTIL THE END –  
Annette (YEAR 12)  
BRISBANE BAYSIDE STATE COLLEGE



The Culture that lies within– Grace (YEAR 12), CARMEL COLLEGE



Waterhole  
Darius (YEAR 12), CHANCELLOR STATE COLLEGE



Where the land meets the sea  
Tooya (YEAR 12)  
ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, TOWNSVILLE



Oh Cathy Oh Cathy (PEOM),  
Byron (YEAR 12), NORTHERN BEACHES STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Oh Cathy oh Cathy, Where would we be, If not for the flag, And a smile of glee. Quite historic it was, That race that she won, Surely not an Aboriginal, Yet what's done is done. She was born in Mackay, Her folks in Woorabinda, She was black not white, Her mother Cecilia not Linda.	But she fought through hard With a voice to be heard, The Cathy Freeman Foundation, To which she earned. Years from then, She is remembered proudly, And even now, Her voice speaks loudly. Oh Cathy oh Cathy, She's changed the game, For First Nations people, And the Indigenous name. Her pursuit for recognition Of her Aboriginal bloodline Was just as successful, With a race so fine. From then to now, So much has changed, And the recognition she sought, Is no longer caged. Oh Cathy oh Cathy To you how can we repay, For that great achievement, That was done on that day
In the Olympics, She raced with pride, She sat with Howard, The emotions wild inside. Oh Cathy oh Cathy, With gold on her neck, She sent a message, With her voice not tech. Yet with a weight on her chest, A role model of such, To the Aboriginals back home, At times too much.	

Imperfections can be viewed in many ways  
Kiara (YEAR 12)  
TOOWOOMBA ANGLICAN SCHOOL





*The birth and new journey*  
Edwina (YEAR 12), TAGAI STATE COLLEGE



*The Weave*  
Hannah (YEAR 12), TAGAI STATE COLLEGE



*Looking forward – Laura* (YEAR 12),  
TAGAI STATE COLLEGE



*God is a woman / Girl Boss*  
Myeisha (YEAR 12), TAGAI STATE COLLEGE



*My Identity*  
Ofa (YEAR 12), TAGAI STATE COLLEGE



*Broken Boy – Gypsy* (YEAR 12)  
CHANEL COLLEGE (GLADSTONE)



*Love, Dolly (PEOM), Erica* (YEAR 12), ST TERESA'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

*The musket resting in my hand, quivered from fatigue.  
I cannot surrender; that is my pledge as mother, loving wife, a woman.*

*Now not only woman, but I am also traitor, half caste, weak.  
I believe I am brave, but I am also alone in a war sought for revenge.*

*For grievances not don't by my hand, nevertheless I am the onus.  
Sweat drips down my back, the children wail, I still, each shuffle and bellow made outside the hut.*

*The stand-off with family; not bound by blood simply land,  
I shall not break, one move and there will be bullets in guts.*

*I reminiscence my childhood, as if it were my last hours,  
All recollections feel as if a dream, clouded by torment and haze.  
Of being stripped of identity and from ma, the thoughts sour.  
A new identity given to me; unfamiliar surroundings ease up to me.*

*I learn new knacks, a new world, one full of privilege and praise.  
They say I am young, but love always wins,  
Criminal or not, there is a whole other side of life to begin.*

*I snap back to reality, the dry heat, the waging war only to create more sins,*

*Yet the sound of horse clippety-clops echo through the desolate property,*

*Six hours, the disbelieve of their face's, I am now the statue to parade,*

*They perceive themselves as heroes, as if I would not have survived.*

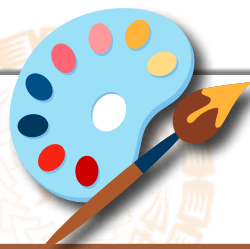
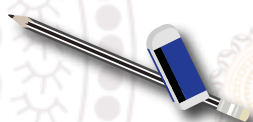
*As I am merely a woman.*

*Now showered with treasures, I am also showered with the guilt of my ever-disappointed ancestors,  
At a price I am now seen as a white.*

*I now look back, my gained wealth, business, household I achieved, lone.*

*Seven children, tenacity and desperation kept my family alive, generations formed.*

*I AM WOMAN.*





# Bond University Scholarships

Bond University has opened their application portal for this year's round of Indigenous scholarships.

Bond University offers a range of full and part scholarships, bursaries and grants to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Applications for Indigenous scholarships are currently open and close 5th September.

For more information, please see attached and click on the following link:

[www.bond.edu.au/.../bond-university-indigenous...](http://www.bond.edu.au/.../bond-university-indigenous...)

For information on the *Nyombil* Centre and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at Bond, please click on the following link:

[www.bond.edu.au/.../student-support/indigenous-students](http://www.bond.edu.au/.../student-support/indigenous-students)

## Indigenous Scholarships

Bond University is committed to supporting Indigenous Australians by offering a premium tertiary education experience and pathways to exceptional career opportunities.

Every year, Bond University offers a range of full and part-fee scholarships to outstanding school-leavers and mature age applicants who have excelled academically or through extracurricular engagement and leadership roles.

### Scholarship opportunities include:

- Up to 100% tuition for any diploma program
- 50% tuition for any single undergraduate degree program\*

Upon completion of the Bond University Program Application Form, the Bond University Scholarship Application Form can be completed online from 2 May to 5 September, 2022.

Find out more at [bond.edu.au/scholarships](http://bond.edu.au/scholarships) or email [domestic@bond.edu.au](mailto:domestic@bond.edu.au)

\*Excluding Bond University's Medical Program



## ADF Work Experience Opportunities

The ADF (Australian Defence Force) has lots of Work Experience opportunities available for young people who would like to know more about ADF careers. To look for opportunities near you, please go to: [www.defencecareers.nga.net.au/cp/?AudienceTypeCode=defenceworkexp](http://www.defencecareers.nga.net.au/cp/?AudienceTypeCode=defenceworkexp)

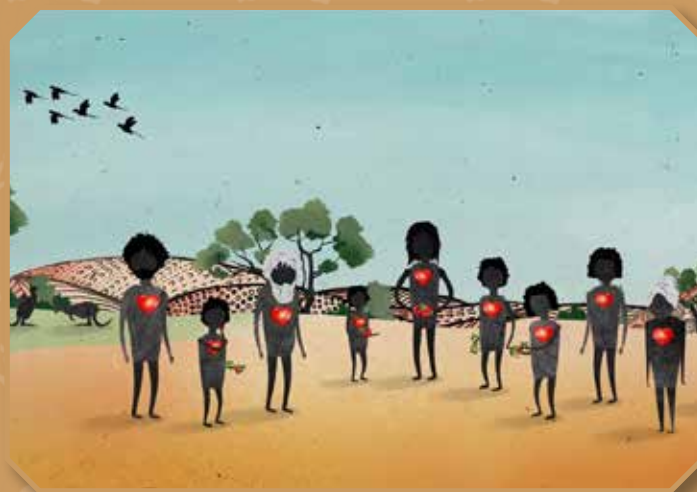


## Stolen Generations Resources

Students and teachers in primary and secondary schools can access the Healing Foundation's free educational resources to promote awareness and understanding of the Stolen Generations, changing the shape of Australia's history curriculum.

[www.abc.net.au/education/healing-foundation-resources-to-learn-about-stolen-generations/13930192](http://www.abc.net.au/education/healing-foundation-resources-to-learn-about-stolen-generations/13930192)

The Healing Foundation is a national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation that partners with communities to address the ongoing trauma caused by actions like the forced removal of children from their families.





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





# DATE CLAIMER: 2022 QATSIF Graduations

QATSIF is really pleased to be able to celebrate the graduations of our deadly young people with their schools and families.

All schools have received invitations to pass on to their QATSIF Graduands and their families. Parents and students **need to RSVP through their schools with guest numbers and any dietary requirements.**

Elders who would like to join our graduations can email [rsvp@qatsif.org.au](mailto:rsvp@qatsif.org.au) or contact **3257 1777** to receive an invitation.

All graduations (\*apart from Townsville) will run from **10.30am – midday + lunch afterwards**. We thank our university partners for providing our lunches.

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

Thursday  
**18 August**  
QATSIF Graduation at USC  
(Sunshine Coast)

Monday  
**1 August**  
QATSIF Graduation at Bond Uni  
(Gold Coast)

Friday  
**19 August**  
QATSIF Graduation at Shalom College  
(Bundaberg)

Wednesday  
**3 August**  
QATSIF Graduation at JCU  
(Townsville) \* 11:30am start

Tuesday  
**23 August**  
QATSIF Graduation at CQU  
(Rockhampton)

Thursday  
**4 August**  
QATSIF Graduation at JCU  
(Cairns)

Wednesday  
**24 August**  
QATSIF Graduation at CQU  
(Mackay)

Friday  
**5 August**  
QATSIF RND 14 SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATIONS CLOSE

Friday  
**26 August**  
QATSIF Graduation at USQ  
(Toowoomba)

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

*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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