



## Welcome to QATSIF's Semester 2 Newsletter

Dear QATSIF friends and supporters,

Thank you for all of your great work and support over Semester 2. Without doubt, it has been the busiest semester in my 5 years at QATSIF.

We completed our **2021 QATSIF Annual Report** in Term 3. It is available to view or download at: [www.qatsif.org.au/annual-reports](http://www.qatsif.org.au/annual-reports).

We apologise for the delay this year. Our Annual Report is normally ready by June, but COVID has meant that school acquittals (for our data) were running a couple of months behind this year.

Our Annual Review celebrates our deadly students through their photos, artworks and leadership awards. A copy of our Annual Report is kept in the Queensland State and National Archives, so that it remains as a permanent record of our young peoples' many achievements.

We were very excited to have our graduations back after two years of COVID restriction cancellations. We moved our graduations to August due to the external exams and preparation that have taken over term 4 for our seniors and schools.

Over Semester 2, just some of our many activities included:

- Organising our 10 QATSIF graduations around Queensland.
- Preparing trophies and medallions for our Creative Arts Competition and Young Indigenous Leader awards.
- Supporting schools with 1960+ scholarship applications in our 2023 QATSIF scholarship round.
- Assisting LiteHaus International with their delivery of hundreds of laptops to Cape York and Thursday Island schools.
- Organising for our Deadly Rockets visit to Wide Bay, Burnett and South Burnett schools.

I also want to share the exciting news that our Round 14 Scholarships have been approved. I want to congratulate our 1960 new QATSIF students and thank our dedicated school teams who helped these students with their applications.

I am very grateful to our small, but dedicated QATSIF team (Shalana, Sonia and Teagan) who always go the extra mile to support our young people and their schools.

We wish our graduating Year 12 students all the best for their futures and thank our schools and families for supporting these young people with their lives and studies.

*Michael Naylor*

QATSIF Secretariat Director



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# QATSIF Graduations and Celebrations

QATSIF would like to thank all of the universities who have supported our young people by hosting our QATSIF events this year.

We are especially grateful for the hard work and hospitality of the Indigenous support teams who oversaw arrangements that made our graduations and celebrations so successful.

QATSIF would like to publicly recognise each of our university partners:

- Australian Catholic University (ACU)
- Bond University
- Central Queensland University (CQUni)
- Griffith University
- James Cook University (JCU)
- Queensland University of Technology (QUT)
- University of Queensland (UQ)
- University of Southern Queensland (UniSQ)
- University of the Sunshine Coast (UniSC).

We are also very grateful to Shalom College (Bundaberg) for hosting our Bundaberg graduation.

QATSIF is very grateful to the representatives from the Public Trustee head and regional offices who came along to present our graduation certificates on behalf of the Public Trustee of Queensland and all of the Elders, special guests and speakers who joined our celebrations.

We are especially grateful for our talented student MCs who lead our ceremonies and the deadly students who read, performed and assisted in our graduations.

We were very blessed to have our Patron Aunty Ruth Hegarty at our QUT graduation and the support of our amazing Elders across Queensland.

We wish all of our graduates the best for the brightest of futures. We are also very grateful to their loving families and the dedicated educators who have supported them across their senior schooling.







**James Cook University (Bebegu Yumba Campus, Townsville)**



**James Cook University (Nguma-bada Campus, Cairns)**



**University of Queensland (St Lucia Campus)**



**University of the Sunshine Coast (Sippy Downs Campus)**





**Shalom College (Bundaberg)**



**Central Queensland University (Rockhampton North Campus)**



**Central Queensland University (Ooralea Campus, Mackay)**



**University of Southern Queensland (Toowoomba Campus)**





**MOUNTAIN CREEK SHS**



**TOOWOOMBA SHS**



**DECEPTION BAY SHS**



**BRISBANE ADVENTIST COLLEGE**

## Happy 14<sup>th</sup> Birthday to QATSIF!

Since QATSIF was formed on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2008, we have supported 14,300 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people to complete years 11 and 12. We will welcome another 1960 new QATSIF students next year.

We pay our respects to our Elders and Ancestors whose hard work and sacrifices have provided this incredible opportunity.

We recognise our deadly QATSIF Patrons, Board and Secretariat team for their dedication to creating a brighter future for our young people and thank our Elders, school staff, The Public Trustee of Queensland team and all who have supported QATSIF and the deadly young leaders we serve.





## New QATSIF Chair

In Semester 2, QATSIF welcomed Professor Keitha Dunstan (pictured) as our new QATSIF Chair.

Professor Dunstan is a proud descendant of the *Mandandanji* people of south-west Queensland.

She follows Professor Cindy Shannon AM, who as QATSIF's founding Chair lead QATSIF for 13 years.

In her work as Provost at Bond University, Professor Dunstan oversees the implementation of the research, learning and teaching strategies of the University. Her role also encompasses the Bond University College preparation and pathway programs.

We are looking forward to working with Professor Dunstan to keep taking QATSIF from strength to strength.



## Meet our QATSIF Patrons and Board Members

### Our Patrons



**Aunty Ruth Hegarty** is proud *Gunggari* Elder and a celebrated author, activist and educator. She was awarded her honorary doctorate and was named as a Queensland Great for her dedication and service to First Nations peoples. Aunty Ruth has written a number of books including the award winning "*Is that you, Ruthie?*"

**Professor Cindy Shannon AM** is a proud *Ngugi* woman and a descendant of the *Quandamooka* people. She is the first Aboriginal Pro-Vice Chancellor of Griffith University and was awarded her Order of Australia for her significant service to Indigenous health and to medical education.



### Our Board Members



**Professor Keitha Dunstan** is QATSIF's new Chairperson and a proud descendant of the *Mandandanji* people of South West Queensland. Professor Dunstan is currently Provost at Bond University, has had a distinguished career in tertiary education and served as Commissioner of the New Zealand Securities Commission.

**Mrs Jane Ceolin** is QATSIF's Deputy Chairperson and a proud *Wulgurukaba* and *Yirrganydji* woman. She is currently the Director, First Peoples and Equity Pathways Directorate at the Australian Catholic University.



**Ms Renee Blackman** is a proud *Gubbi Gubbi* woman and ATSICHS Brisbane CEO. Renee brings a wealth of knowledge and experience including as CEO of Gidgee Health in Mount Isa and working in Senior Management Teams at ATSICHS Brisbane and UIIH.





**Mr Brenton Bowen** is a former professional Rugby League player and current Deadly Choices Ambassador. Brenton grew up in Hopevale and is a proud *Guugu Yimithirr* man with strong ties to his community.

**Mr Mark Brand** is QATSIF's longest serving Board Member and brings a wealth of strategic and operational experience in the technical, consulting, human resources and not-for-profit sectors. Mark is currently the Peer Advisory Group Chair and CEO Coach at TEC – The Executive Connection.



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

**Mr Brad Jarro** is a descendant of the *Bidjara* and *Ghungalu* people of Central Queensland. Brad is an experienced educational leader and is currently working as the Manager of the Ngutana-Lui Cultural Studies Centre.



**Miss Kellie McDonald** is the first past QATSIF student to join the QATSIF Board and a proud descendant of the *Mandandanji* people. Miss McDonald has had a distinguished career as a teacher and Head of Department.

**Mr Kenneth (Jim) Walker** was born in Rockhampton and is a descendant of the *Iman* and *Goreng Goreng* peoples of Central Queensland. He is currently lecturing at the University of Queensland, but has previously worked for the CSIRO and other Australian universities.



## The Barry Doyle School-Based Scholarship

The **Barry Doyle School-Based Scholarship** is a partnership between Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Legal Service (QIFVLS) and QATSIF to honour the memory and contribution that Barry Doyle made to its service over a period of 10 years.

This scholarship was offered to **current Year 10 QATSIF applicants** 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.

**Recipients of the Barry Doyle Scholarship will be notified by the start of 2023.**





# Queensland Ambulance Service School-Based Scholarship

The **Queensland Ambulance Service School Based Scholarship** was available to current **Year 10 students** with an interest in working for the Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) and who have applied for a **Round 14 QATSIF Scholarship**.

In addition to receiving a QATSIF QCE scholarship of \$2,000 (funded by the QAS) over a two-year period to assist with educational expenses, students will also receive (depending on COVID restrictions):

- ★ \$300 towards driving lessons
- ★ Funding towards gaining a First Aid Certificate
- ★ Access to mentoring and career coaching through the QAS.
- ★ Opportunities to experience what a career in the QAS could look like.
- ★ If possible, visits and work experience at local QAS centres.

**Recipients of the QAS Scholarship will be notified by the start of 2023.**



## Transurban Paiabun Kurumba STEM Scholarship

**Current Year 10 students** from the Brisbane, Ipswich and Logan regions who have applied **Round 14 QATSIF Scholarship** can also apply for a **Transurban Paiabun Kurumba STEM Scholarship**.

The Transurban Paiabun Kurumba (Yuggera: Dream Big) STEM Scholarship was created to help to give students a taste of where an interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) could take them in the future. It will also provide these students with a front row seat into the inner workings of one of the world's largest toll road operators.

In addition to their Round 14 QATSIF Scholarships, these students will also receive (depending on COVID restrictions):

- ★ An additional \$500 to spend on an IT device or peripherals.
- ★ Work experience opportunities with Transurban Queensland in technology and engineering.
- ★ Access to mentoring by Transurban Queensland staff.
- ★ Visits to Transurban Queensland's offices, construction sites and state-of-the-art traffic control centres.
- ★ Tunnel maintenance experience – go behind the scenes to see what it takes to maintain and operate a road tunnel.
- ★ Invitations to Transurban Queensland networking and career development events.

**Applications are extended until Friday 3 February, 2023.**





# St Mary's College (Maryborough)

## Bull Roarer Craft Activity

Students at St Mary's College in Maryborough recently enjoyed designing their own unique bull roarer.

Initiation ceremonies and corroborees are important to the Butchulla people and their clans and traditions and legends are kept alive through storytelling, singing, dancing and music.

Butchulla people commonly use a bull roarer to make music rather than the didgeridoo as favoured by northern Aboriginal tribes.

It was great to see many students taking the opportunity on a chilly Wednesday morning to sit in the sun and design their own bull roarer using Aboriginal symbols, dot painting or their own imagination and creativity.



## Bush Tucker Sausage Sizzle

Students at St Mary's College recently enjoyed a free sausage sizzle with a difference with *Guruman* (kangaroo) sausages, *Guruman* meatballs and bush tomato chutney on the menu.

*Guruman* were only found on the mainland and not on *K'Gari*, and provided much meat for the *Butchulla* people. Cooked to perfection by members of the SMC Rugby League Team, the sausage sizzle provided a wonderful opportunity for students to consider other cultural culinary delights. Students thoroughly enjoyed tasting something different, with no leftovers in sight.

It is safe to say the sausage sizzle was a hopping success!





# Deadly 🚀 Rockets Trip

In Term 4, QATSIF shared the love of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) with over 800 students through our Deadly 🚀 Rockets program.

We took out Deadly 🚀 Rockets program to students in Hervey Bay, Gladstone, Bundaberg, Gayndah, Murgon, Kingaroy and Nanango. All QATSIF schools in these regions were invited to bring their First Nations and all other interested students to learn about Aerospace, Rocket and Forensic Science from our deadly presenters.

Students learned about Aerospace and Rocket Science from a pilot, Forensic Science from a First Nations Forensic Science student and got to fire off Rockets up to 110m on their ovals.

This was our fourth Deadly Rockets program with a trip to work with around 700 students in Cairns and Thursday Island earlier this year and two Deadly Rockets days for Brisbane schools in 2021.

QATSIF thanks *It's Rocket Science Adventures*, the Office of the Chief Scientist of Queensland, Viva Energy Australia and our deadly schools for supporting our program.





# Do you know an outstanding young First Nations Leader?

**7NEWS Young Achiever Awards QLD recognises outstanding young leaders with awards including the Kennelly Constructions Pty Ltd Aboriginal Achievement Award.**

Past QATSIF students who have won this award include:



2022  
**JAKOB HEARN**



2021  
**KYLE RYAN**  
2021 QUEENSLAND YOUNG  
ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR



2019  
**ZANE RATCLIFF**



2018  
**CLAUDIA MOODOONUTHI**



2016  
**JUSTICE KING**  
2016 QUEENSLAND YOUNG  
ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR

These awards acknowledge, encourage and most importantly promote the positive achievements of all young people throughout Queensland up to and including 29 years of age.

What types of achievements can young people be nominated for:

- ★ Showing an act of kindness
- ★ Taking their business or other initiative online
- ★ Demonstrating innovation
- ★ Caring for the environment
- ★ Displaying leadership
- ★ Contributing to their community

**Please nominate them for a 7 News Young Achiever Award at:**  
[www.awardsaustralia.com/young-achiever-awards/qld](http://www.awardsaustralia.com/young-achiever-awards/qld)



# QATSIF schools celebrate NAIDOC

## Laidley State High School

For many years, Laidley State High School has very generously hosted a deadly NAIDOC celebration for our QATSIF schools. This year, 50 staff and students from many other schools joined this wonderful celebration.

Laidley State High School's talented dance troupe were once again a highlight of the celebrations.

We are very grateful to Teagan Olssen (Forensic Science, Criminology and Criminal Justice student at Griffith University) for sharing her inspirational messages with our young people. Teagan encouraged all of the young people to make the most of the opportunities both QATSIF and their education offered.

Laidley State High School and Kuppibunda Kitchen provided a beautiful lunch following the ceremony. The Kuppibunda Kitchen caterers (from the Brisbane Youth Education and Training Centre) once again created an amazing array of bush tucker treats.

A huge thanks to the deadly Laidley State High School students and staff, the special guests and all of the staff and students who joined us from our QATSIF schools.



## Nambour State College NAIDOC Week Activities





# Tagai State College Deadly Stories

## Prime Minister & Premier's Visits

In September, Tagai State College had the Premier of Queensland, Anastacia Palaszczuk, and her ministers hold a cabinet meeting on campus.

*Koeyma Eso* to the Year 12 student leaders, Executive Principal Mr Michael Ward and Business Service team for their time with the Premier and her cabinet.

Special thanks also to students that participated in the '*Talent Identification Program*' session on the Multipurpose Centre on campus. This was part of the Premier's walkthrough of our school.



School Leaders Kailu Luffman, Nina Lui, Jai Lewin and Maivanga Mosby spent time and showed the Premier, her Cabinet and our Executive Principal Mr Michael Ward around the Secondary Campus.



Kailu Luffman presenting the Premier with a special art gift done by Year 12 student Edwina Sailor. This artwork won 1st Place Lino Printing in QATSIF's 2022 Creative Arts Competition.



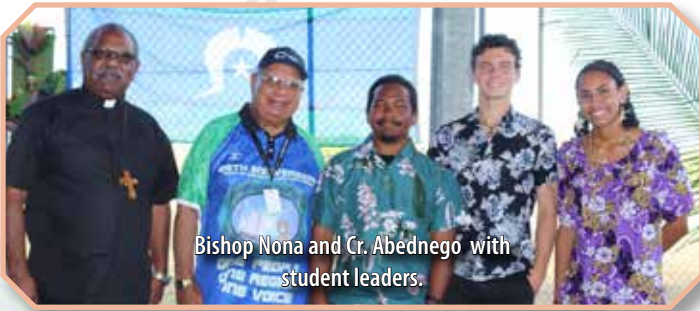
Torres Strait Regional Authority's CEO Vonda Malone introducing Laura Bob and fellow senior students to the Prime Minister.



School leaders Jai Lewin, Nina Lui, Kailu Luffman and Maivanga Mosby were able to mingle with our very own Torres Strait leaders Dalassa Yorkston and Mayor Yen Loban.



## Culture Day – *Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!*



Bishop Nona and Cr. Abednego with student leaders.

The 2022 annual Waybeni Koey Ngurpay Mudh Culture Day was a great day to end the busy term with a positive occasion that brought students, staff and the school community together with wonderful celebrations of cultural identity.

*Koeyma eso* to special guests Bishop Nona for opening in a word of prayer, Councillor John Abednego for his moving words about leadership and how far First Nations people have come to '*Get Up, Stand Up and Show Up*'. Councillor Abednego also addressed the importance of not forgetting how much further we must continue to go.

Special thanks to Culture Day Coordinator Ms Deb Lui who did an amazing job of encouraging and supporting staff to get involved by sharing the workload to ensure everyone enjoys the special occasion and School Leaders Nina Lui, Maivanga Mosby and Jai Lewin for being the MCs for the morning.



Tagai's own Island Stars Dance Troupe mid-air.



CEC with leaders.

## Art Excursion

During Week 8, two of Tagai's Year 12 QATSIF students, Annette Mabo and Laura Bob, were given the opportunity to be involved in the *Design Tracks* residential art program in Cairns delivered by the QAGOMA and the Department of Education.

The students were taken on the *Mandingalbay* Ancient Indigenous Art Tour, then visited Yarrabah Art Centre where they were given the opportunity to work with Aunty Philomena Yeatman on her award-winning textile print.

Over two days at the Northsite (*Bulmba-ja*) Contemporary Arts Centre, our students worked with others from FNQ and mentor artists such as Elverina Johnson, Janet Fieldhouse and Luke Walker on a design brief which tasked students to come up with sustainable solutions to tourism in their home regions.

The creative solutions presented were inspirational and innovative to say the least, and helped students understand how they could use creativity in the Indigenous design space.





## 85th Anniversary of the First Island Councillors Conference

As part of the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations of the **First Island Councillors Conference** that took place on Masig (Yorke) Island on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1937, *'The Masig Statement – Malungu Yangu Wakay (Voice from the Deep)'* was signed and released.

This momentous event was a part of a two-day celebration in which school leaders Kailu, Nina, Jai and Maivanga were in attendance with regional leaders and people from across the length and breadth of Zenadth Kes.



## Thank you letters to Aunty Ruth and our QATSIF Board

Each year, we invite our graduating Year 12 QATSIF students and/or school communities to write a **letter of appreciation to Aunty Ruth and our QATSIF Board**.

As part of their thank you, we would encourage and remind your students to acknowledge the sacrifices of the Elders and Ancestors whose Stolen Wages made our QATSIF scholarships possible.

We put these letters and any photos together into a book which we then present to Aunty Ruth. We also share some of these thank yous on our social media pages and in our publications (i.e. newsletter and Annual Report).

Please email any thank you letters and/or photos of your graduating seniors to [enquiries@qatsif.org.au](mailto:enquiries@qatsif.org.au). You can check out our letters from previous years at: [www.qatsif.org.au/thank-you-letters-from-our-qatsif-graduates](http://www.qatsif.org.au/thank-you-letters-from-our-qatsif-graduates)





## 'On Track' for Creative Arts Career

In late June, Grace Debono, a Year 12 ATAR Visual Art Student and QATSIF scholarship holder, was successful in attaining a position in the 2022 *Design Tracks Program*.

'*Design Tracks: Creative Pathways*' is an annual 3-day residency program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander secondary students from across Queensland. Hosted by QAGOMA Learning, the program offers students rich opportunities to work alongside established Indigenous Australian creative mentors. 'Design Tracks' encourages participants to feel inspired by the Creative Industries and consider their own future career pathways.

In her own words, Grace describes this amazing program:

*The experience of this three-day Design Track opportunity has created an optimistic vision into future careers. Around twenty amazing and gifted Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Year 11 and year 12 students, along with myself, were challenged to 'design sustainable solutions to Indigenous tourism' with the support of First Nation mentors who have successful careers in the creative industry.*

*We had 'meets and greets' with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists at GOMA and OneSpace Gallery to hear the stories of their art and journey to publicly express the significance of their art. Additionally, we met Delvene Cockatoo-Collins, a Quandamooka First Nation artist, who gave us a tour of traditional and contemporary practices and pieces located on her homeland Minjerribah (Stradbroke) Island.*

*On our last day, we were fortunate to be introduced to additional creative mentors and listened to their career stories, how they achieved them and the significance of being a First Nation member in the creative community. We concluded the trip by presenting our solution to Indigenous tourism that we had identified, researched, and developed over the three-day Design Tracks experience.*

*This was definitely a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I am blessed to have experienced this.*



Delvene Cockatoo-Collins on Tour.



Grace with Michael and Lilly.



Point Lookout Tour.



## QATSIF Lunchtime Q&A Sessions

Across Semester 2, QATSIF has offered all Queensland schools the opportunity to join in six online lunchtime Q&A Sessions with a variety of presenters.

Earlier in term 3, we had a wonderful Q&A Session with two deadly presenters:

- ★ Katrina is a Torres Strait Islander PhD Chemistry student who will soon receive her doctorate. She won a 2022 Queensland Women in STEM award and has developed rocket fuel and her own chemical compound as part of her studies.
- ★ Juliet is an Aboriginal Bachelor of Laws (Honours) student who has completed a number of legal internships as part of her studies.

Both of these deadly young women shared a powerful message of being resilient and taking on life's challenges to succeed.

In term 4, we were joined by the deadly First Nations team from Origin Energy, who offered three Q&A sessions featuring a huge range of careers including Engineering, IT, Electrical Apprenticeships, Law and

Business Administration.

Australian Training Works (ATW) Trainees shared their wisdom and experience about traineeships in Business, IT, education and other fields.

Our final online session will be with young First Nations leaders from across Queensland sharing their views on the future of Queensland.



## Peter Doherty Outstanding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Senior STEM Student

Congratulations to the following QATSIF recipients and **Peter Doherty Senior Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student STEM Award Winners**.

These awards recognise students, teachers, support officers, schools and education partners who demonstrate an outstanding and innovative contribution to STEM education in Queensland.

Well done to all the winners of this prestigious award.





# QATSIF Students in Focus

## Ella Lindsay

Rockhampton Girls Grammar Girl student Ella was busy during the September school holidays. The first week of the holiday Ella represented Girls Grammar in Mackay at the Rugby League Confraternity Carnival and then headed to Toowoomba to play in the Central Region Carnival with the U17 Girls CQ Capras team. Well done Ella!



## Bella Mahoney

Congratulations to School Captain and QATSIF student Bella Mahoney from Runcorn State High School. Bella took out 9 awards at the school Sports evening including the Sportswoman of the Year! Bella was also awarded the 2023 QATSIF Young Indigenous Leader Award. Too deadly Bella!



## Billy-Jack Shilvock



Billy-Jack Shilvock, QIFVLS recipient from St Mary's College (Maryborough) was formally presented with his scholarship certificates at a whole school assembly.

At this time all students, teachers and staff participated in a beautiful Liturgy whereby the focus was on the *Uluru Statement from the Heart*.

In attendance was Billy-Jack's Mum, Kathy who is also a working member of the St Mary's College Reconciliation Action Plan Group.

# QATSIF Young Achievers

## Alicia Smyth

Congratulation to the deadly Alicia Smyth (past QATSIF student from Heights College) who was awarded the inaugural Joshua Creamer and Kara Cook Excellence in Law award. Alicia is studying for her Bachelor of Laws/ Bachelor of Government & International Relations at Griffith University.

Alicia has generously given her time to inspire First Nations students by sharing her story during our lunchtime Q&A sessions for all Queensland First Nations secondary students. Too deadly Alicia!



## Amber Baldwin

Congratulations to Amber, past QATSIF student from Gladstone State High School who has taken up a new role with Defence as Australian Defence Force Investigator.





# Opportunities for your Year 12 graduates

Each year, QATSIF puts together a list of opportunities (eg. tertiary scholarships, job boards, organisations advertising apprenticeships and traineeships, accommodation and other programs) for our 2000+ Year 12 graduates and First Nations young people in the wider community. We share this list with our schools and via our social media pages.

This year's list of opportunities is available at: [www.qatsif.org.au/2022graduateopportunities](http://www.qatsif.org.au/2022graduateopportunities).

If you are aware of other opportunities, could you please email them to [enquiries@qatsif.org.au](mailto:enquiries@qatsif.org.au) so we can update our list in preparation for supporting our deadly First Nations young people.

## Young Leaders share their future hopes and visions with the Queensland Government

QATSIF would like to thank all of the deadly First Nations leaders who joined our First Nations online engagement session on the Queensland Youth Strategy.

The session was led by Myiesha, a past QATSIF student and member of the Queensland Government Youth Strategy Engagement Panel. She encouraged the young leaders to share their vision for a better future and to give their feedback on the new Queensland Youth Strategy.

We were all extremely impressed with the pride, vision and confidence of the many young leaders who spoke. Queensland is in very good hands with these deadly young people.





# QATSIF Creative Arts Competition

QATSIF congratulates the talented young First Nations artists who entered a record **83 entries** in our 2022 QATSIF Creative Arts Competition. QATSIF is very grateful to Griffith University for partnering with us to recognise our young artists. Now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year, our competition attracted a wide variety of creative arts styles including:

- Visual arts – painting, drawing, lino printing, digital art and mixed medium works.
- Textiles and weaving
- Poetry
- Photography
- Music and song writing
- Dance



Our young artists' talents were on show at our 10 QATSIF Graduations around Queensland. We celebrated their artworks, music and dance alongside inspirational quotes from First Nations Elders and shared their powerful poetry at each event. Some of the young poets joined us at our graduations and read out their remarkable poems.

The students' artwork will also feature in our **2022 Annual Report** and provide a permanent record of their talent in the Queensland State Archives.

## 2022 CREATIVE ARTS COMPETITION RESULTS

### YEAR 7

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Dance:** Abby Raymond, Emmaus College (Rockhampton)  
**1<sup>st</sup> place Drawing:** Pearce Corfield, St Brendan's College (Yeppoon)  
**2<sup>nd</sup> place Drawing:** Shakita Robert, St Mary's College (Ipswich)  
**1<sup>st</sup> place Painting:** Shakita Roberts, St Mary's College (Ipswich)

### YEAR 8

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Poetry:** Amelia Bishop, Mackay North State High School  
**1<sup>st</sup> place Textiles/Weaving:** Lhaycie Hicks, Burdekin Christian College  
**1<sup>st</sup> place Drawing:** Ezra Akiba, Tagai State College  
**2<sup>nd</sup> place Drawing:** Salome David, Tagai State College  
**1<sup>st</sup> place Painting:** Halle Bobbi Senior-Jackonia, Burdekin Christian College  
**2<sup>nd</sup> place Painting:** Mariah Callis, Barcaldine P-12 State School  
**3<sup>rd</sup> place Painting:** Maxine Hall, Mountain Creek State High School  
**Highly Commended Painting:** Jeremiah Nelson, Barcaldine P-12 State School  
**Highly Commended Painting:** Maxine Hall, Mountain Creek State High School  
**1<sup>st</sup> place Lino Printing:** Layla Ivey, Tully State High School

### YEAR 9

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Poetry:** Lola Higgins, Lourdes Hill College  
**1<sup>st</sup> place Painting:** Shyanne Miller, St Monica's College  
**1<sup>st</sup> place Painting:** Max Bowman-Conlon, St Brendan's College (Yeppoon)  
**1<sup>st</sup> place Lino Printing:** Jaxson Wyman, St Brendan's College (Yeppoon)  
**2<sup>nd</sup> place Lino Printing:** Blake Deemal Woibo, St Brendan's College (Yeppoon)  
**3<sup>rd</sup> place Lino Printing:** Kabai Bin Awel, St Brendan's College (Yeppoon)  
**Highly Commended Lino Printing:** Jimmy Narasi, St Brendan's College (Yeppoon)  
**Highly Commended Lino Printing:** Keiron Woibo, St Brendan's College (Yeppoon)  
**Highly Commended Lino Printing:** Lincoln Hole, St Brendan's College (Yeppoon)  
**Highly Commended Lino Printing:** Nash Corfield, St Brendan's College (Yeppoon)  
**Highly Commended Lino Printing:** Trigger Bin Doraho, St Brendan's College (Yeppoon)

### YEAR 10

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Mixed Medium Art:** Sienna Willmet, Lourdes Hill College  
**2<sup>nd</sup> place Mixed Medium Art:** Eleanor Banu, Mount St Bernard College  
**3<sup>rd</sup> place Mixed Medium Art:** Charlotte Kelly, Pimpama State Secondary College  
**Highly Commended Mixed Medium Art:** Sannah Pearson, Mount St Bernard College  
**1<sup>st</sup> place Drawing:** Micfreda Kiwat, Mount St Bernard College  
**2<sup>nd</sup> place Drawing:** Bella O'Burns, St Patrick's College (Townsville)  
**1<sup>st</sup> place Painting:** Kaiden Ratcliff, Riverside Christian College  
**2<sup>nd</sup> place Painting:** Erin Miller, Brisbane Bayside State College  
**2<sup>nd</sup> place Painting:** Kasmin Logan, Mount St Bernard College  
**3<sup>rd</sup> place Painting:** Toshianna Josiah, Mount St Bernard College  
**Highly Commended Painting:** Chloe Donald, Calamvale Community College  
**Highly Commended Painting:** Kobie Nichols, Calamvale Community College  
**Highly Commended Painting:** Gladys Day, Mount St Bernard College  
**Highly Commended Painting:** Makala Harries-Spinnler, Mount St Bernard College  
**Highly Commended Painting:** Shania O'Brien, Mount St Bernard College





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### Highly Commended Painting:

Jasmine Murray, *Mountain Creek State High School*

### Highly Commended Painting:

Tiarna Anderson-Broome, *Brisbane Bayside State College*

### 1<sup>st</sup> place Lino Printing:

Lorianna Eseli, *St Patrick's College (Townsville)*

### 2<sup>nd</sup> place Lino Printing:

Osaelma Tabuai, *St Patrick's College (Townsville)*

### 3<sup>rd</sup> place Lino Printing:

Jmelliah Barrett, *St Patrick's College (Townsville)*

### 1<sup>st</sup> place Photography:

Kaiden Ratcliff, *Riverside Christian College*

### 1<sup>st</sup> place Poetry:

Georgia Padroth, *Pimpama State Secondary College*



MAXINE  
*Mountain Creek SHS*



DAHLIA  
*Carmel College*



TOSHIANNA & ELEANOR  
*Mount St Bernard College*

## YEAR 11

### 1<sup>st</sup> place Digital Art:

Bailey Eileen Everson, *Mabel Park State High School*

### 1<sup>st</sup> place Music and Song Writing:

Ashleigh Ung, *St Monica's College*

### 1<sup>st</sup> place Cloth/Wearable Art:

Tae Dempsey, *Mount St Bernard College*

### 2<sup>nd</sup> place Cloth/Wearable Art:

Tae Dempsey, *Mount St Bernard College*

### 1<sup>st</sup> place Mixed Medium Art:

Tyy Denevor, *Lourdes Hill College*

### 2<sup>nd</sup> place Mixed Medium Art:

Mikayla Galvin, *Mary MacKillop College*

### 3<sup>rd</sup> place Mixed Medium Art:

Dahlia Geesu, *Carmel College*

### 1<sup>st</sup> place Painting:

Caitlin Thornbury, *A.B. Paterson College*

### 2<sup>nd</sup> place Painting:

Deanne Anderson-Broome, *Brisbane Bayside State College*

### 3<sup>rd</sup> place Painting:

Nataya Perry, *St Patrick's College (Mackay)*

### Highly Commended Painting:

Mahalia Mairu, *Calamvale Community College*

### Highly Commended Painting:

Marcus Huen, *Kirwan State High School*

### Highly Commended Painting:

Tahni Dreise, *Mount Alvernia College*

### 1<sup>st</sup> place Lino Printing:

Millianna Whap, *Mount St Bernard College*

### 2<sup>nd</sup> place Lino Printing:

Leandra Baira, *Mount St Bernard College*

### 3<sup>rd</sup> place Lino Printing:

Mervyn Ahmat, *St Brendan's College (Yeppoon)*

### Highly Commended Lino Printing:

Tae Dempsey, *Mount St Bernard College*

### 1<sup>st</sup> place Drawing:

Mervyn Ahmat & Trigger Bin Doraho, *St Brendan's College (Yeppoon)*



## YEAR 12

### 1<sup>st</sup> place Poetry:

Erika O'Brien, *St Teresa's Catholic College*

### 2<sup>nd</sup> place Poetry:

Byron Ah-Wong, *Northern Beaches State High School*

### 1<sup>st</sup> place Mixed Medium Art:

Annette Anderson-Broome, *Brisbane Bayside State College*

### 2<sup>nd</sup> place Mixed Medium Art:

Grace Debono, *Carmel College*

### 3<sup>rd</sup> place Mixed Medium Art:

Kiara Plunkett, *Toowoomba Anglican School*

### 1<sup>st</sup> place Drawing:

Laura Bob, *Tagai State College*

### 1<sup>st</sup> place Drawing:

Ofa Annette Mabo, *Tagai State College*

### 1<sup>st</sup> place Painting:

Jessica Johnston, *Groves Christian College*

### 2<sup>nd</sup> place Painting:

Tilli Baker, *Chancellor State College*

### 3<sup>rd</sup> place Painting:

Gypsy Thorn, *Chanel College (Gladstone)*

### Highly Commended Painting:

Darius Murphy, *Chancellor State College*

### Highly Commended Painting:

Telisha Karaitiana, *Marsden State High School*

### Highly Commended Painting:

Myeisha Weston, *Tagai State College*

### 1<sup>st</sup> place Lino Printing:

Edwina Sailor, *Tagai State College*

### 2<sup>nd</sup> place Lino Printing:

Hannah Kaitap, *Tagai State College*

### 3<sup>rd</sup> place Lino Printing:

Tyreisha Major, *St Patrick's College (Townsville)*

### Highly Commended Lino Printing:

Mackenzie Chong, *St Patrick's College (Townsville)*

### Highly Commended Lino Printing:

Tooya Gorringer, *St Patrick's College (Townsville)*



GRACE  
*Carmel College*



HALLE & LHAYCIE  
*Burdekin Christian College*



# QATSIF Young Indigenous Leader Award

QATSIF is extremely proud of the **139 deadly young leaders** (below) who were recognised by their school communities for their outstanding leadership.

QATSIF's motto is **"Building tomorrow's leaders"**. We hope that this recognition will continue to inspire these young people to **"Dream Big"** as our Patron Aunty Ruth said at one of this year's graduations. QATSIF also hopes that these leaders' role-modelling to younger students will also help to inspire a whole new generation of leaders.

Congratulations and thank you for your outstanding efforts!



**Aaliyah Page**

Year 11, Beaudesert SHS

**Abbie Pigliafiori**

Year 12, Good Shepherd Catholic College

**Alex Mackinnon**

Year 12, Kingaroy SHS

**Alysha Blackley**

Year 12, Spinifex State College

**Amara Peate**

Year 11, Brisbane SHS

**Amy Finocchiaro**

Year 12, Lourdes Hill College

**Angus Heatlie**

Year 12, Northern Beaches SHS

**Annelies Erixon**

Year 12, Mackay North SHS

**Armarie Heron-Jia**

Year 12, Ipswich Girls' Grammar School

**Axle Lange**

Year 11, Gin Gin SHS

**Bella Conway**

Year 12, Rockhampton Girls Grammar School

**Bella Mahoney**

Year 12, Runcorn SHS

**Bianca Bland**

Year 12, Wilsonton SHS

**Blake Brown**

Year 11, Victoria Point SHS

**Bodhi McKenzie**

Year 11, Sandgate District SHS

**Bradley Banks**

Year 12, Laidley SHS

**Braedon Warcon**

Year 12, Heights College

**Braelyn Rolfe-Chase**

Year 12, Aspley SHS

**Brogan-Lee Gingell**

Year 12, Nambour State College

**Brooke Doyle**

Year 12, Wilsonton SHS

**Byron Ah-Wong**

Year 12, Northern Beaches SHS

**Cameron Letondeur**

Year 12, Mt Maria College (Petrie)

**Carissa Greaves**

Year 12, Northern Beaches SHS

**Carn Kirchhofer**

Year 12, Gympie SHS

**Charli Clark**

Year 12, Nanango SHS

**Cheyenne Cohen**

Year 11, Marsden SHS

**David Gaidan**

Year 11, All Souls St Gabriels School

**Dekoyta Chisholm**

Year 12, Australian Trade College North Brisbane

**Destany Beattie**

Year 12, Proserpine SHS

**Dorothea Amber-Tabuai**

Year 12, St Ursula's College Toowoomba

**Drew Anderson**

Year 11, Arcadia College

**Dylan Giles**

Year 12, Mitchelton SHS

**Eliza Hillam**

Year 11, Flagstone State Community College

**Ella Betheras**

Year 11, Flagstone State Community College

**Ella Lindsay**

Year 12, Rockhampton Girls Grammar School



**Elyjah Deshong**

Year 11, Deception Bay SHS

**Emelia Stacy**

Year 12, Corinda SHS

**Emily George**

Year 12, Burnett State College

**Emily Graham**

Year 12, Lourdes Hill College

**Emma Roulston**

Year 12, Tannum Sands SHS

**Estelle Synnott**

Year 12, St Mary's College (Ipswich)

**Ethan Nihot**

Year 12, Benowa SHS

**George Abednego**

Year 12, Ignatius Park College

**Georgia Storrar**

Year 11, Springfield Central SHS

**Grace Debono**

Year 12, Carmel College

**Harris Martens**

Year 11, Sandgate District SHS

**Hayden Cosgrove**

Year 11, Rosedale State School

**Imogen Seale**

Year 12, Caloundra SHS

**Iziah Broome**

Year 11, North Rockhampton SHS

**Jacinta Marrison**

Year 12, Queensland Academy Health Sciences Campus

**Jack Kemp**

Year 12, Harristown SHS

**Jack Maloney**

Year 12, Balmoral SHS

**Jackson Midgley**

Year 12, St Edmund's College





**Jacob Lester**

*Year 12, Rochedale SHS*

**Jacob Stanleigh-Clarke**

*Year 12, Park Ridge SHS*

**Jade Strudwick**

*Year 12, Runcorn SHS*

**Jade-Elle Brown**

*Year 12, St Mary's College (Maryborough)*

**Jahvan Oui**

*Year 12, Blackheath & Thornburgh College*

**Jai Kleinschmidt**

*Year 12, Kedron SHS*

**Jaime Woodbridge**

*Year 12, Alexandra Hills SHS*

**Jakeem Thompson**

*Year 12, Palm Beach-Currumbin SHS*

**Jalen Barry**

*Year 11, All Souls St Gabriels School*

**Jamarion Oakley-Mooney**

*Year 11, Sarina SHS*

**Jameelah McCarthy**

*Year 12, Dalby SHS*

**Jamie-Lee Surha**

*Year 12, Mackay North SHS*

**Jannali Suey**

*Year 12, Wilsonton SHS*

**Jasmine Kitchener**

*Year 12, Cleveland District SHS*

**Jasmine Togo**

*Year 12, Merrimac SHS*

**Jaxon Lester**

*Year 12, Robina SHS*

**Jayde Blair**

*Year 12, Cavendish Road SHS*

**Jayden Farris**

*Year 12, Wilsonton SHS*

**Jaylen Wikmunea**

*Year 12, Northern Beaches SHS*

**Josie Barrass**

*Year 12, Marist College (Emerald)*

**Jossie Law**

*Year 11, Chanel College*

**Julius Malone**

*Year 12, Blackwater SHS*

**Kaitlyn Hagar**

*Year 11, Bundamba State Secondary College*



**Katana Khan**

*Year 12, Arcadia College*

**Katie Langton**

*Year 11, Murgon SHS*

**Kayden Cavanagh**

*Year 11, Marsden SHS*

**Kaylee Haspels**

*Year 12, St Mary's College (Ipswich)*

**Kaylee Hillyard**

*Year 12, Gilroy Santa Maria College*

**Keiara Methu**

*Year 11, Marsden SHS*

**Kellie McMahon**

*Year 12, St Saviour's College*

**Kevin Hall**

*Year 11, Mountain Creek SHS*

**Kiali Wapau**

*Year 12, Peace Lutheran College*

**Kiera Heffernan**

*Year 12, Trinity College (Beenleigh)*

**Kimberley Bryant**

*Year 12, Innisfail State College*

**Kobi Udowika**

*Year 12, Carmel College*

**Ky Ferguson**

*Year 12, Palm Beach-Currumbin SHS*

**Kyrah Parkinson**

*Year 11, Woodcrest State College*

**Laina Rudken**

*Year 12, Mackay SHS*

**Lainey Wilson**

*Year 12, Mirani SHS*

**Laithn Turner**

*Year 12, Rockhampton SHS*

**Lani Plath**

*Year 12, Shalom College*

**Levi Louis**

*Year 12, Albany Creek SHS*

**Livina Ellis**

*Year 12, Rochedale SHS*

**Logan Walsh**

*Year 12, St John's School (Roma)*

**Madison Gilbert**

*Year 12, Noosa District SHS*

**Madison Richardson**

*Year 12, St Peter Claver College*

**Malachi Minniecon**

*Year 12, Townsville SHS*

**Malleya Brown**

*Year 12, Northern Beaches SHS*

**Mason Ah Sam**

*Year 12, Bellbird Park State Secondary College*

**Melinda Obah**

*Year 12, Mount St Bernard College*

**Mia Warren**

*Year 12, Bellbird Park State Secondary College*

**Murphy Daly**

*Year 12, Blackwater SHS*

**Nancy Sullivan**

*Year 12, Nambour State College*

**Nathanael Watego**

*Year 12, Benowa SHS*

**Nicci-Maree Wolski**

*Year 12, Alexandra Hills SHS*

**Nicola Nauer**

*Year 11, Marsden SHS*

**Peta Russell**

*Year 12, Charleville SHS*

**Presaiiah Ross-Hart**

*Year 12, Cooktown State School*

**Preston Byrne**

*Year 12, Blackwater SHS*

**Quentin Shortjoe**

*Year 11, Mount St Bernard College*

**Rachel Duncan**

*Year 12, St Augustine's College (Augustine Heights)*

**Ramani McLean**

*Year 11, Elanora SHS*

**Renaysha Tass**

*Year 12, Mackay Christian College*

**Rhiannon Ready**

*Year 12, Queensland Academy Health Sciences Campus*

**Saskia McDonald**

*Year 12, Proserpine SHS*

**Shaneiqa Dixon**

*Year 12, Upper Coomera State College*

**Shayla Hall**

*Year 12, Wilsonton SHS*





**Sinevah Mari**

*Year 11, Mount St Bernard College*

**Summer Walters**

*Year 12, St Margaret Mary's College*

**T'Schani Falwasser**

*Year 11, Redbank Plains SHS*

**Taeah Hiles**

*Year 12, St George SHS*

**Tahlia Whitcher**

*Year 12, Northern Beaches SHS*

**Tahni Dreise**

*Year 11, Mount Alvernia College*

**Tanu Nona**

*Year 12, Palm Beach-Currumbin SHS*

**Thomas Dow**

*Year 12, Kirwan SHS*

**Trequille James**

*Year 12, Heatley Secondary College*

**Tyler Ive**

*Year 12, St Anthony's Catholic College*

**Vaelua Stowers**

*Year 11, Forest Lake SHS*

**Viktor Grant**

*Year 12, Yeppoon SHS*

**Violet Bishop**

*Year 12, St Mary's College (Ipswich)*

**Whitney Maslen**

*Year 12, Gladstone SHS*

**William Mahoney**

*Year 12, Iona College*

**Wudarabin Snider**

*Year 12, Cooktown State School*

**Zenitah Vanderdrift-Cromie**

*Year 12, Chancellor State College*

**Zion Prior**

*Year 12, Bowen SHS*

**Zoe Hewett**

*Year 12, Clifton SHS*



**QUENTIN**



**KOBI & GRACE**



**ZOE**



**CAMERON**



**SINEVAH**



**MADISON**



**ELJAH**



**BRAEDON**



**WHITNEY**



**LOGAN**



**TREQUILLE**





**JULIUS, MURPHY & PRESTON**



**BELLA**



**KIMBERLEY**



**ANNELIES & JAMIE-LEE**



**SUMMER**

## QATSIF's Floral Friday Fundraiser

We would like to thank all of the schools, individuals and businesses who supported our 2022 Floral Friday Fundraiser. We have raised over \$8500 this year, which will directly support 8 students to complete their senior studies.

While there are too many donors to thank individually, we would particularly like to acknowledge some of our corporate donors:

- Deloitte Australia
- CTCC Limited
- Queensland Ambulance Service / Queensland Fire and Rescue / State Emergency Service
- Institute of Molecular Biology (University of Queensland)
- PHN Darling Down and West Moreton
- Brisbane Catholic Education.

We were also very pleased to see so many schools using the Torres Strait Islander resources that we shared



**WEST MORETON PHN**





AUNTY RUTH HEGARTY  
(QATSIF'S PATRON)



# *Yarning With Our Elders*

*One of our greatest gifts is our Elders' incredible wealth of knowledge, wisdom, strength and experience.*

QATSIF (Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation) in partnership with ACU (Australian Catholic University) is inviting all Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander secondary students to yarn with, learn from, and share the stories, wisdom and cultural heritage of our Elders.

We are inviting students to yarn with an Elder and record one important aspect of their life. Some examples could be:

- ★ What was it like growing up in their local community?
- ★ Their Stolen Generations or Stolen Wages story.
- ★ What is their advice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people?
- ★ Important local traditional language words, their meaning and pronunciation.
- ★ Important local traditional stories, dances, technology or history.
- ★ What did they learn from their own Elders?

Students are invited to share their Elder's story using any appropriate media e.g. video, voice recordings, essay, poetry, music, interviews etc. Preferably, presentations should be less than 10 minutes or 5,000 words in length (or equivalent).

ACU will assist with collating and preserving these important stories for future generations and offer prizes for outstanding entries. All entries will be recognised with a certificate.

## **ENTRIES CLOSE: FRIDAY 17 MARCH 2023**

*\*NB – Students need to adhere to COVID Safe practices if yarning in person with Elders and need to seek their Elder's permission to share any information.*



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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!



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








*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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