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# NEWSLETTER

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## QATSIF Events and Graduations

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 which helped to make our graduations so successful.

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

- ★ Australian Catholic University (ACU)
- ★ Bond University
- ★ University of Southern Queensland (USQ)
- ★ Central Queensland University (CQU)
- ★ University of Queensland (UQ)
- ★ University of the Sunshine Coast (USC)
- ★ Queensland University of Technology (QUT)
- ★ James Cook University (JCU)

QATSIF is also 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.



2019 QATSIF QCE Scholarship graduates in attendance at  
CQU Rockhampton North Campus.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander viewers are warned photographs in this newsletter may contain images of deceased persons which may cause sadness or distress.

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



## CQU Rockhampton Graduation (Oct 11)

Our CQU Rockhampton Graduation was proudly led by our talented MCs, Shavinah Mann (The Cathedral College) and William Sim (Yeppoon SHS). Special congratulations must go to Shavinah who was also the MC at our 2018 CQU Graduation.

This year, our graduation featured a celebration of the life, work and achievements of Alvarez Broome. Mr Broome, who was the CEC at Glenmore SHS, passed away earlier the year. We were also blessed to be joined by a significant number of Elders from the local community.

The boys from St Brendan's College (Yeppoon) presented some deadly Cape York dancing and Lydia Taylor (Moura State High School) who was the winner of the Exceptional Indigenous QMEA Student award at the Queensland Resources Council's Indigenous Awards, shared a beautiful poem.

Chantel Beatson, past QATSIF and current CQU Nursing student shared a powerful reflection on her own educational journey and Mrs Kerri Taylor shared a beautiful thank you on behalf of all parents and carers.







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## UQ St Lucia Graduation (Oct 18)

Our QATSIF UQ graduation featured a couple of wonderful student performances by Taliah Saylor (Brigidine College) who sang "Kulba Yaday" and the Runcorn SHS students who helped to welcome us with *Gari Gynda Narmi*.

Aunty Joan Hendriks and Aunty Peggy Tidyman joined us to celebrate our students' graduation and Aunty Joan led a special Fire Blessing for our graduates.

Indigo Leon-Painter (Marsden SHS) and Jack Field (St Edmund's College) led our graduation ceremony.

Otis Carmichael, a past QATSIF and UQ Information Technology student spoke about the deep pride that he had in his cultural heritage. He and parent speaker Lisa Wolff encouraged our graduates to make the most out of their opportunities.

Sophie Coyne from St Mary's College led our tribute to our Elders and Kellie McDonald, a past QATSIF student and QATSIF Board Member helped to inspire our graduates to work hard and achieve despite any obstacles.







## CQU Mackay Graduation (Oct 22)

Taleiyah Minniecon (Pioneer SHS) and Henri Stocks (Mackay SHS) did a fantastic job as MCs for our Mackay graduation. Ayla Cotter (St Patrick's College) led our powerful reflection.

We were very grateful to have local Elder Uncle Phil Kemp with us again to welcome us to his Yuwibara lands and to congratulate and bless our graduates.

Our Mackay graduation featured two outstanding performances:

- ★ Jayda and Mackezie Ahwong (representing Holy Spirit College) and Marcel, their father performed a beautiful rendition of "From Little Things" to inspire our graduates.
- ★ Shontae Minniecon (Mercy College) who is an accomplished dance teacher and has performed across Australia in "Matilda the Musical" treated the audience to a deadly contemporary dance performance.

Kira Allen the Coordinator of the CQU Sports Centre inspired the graduates with her passion for education and achievement. Kira was a past QATSIF student from Proserpine SHS and completed her Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science at CQU.





## USQ Toowoomba Graduation (Oct 24)

Uncle Wayne Fossey-Johnson who has been a great supporter of QATSIF, helped to begin our graduation by lighting our QATSIF Elders' candle and acknowledging lands of the Giabal and Jarowair peoples. Uncle Wayne also led the Fire Blessing for our graduates at the end of our graduation.

Our MCs Krisharna Barrs (Centenary Heights SHS) and Dre Robinson (Harristown SHS) ably oversaw our celebrations. They were joined by Preston Weatherall (St Mary's College) who shared a beautiful poem.

At our Toowoomba graduation, we were fortunate to have both outstanding traditional dances performed

by the students from Faith Lutheran College and some deadly contemporary dance by the girls from Kingaroy SHS.

USQ Nursing student, Raikeisha Castors shared her story to help encourage our graduates to achieve.

Toni Phillips-Petersen, QATSIF parent and Kingaroy SHS CEC led a beautiful thank you on behalf of parents and carers. Mrs Phillips-Petersen thanked our schools' staff, the QATSIF Board and Secretariat and the Elders and Ancestors whose hard work and efforts have provided out QATSIF scholarships.





## USC Sunshine Coast Graduation (Oct 25)



Our Sunshine Coast graduation was extra special as we had two amazing female MCs who, by coincidence, had same first name – Jade Phillips (Tullawong SHS) and Jade Matthews (Maryborough SHS). Keely Brown from Sunshine Beach SHS led a powerful tribute to our Elders.

Our Mountain Creek SHS dance troupe put on a wonderful traditional dance performance despite their tricky start to the day when their transport didn't arrive on time. Their deadly performance was definitely worth the wait.

At our USC graduation, we were treated to inspirational messages from three past QATSIF students who had all taken different journeys, but rose to meet the many challenges they faced. We heard from:

- ★ Jessica Carruthers who is studying a Bachelor of Law/Criminology and Justice at USC.
- ★ Ernest Williams who is studying a Bachelor of Environmental Science at USC.
- ★ Denika Sticklen who is working with Thiess Mining and studied a Bachelor of Business at Griffith University.

Aunty Judy Wickes who works closely with USC, lit of QATSIF Elders' candle and blessed our graduates for their journey ahead.







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## QUT Kelvin Grove Graduation (Oct 29)

We were very blessed to have our Patron Aunty Ruth Hegarty at our QUT graduation. Aunty Ruth shared a powerful message with our graduates. Amongst two of her most powerful statements to our graduates were:

*"You fall down, you get up and you continue to go on....fall down once or twice, but get up and keep going."*

*"Today, your dream is ahead of you. Dream big. Dream big!"*

After a welcome by our amazing MCs – Harley McGrady (Morayfield SHS) and Meli Davis (Windaroo Valley SHS), we began our ceremony outside with two exceptional performances by the Laidley SHS dance troupe and Taleatha Wright-Morgan (Wavell SHS). The Laidley SHS troupe began the day with a feast of traditional dance and Taleatha wowed the audience with a contemporary dance performance.

After the dances, we moved inside to receive a Welcome to Country by Uncle Sam Watson who is a long-time supporter and advocate for QATSIF's great work.

Georgia Pitt (St Rita's College) led a beautiful tribute to our Elders and past QATSIF student Karyna Doolan who is studying a Bachelor of Social Work at QUT, inspired our young people with her powerful story.

We also had our QATSIF Chair, Professor Cindy Shannon and the Public Trustee of Queensland, Mr Samay Zhouand with us for our graduation.





## JCU Townsville Graduation (Oct 30)

Our JCU graduation was led by two fantastic MCs – Chelsea Munns (Ryan Catholic College) and David Hedlam (Northern Beaches SHS).

The Ignatius Park College Torres Strait Islander dance troupe provided a high energy and powerful Torres Strait performance to kick off our celebration.

We were lucky enough to have Taslena Mills, the Year 6 School Captain of Riverside Adventist School read our beautiful Elders' poem. It was powerful to see such a strong young primary school leader speaking at our graduation.

Our inspirational past QATSIF student speaker in Townsville was Jasmine Blackman who is studying for her Bachelor of Business at JCU.





## JCU Cairns Graduation (Oct 31)

Our final QATSIF graduation was led by two deadly MCs – Lucy Marks (Bentley Park College) and Cameron Fourmile (Mareeba SHS). After a beautiful Welcome to Country by Aunty Sandra Levers, we were blessed to have a special moment when four Elders step forward to light our QATSIF Elders' candle.

We were treated to an exciting performance of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dance by the amazing Djarragun College dance troupes.

Samuel Robinson from Mareeba SHS read our beautiful tribute to our Elders.

We had three powerful and inspirational speakers to challenge and inspire our graduates:

- ★ Georgia-Rose Edwards: a past QATSIF student from St Monica's College who is now studying a Bachelor of Nursing at JCU.
- ★ Dr Felecia Watkin-Lui: an Associate Professor at JCU and a proud QATSIF mum from St Mary's College.
- ★ Kellie McDonald: a past QATSIF student and now a QATSIF Board Member and Indigenous Education Coordinator at Alexandra Hills SHS.





# 2019 in Review – Building Tomorrow's Leaders

2019 has been another exciting and very busy year. Our Patron, Board and Secretariat staff have been thrilled to see the many achievements of our QATSIF students and by all of the other Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students affected by our life-changing work.

This year, we welcomed Shalana Uta to our QATSIF office. Shalana has brought a wealth of graphic designing skills and her own rich Torres Strait Islander heritage to her role, which has been reflected in our many beautiful documents and designs across this year.

Sadly, we will farewell Billy Neagle from our office early in 2020 after 5 years working with QATSIF. Billy, who was a past QATSIF student himself, has completed his Finance degree and will take up work as a Graduate Consultant at Deloitte. We wish Billy all the best in his new role and thank him for the incredible difference he has made to the lives of so many other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people.

In addition to our 8,700 past and present QATSIF students, we have changed many young people's lives through our events and competitions and by sharing a multitude of incredible opportunities with all Queensland schools and via our social media pages.

Just a few of the many new developments and changes at QATSIF this year include:

☆ **Western Queensland Schools Ambassadors' visit**  
In February, past QATSIF students Janaya Watego (Paramedics/Nursing), Kyle Ryan (Medicine) and Trent Bosgra (Law) visited QATSIF schools from Mount Isa to Charleville, to help to inspire Indigenous young people to work hard to achieve their dreams. We are already looking into the possibility of a South Western Queensland Schools Ambassadors' visit in 2020.

☆ **QATSIF Graduations**  
By moving around some of our events throughout the year, we were able to offer our Townsville and Toowoomba students a graduation ceremony this year. In 2020, with the new ATAR system, we are hoping to hold our QATSIF graduations in August, which may allow us to hold additional graduations in other regional centres.

☆ **Queensland Ambulance Service Scholarship**  
QATSIF and the Queensland Ambulance Service have partnered to provide 10 of our new Round 11 QATSIF students with the opportunity to immerse themselves in a possible future career with the QAS.



## ☆ QATSIF Coffee Mug

For the first time, our QATSIF coffee mugs which are given to Elders, special guests and presenters have featured the beautiful artwork of Shawana Nelson (2018 Year 7, Mount St Bernard College). Shawana's beautiful artwork "Unpa" or "waterhole" was chosen from amongst our 2018 QATSIF Creative Arts entries. We are very grateful to Shawana for allowing us to use her artwork.



## ☆ Cherbourg Ration Shed visit

Our QATSIF staff, Ambassadors and school representatives visited Cherbourg's Ration Shed to learn about its history and to speak with local Elders.



## ☆ QATSIF Ambassadors' speeches

QATSIF is grateful to our QATSIF Ambassadors, who have represented QATSIF and spoken at a number of corporate, university and school events throughout 2019.

## ☆ QATSIF Strategic Plan

In 2019, the QATSIF Board worked with a new facilitator to completely redevelop our 2020 – 2025 Strategic Plan.

Just a few of the many awards and achievements by current and past QATSIF students this year include:

☆ **Queensland Music Awards:** Emily Wurramara won two awards and Tia Gostelow was the youngest ever winner of *Album of the Year*. Emily's music also featured in the movie *Top End Wedding*.

☆ **Giselle Kilner-Parmenter** was announced as the Queensland Law Society's *First Nations Law Student of the Year*.



- ☆ Zane Ratcliff was named as the 7 News Young Achiever – Aboriginal Achievement award.



- ☆ Chantelle Martin won the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mooting Competition.
- ☆ Lydia Taylor the School Captain of Moura SHS won the *Exceptional Indigenous QMEA Student* award.
- ☆ Shauna Downton won the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year* at the 2019 Queensland Training Awards.
- ☆ Jemma Mi Mi (Queensland Firebirds), Kitara Whap-Farrar (Gold Coast Suns) and Akayla McQuire (Indigenous All Stars) all proudly competed at the highest levels.



- ☆ Jasmine McGaughey came Runner Up in the *Nakata Brophy Short Fiction and Poetry Prize*.

I would like to finish my report by thanking a number of people, including:

- our QATSIF schools and their hard-working staff for their incredible support for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.
- the amazingly talented past and current QATSIF students for inspiring us with their efforts.
- our QATSIF parents, carers and wider community for your support for QATSIF.
- The Public Trustee of Queensland, Mr Samay Zhou and the staff of the Public Trustee of Queensland who oversee the QATSIF program and support us with human resources and finances.
- our dedicated QATSIF Secretariat staff – Shalana Uta, Tiana Brockhurst and Billy Neagle for their passion and hard work to improve the outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.
- our caring, supportive and knowledgeable QATSIF Board of Advice who always put the best interests of our young people first. I would especially like to thank Claire Schneider who will leave our QATSIF Board after four years of dedication, service and support for Queensland's Indigenous young people. I would also like to welcome Mr Brenton Bowen and Mrs Georgina Kadel who are joining our QATSIF Board.
- Aunty Ruth Hegarty, our wise, compassionate and strong Patron for her sage advice and incredible passion for giving young people the opportunities that were denied her and so many other Elders and Ancestors.

I am looking forward to another exciting and challenging year in 2020.

**Michael Nayler**  
QATSIF Secretariat Director

## Student accepted into highly competitive STEM camp

Lexie Mitchell, a Year 11 student at Clifton State High School, has been accepted into the QUT 2019 STEM Camp was held at the Garden Point Campus in Brisbane during the September holidays.

This six day camp recognises outstanding STEM leadership potential among year 11 students across Queensland. There was significant competition for the sixty places with 388 applications received this year.

Lexie has been assigned to two projects during this time. One, *PEPPER ROBOT*: the next generation companion, incorporates mechatronics, computer science, software engineering, technology and

entrepreneurship to develop a humanoid robot for use in the aged care market. The second, *PHARMACY ZOMBIEBUSTERS*, incorporates Health Science, Chemistry, Pharmaceutical Science and Pharmacology in a project related to stopping a disease epidemic. She will be in residence at Somerville House during the experience.

Lexie, who has been selected on the basis of her outstanding STEM results and considerable extra-curricular STEM activities, said, "I like STEM and I think it is a great opportunity to experience what it would be like to attend QUT".



# QATSIF Student Top 10 in Cattle Show

This year I had the honour of being part of the QCAS Regional team for paraders at the Brisbane Royal show. I competed on the 10th of August at the Ekka.

While at the Ekka I paraded my heifer around a show ring showing how well I can parade, to prove to the judge I can keep my heifer in control.

I placed in the top 10 in Queensland out of 12 competitors. I am keen to go back in the years to come so that I can improve. It is amazing to have the opportunity in front of a massive crowd to show everyone what you enjoy doing.

I prepared my heifer early in the morning right up until I was about to compete so my heifer was shining. I had a great day.

**Whitney Landers**  
Year 12, Miles State High School



## Silkwood School's Dreaming Festival

At the end of Term 3, QATSIF was fortunate to be invited to join Silkwood School for their annual Dreaming Festival.

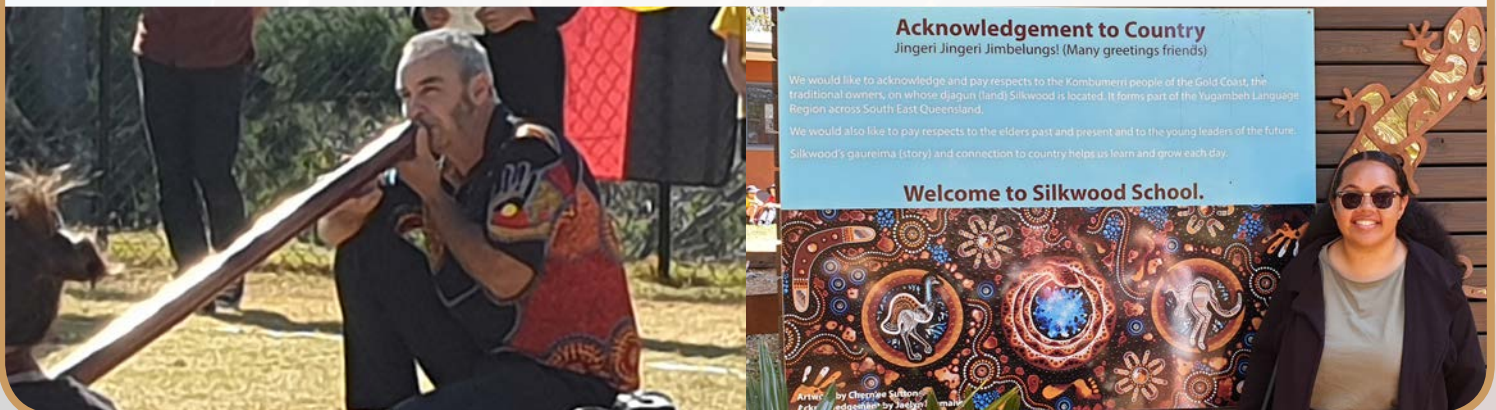
The Dreaming Festival begins with an Opening Ceremony and continues with cultural activities for classes all day.

The Welcome to Country was given by Jaelyn Biunaiwai, a past QATSIF student who now runs her own graphic design business. Jaelyn also designed the Silkwood

School's Acknowledgement of Country plaque.

The Dreaming Festival featured dance, songs in Yugambeh language and passionate speeches on the importance of culture from Silkwood's staff and students.

The students got to enjoy a full day of cultural experiences and the adult visitors got to check out these experiences and the school's Yarning Circle and bush tucker walk.





# 2019 Iggy Park Deadlys

The 2019 Iggy Park Deadlys is an opportunity for the College community to celebrate the year IPC has had moving forward with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education, and with the progression of Reconciliation in our community.

Highlights of the event included the performance of the Wulgurukaba Walkabouts Aboriginal Dance Troupe, the IPC Torres Strait Islander Dance Troupe, performer Mitch Tambo; as well as a number of students who were recognised for their contribution to the College's Indigenous Programs.

Congratulations to Trent Laffin who was awarded the Ergon Energy Career Aspirations Award, Tai-Reece Hill who was awarded the QATSIF Leadership Award and Ethan Kelvin who was presented with the Lochlan Kennedy Deadly Bala Award for 2019.

**Andrew Kirkpatrick**

*IPC Program Leader – Indigenous and Multicultural*



## Deadly Art at Saint Mary's Catholic College

QATSIF Year 12 student, Shanyce Blackman created this deadly skateboard deck during her art classes at Saint Mary's Catholic College, Kingaroy.

Shanyce also won the QATSIF's 2018 Creative Art Prize for Year 11s with a beautiful piece called "I yurrah" (meaning I am here) featuring the ants which are a Wakka Wakka totem in the South Burnett region.

Well done to Shanyce!







## Tagai State College's Annual Cultural Day

Tagai State College had a very busy Term 3, especially with our Annual Culture Day. I've shared few photos of some of our QATSIF students, Elders and our teachers participating in the day. We had a lot of singing and dancing. QATSIF students Suannah Gesa (School Captain) addressed the parade

Something special this year also was that two of our QATSIF students had composed an Island dance that the boys and girls from the boarding college performed, it was amazing and also a great way to end the Term!

**Deb Lui**

*Tagai State College CEC*





# A tribute to Alvarez Broome

*Alvarez passed away suddenly on Wednesday August 14, aged 50 years.*



Alvarez Broome commenced employment for the Department of Education in 2003 and worked at schools such as Crescent Lagoon, The Hall and Glenmore State High School in the Rockhampton area. He worked as a Teacher Aide and Community Education Counsellor whilst fulfilling roles like the school rugby league, cricket and netball coach or manager, on top of being a parent and most importantly a Father. He was loved and respected by his family, many of his colleagues and students.

His trademark jokes followed by his laughter could always be heard in and out of staffrooms and down the school walkways. He made students feel that they could do anything or be anyone and his easy-going relaxed nature meant that he was so easy to get along with and talk to. His office was often a place for many students, not just Indigenous, but students of different ethnic backgrounds.

I have had 12 incredible years of working with Alvie (as he was affectionately known). He was like a big brother to me, where every day we would have conversations about work, family, food and NRL Rugby League. He had a really laid back way of getting things done but nevertheless somehow "the end justified the means" and I think because we were complete opposites of each other, which is probably why we worked really well together.

Alvie had definitely gone above and beyond in ensuring that students were equipped for learning in all aspects of schooling – materials, lunches, uniforms and transportation etc. There are so many things to say about our Alvarez, but one thing for sure is that his legacy will live on – when we see the beautiful murals on the walls of M Block or even if it's just to sit in our Yarning Circle. Alvie played a crucial role in seeing these projects to fruition.

You will forever be in our hearts and never forgotten. Thank you Alvarez for all that you have done for our school communities.

**Lency Mann**

*Indigenous Teacher Aide, Glenmore State High School*



## Queensland Ambulance Service Scholarship Partnership

QATSIF is proud to have partnered with the Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) to offer 10 of our Round 11 Year 10 QATSIF students the opportunity to learn more about a QAS career.

The QAS will fully fund the scholarships of these 10 students and offer them a number of opportunities to experience a QAS career in areas including – paramedics, administration and call centre operations.

All Round 11 QATSIF schools should have received a copy of the special application form for this scholarship. Please return the forms to [enquiries@qatsif.org.au](mailto:enquiries@qatsif.org.au) by the November 29 closing date.

QUT will also be offering ten Jamie Jackway Scholarships annually to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander university paramedic students from 2020.

### Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS)

### The QAS School Based Scholarship

*In partnership with the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Foundation (QATSIF), the QAS School Based Scholarship aims to eliminate financial barriers to the completion of school and assist with the transition from school to work and/or tertiary education. The program provides a two-year scholarship to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students commencing Year 11.*





# 2019 QATSIF Young Indigenous Leader Award Winners

QATSIF is extremely proud of the 126 **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!



**Georgia Kelly, Canterbury College**

**Akema Greenaway**  
Year 12, Gilroy Santa Maria College

**Alannah Munn**  
Year 12, Fairholme College

**Aleesha Kennedy**  
Year 12, Beenleigh State High School

**Alkira-Jayde Sorbello**  
Year 12, Moranbah State High School

**Angela Chevathun**  
Year 12, All Souls St Gabriels School

**Arabella Walker**  
Year 12, Holland Park State High School

**Ariana Klose**  
Year 12, Springfield Central State High School

**Baylee Mills**  
Year 12, Forest Lake State High School

**Bianca Loose**  
Year 12, Woodcrest College

**Billy Cranwell**  
Year 12, Caboolture State High School

**Briana Suey**  
Year 12, Fairholme College

**Bundharra Wightman**  
Year 12, Wilsonton State High School

**Cadance Stocks**  
Year 11, Dysart State High School

**Caitlin Watson**  
Year 12, Innisfail State College

**Caleb Bartlett**  
Year 11, St Brendan's College

**Caliah Saltner**  
Year 12, North Rockhampton State High School

**Cameron Fourmile**  
Year 12, Mareeba State High School

**Chelsea Griffin**  
Year 12, Clifton State High School

**Chloe Levinge**  
Year 11, Southport State High School

**Coen Johnson**  
Year 12, Kepnock State High School

**David Hedlam**  
Year 12, Northern Beaches State High School

**Elia Holland**  
Year 12, Rochedale State High School

**Elisabeth Matters**  
Year 11, St Margaret Mary's College

**Ella Evans**  
Year 12, St Patrick's College, Townsville

**Ellita Henry**  
Year 12, Tully State High School



**Caitlin Watson, Innisfail State College**

**Emily-Rose Kennell**  
Year 12, Mackay North State High School

**Essay Banu**  
Year 12, Tully State High School

**Ethan Briggs**  
Year 12, Beaudesert State High School

**Ethan Pauley-Gibbons**  
Year 12, Dakabin State High School

**Eva O'Neill**  
Year 12, Carmel College

**Floyd Hill**  
Year 12, Sunnybank State High School

**Flynn Sinclair**  
Year 11, Sunshine Beach State High School

**Garvina Lui**  
Year 11, Cairns State High School

**Georgia Kelly**  
Year 12, Canterbury College



**Mikayla Adams-Houston, Lourdes Hill College**



**Jake Fabila, Kedron SHS**



**Sienna Simpson, Maroochydore SHS**





**Malaqhi Eather, Oakey SHS**



**Megan Cavanough, Cunnamulla SS**



**Preston Weatherall,  
St Mary's College, Toowoomba**

**Georgia Pitt**

Year 12, St Rita's College

**Georgina Waters**

Year 12, St George State High School

**Gracelyn Phelan**

Year 11, Genesis Christian College

**Harrison Midgley**

Year 11, St Edmund's College

**Heather Sandow**

Year 12, Murgon State High School

**Imarnie Fatnowna**

Year 12, Ipswich Girls' Grammar School

**Imogen Gay-Daniel**

Year 12, St Peter Claver College

**Isaiah Levi**

Year 12, St Columban's College

**Jacob Currie**

Year 12, Beaudesert State High School

**Jade Matthews**

Year 12, Maryborough State High School

**Jaeda Lenoy**

Year 12, Heatley Secondary College

**Jai Ogilvie**

Year 12, Southport State High School

**Jaidah Jones**

Year 11, Coolum State High School

**Jake Fabila**

Year 12, Kedron State High School

**Jaquan Jackson**

Year 12, Redbank Plains State High School

**Jasmine Sefo Wallace**

Year 11, Craigslea State High School

**Jason Burns**

Year 12, Ingham State High School

**Jen Wosomo**

Year 12, Peace Lutheran College

**Jessy Renouf**

Year 12, Sandgate District State High School

**Jet Campbell**

Year 12, Beaudesert State High School

**Jock Mann**

Year 12, North Rockhampton State High School

**Jordan Livermore**

Year 12, Marsden State High School

**Jude Saldanha**

Year 12, Cavendish Road State High School

**Juliet Biemann**

Year 12, Grace Lutheran College, Rothwell

**Juliette Lvinge**

Year 11, Queensland Academy for Health Sciences

**Kaiana Walit**

Year 12, Faith Lutheran College

**Kalani Sing**

Year 11, St Brendan's College

**Kiah Luhrs**

Year 11, Bundaberg State High School

**Kiani Smith**

Year 11, Kingston State College

**Killian Klease**

Year 12, Kingaroy State High School

**Krisharna Barrs**

Year 12, Centenary Heights State High School

**La'Schaya Body**

Year 11, Peace Lutheran College

**Lachlan George**

Year 12, Isis District State High School

**Lexie Mitchell**

Year 11, Clifton State High School

**Liam Ensbey**

Year 12, William Ross State High School

**Lily McCormack**

Year 11, Shalom College, Bundaberg

**Lily Rae**

Year 12, Loreto College

**Lydia Opperman**

Year 11, Groves Christian College

**Maddison Anstiss**

Year 11, Merrimac State High School

**Maddison Hegarty**

Year 12, Good Shepherd Catholic College

**Madison Bradley**

Year 12, Springwood State High School

**Madison Corino**

Year 11, Rockhampton State High School

**Malaqhi Eather**

Year 12, Oakey State High School

**Maurice Conway**

Year 11, Blackwater State High School

**Mayson Armstrong**

Year 12, Mackay State High School

**Megan Cavanough**

Year 12, Cunnamulla P-12 State School



**Jessy Renouf, Sandgate District SHS**



**Shauna Fisher, St John's School Roma**



**Sharni Woods,  
West Moreton Anglican College**





**Arabella Walker, Holland Park SHS**



**Bundharra Wightman, Wilsonton SHS**



**Cameron Fourmile, Mareeba SHS**

**Mikayla Adams-Houston**  
Year 12, Lourdes Hill College

**Mitch Gainsford**  
Year 12, Victory College

**Nabil Sipi**  
Year 12, Tully State High School

**Nicholas Mahoney**  
Year 11, Bundaberg State High School

**Patrick Harman**  
Year 11, Toowoomba Grammar School

**Peter Barry**  
Year 11, St Brendan's College

**Preston Weatherall**  
Year 12, St Mary's College, Toowoomba

**Quincy Dennis**  
Year 12, Harristown State High School

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# 2020 QATSIF Student Leaders

Some schools have already elected some of their Year 11 QATSIF students to leadership positions in 2020. **Please send through the names and positions of any QATSIF students who are taking on leadership positions next year to [enquiries@qatsif.org.au](mailto:enquiries@qatsif.org.au).**

The names are just starting to come in, but so far we already have **70 QATSIF student leaders** through including **7 School Captains** and **6 Vice Captains**.

We have a QATSIF Leadership badge and certificate which can be presented to them at school or at one of our New Recipients' celebrations at ACU (Banyo) on 21 Feb 2020 or USQ (Springfield) on 28 Feb.



*Tagai State College Secondary Campus  
2020 School and Vice Captains.*

## Current student opportunities

### InspireU Senior Engineering & Junior STEM Camps

**19 - 24 January 2020**

- ★ **Junior STEM:** Students entering Years 9 and 10 in 2020 who have an interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), take part in a range of activities designed to provide a practical insight into the STEM field and the many opportunities for study and careers in this industry. STEM touches every aspect of our lives from smartphones to the technologies that send us into outer space.

<https://atsis.uq.edu.au/future-students/inspireu-programs/inspireu-junior-stem>

- ★ **Senior Engineering:** Students entering Years 11 & 12 in 2020 who have an interest in an Engineering degree, take part in a range of activities designed to provide a practical insight into the different types of Engineering and the many opportunities for study and careers in this industry.

<https://atsis.uq.edu.au/future-students/inspireu-programs/inspireu-senior-engineering>

### The National Indigenous Business Summer School

The National Indigenous Business Summer School is an exciting program developed for Indigenous high school students entering Years 11 and 12 who are thinking about studying in the world of business, becoming an entrepreneur, owning a business or just curious about studying at the University.

<http://nibss.com.au/>

### 7News Young Achiever Awards

The 7News Young Achiever Awards recognises an outstanding young Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander leader. Please take the time to recognise a deadly young leader at:

<https://awardsaustralia.com/young-achiever-awards/qld>

### Young Athletes Travel Subsidy

The Young Athletes Travel Subsidy aims to foster the development of young athletes and support elite athlete pathways by providing financial assistance to help alleviate the costs associated with attending championship events 250km or more from home.  
<https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/athletes/emerging-athlete-pathways>

### Indigenous Youth Mobility Pathways Project (IYMP)

IYMP offers young Indigenous people from regional and remote communities the opportunity to move to a host location to participate in further education, training or Australian Apprenticeships.

<http://iymp.com.au/>

### BUSY At Work Apprenticeships, Traineeships and School-Based Traineeships

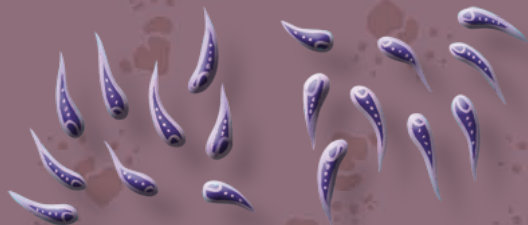
Not-for-profit association supporting job seekers:

<https://www.busyatwork.com.au/support-jobseekers/jobs/>

### Youth Employment Program (YEP)

The Youth Employment Program (YEP) is an employment support program for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are finishing high school and looking for work or considering further education.

<https://www.datsip.qld.gov.au/programs-initiatives/youth-employment-program>





# Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



*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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