



QATSIF Celebrates NAIDOC Week with Queensland Schools

Our QATSIF team had a huge NAIDOC celebration this year with events at Laidley SHS, Harristown SHS, Ignatius Park College and with our Townsville schools.

NAIDOC Week's powerful theme, "Because of her, we can" has featured strongly in our QATSIF office and communications since International Women's Day earlier this year.

Celebrating International Women's Day 2018
Because of her, we can.



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



Laidley State High School - Cluster School NAIDOC Celebration

Our NAIDOC celebrations kicked off with a wonderful QATSIF Cluster Schools' ceremony that is organised each year by Laidley State High School. QATSIF is very grateful to Karen Day (CEC), Michael Clarkson (Principal) and Laidley State High School for organising this event each year.

This year, over 60 students from 10 QATSIF schools gathered to hear Jemma Mi Mi (Queensland Firebirds) and Clay Waterman (Commonwealth Games Boxing Bronze Medallist) speak about their journeys. Both Jemma and Clay had been past QATSIF Scholarship recipients. They both shared the stories of their hard work, commitment and family support that had led them to become such

outstanding athletes and role models.

Both Jemma and Clay challenged the younger students present to make the most of their opportunities and to keep trying even when things became hard.

Jemma and Clay took the time following the ceremony to speak to, and have photos with many students and community members.

QATSIF's Board Chair, Emeritus Professor Cindy Shannon embodied the NAIDOC theme "Because of her, we can" in her speech. Not only did she stress the important role strong women play in our lives, but she did so while nursing her beautiful granddaughter.

The celebration also featured outstanding performances by Laidley State High School's talented Aboriginal Dance troupe and musical performers. Following the ceremony, Laidley State High School provided a beautiful lunch featuring amazing bush tucker treats from the *Platters on Willow* team from Redbank Plains State High School.



Townsville Cluster Schools gathering at JCU

Around 70 students from 14 schools gathered at James Cook University in Townsville to celebrate QATSIF's NAIDOC Week gathering which focused on NAIDOC's "Because of her, we can" theme.

Before the ceremony, each participant was asked to think about the inspirational women in their own lives and to write these women's names or a thought, prayer or thank you for these women on a paper flower. During the ceremony, each person brought forward the folded up flower and placed it in a water bowl. The folded flowers opened up to reveal their thankfulness for the special women in their lives.

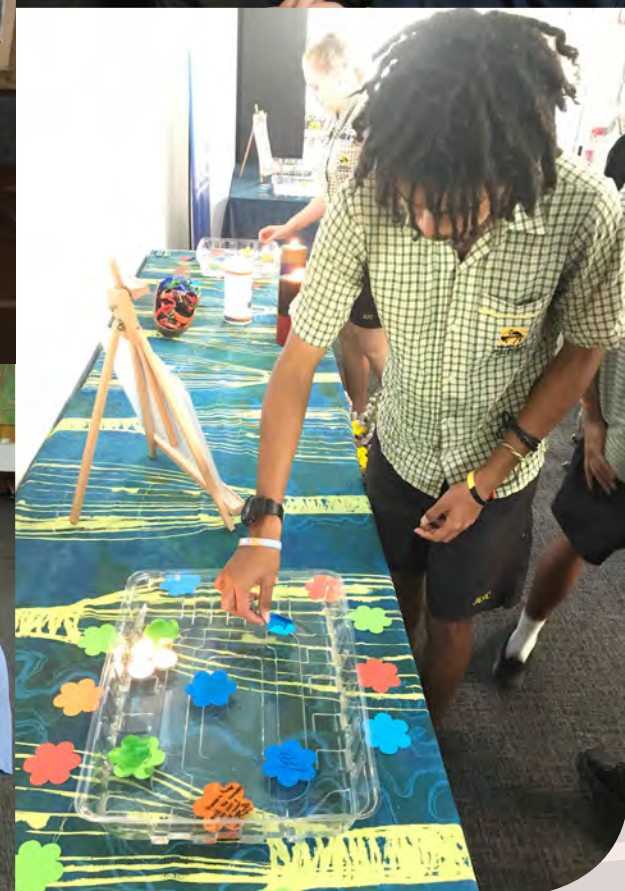
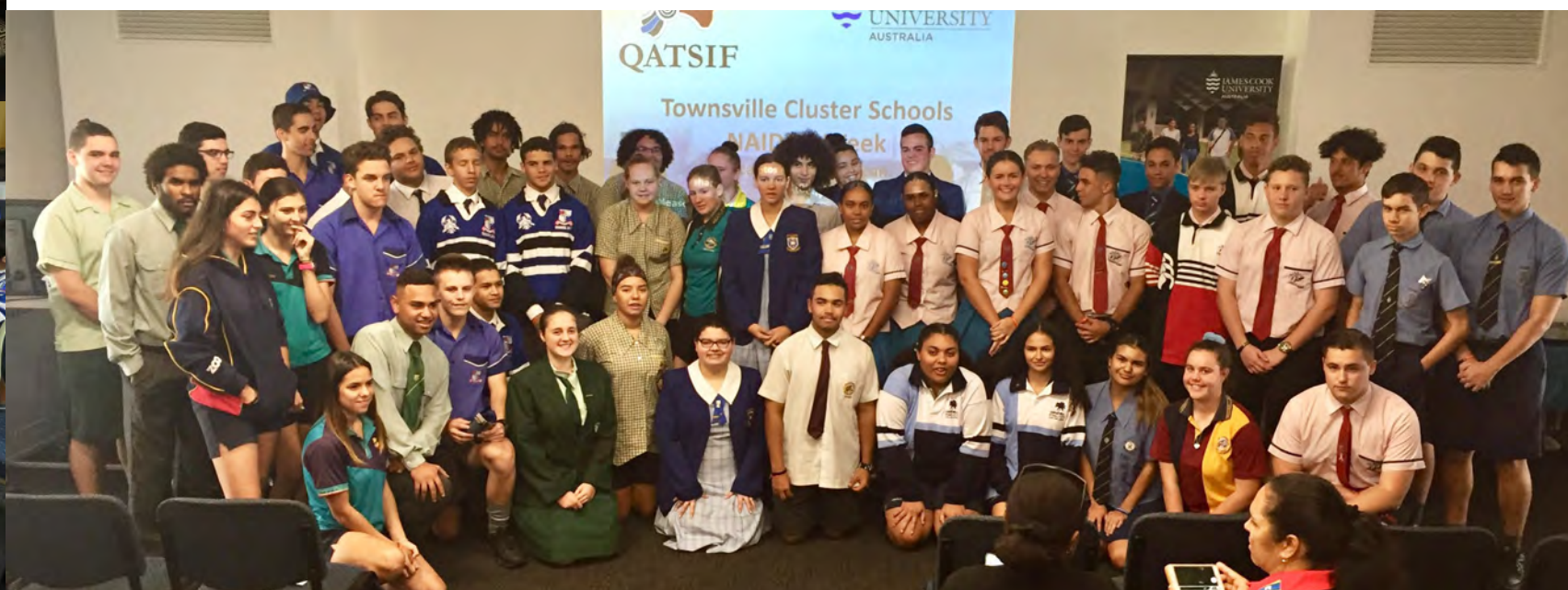
Zamayakhi Dunn (Annandale Christian College) and James Smallwood (Gilroy Santa Maria College) led our NAIDOC ceremony and were outstanding as our MCs.

Aunty Lyn Nuggin and her students from St Margaret Mary's College led our Elders' candle ceremony and Aboriginal Fire Blessing for all present.

We were also very grateful to the talented lads from Kirwan State High School who performed a number of traditional Aboriginal dances for our audience. The students from Ryan Catholic College helped to usher our Elders and Special Guests and students from St Margaret Mary's and Kirwan SHS led our powerful reflections.

A highlight of our celebrations were the powerful speeches by Professor Martin Nakata (JCU's Pro Vice Chancellor and Australia's first Torres Strait Islander PhD recipient), Anastasia Jensen (JCU Medical student) and Kellie McDonald (QATSIF Board Member). While each speech was different, they all challenged our students to face challenges head on; to have pride in themselves, their schools, communities and culture; and to make the most of their opportunities.

QATSIF is very grateful to Mikaela Smith, Professor Nakata and the JCU community for hosting our NAIDOC celebrations.



QATSIF Office News

QATSIF's 10th Anniversary Celebrations – 6-8pm, Monday, November 26

QATSIF will celebrate its 10th Anniversary with a celebration at Lourdes Hill College from 6 - 8pm on Monday, November 26.

Emeritus Professor Cindy Shannon, our QATSIF Board Chair, was part of the initial QATSIF Board, at its foundation by the Queensland government on Tuesday, November 25, 2008.

We are inviting our QATSIF schools to send couple of staff and student representatives to this function, although we understand that this may be difficult for many of our schools from both a timing and geographical perspective.

It should be a great night, with entertainment from Emily Wurramara (past QATSIF student - <https://www.emilywurramara.com.au>) and performances by dancers from ACPA and our schools.

QATSIF meetings with our political leaders

QATSIF, as a not-for-profit Foundation is non-partisan in our dealings with our state and national political leaders.

Our interest is in continuing to support our wonderful schools and talented young people and we are very keen to keep our politicians aware of the great work that we do.

We would encourage our schools and community members to let their MPs know about QATSIF's support for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and school communities.

This year, we have met and will meet with many politicians including:

- The Hon Deb Frecklington MP (State Opposition Leader) pictured
- The Hon Grace Grace MP (Minister for Education and Industrial Relations)



- The Hon Christian Rowan MP (Shadow Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities, Arts, Disabilities Services and Seniors)
- The Hon Simone Wilson MP (Shadow Minister for Education)
- The Hon Bert van Manen MP (Federal Member for Forde)
- The Hon Shayne Neumann MP (Shadow Minister for Immigration and Border Protection)

QATSIF Event Help

We are very grateful to all of the schools who have already offered to provide student helpers for our QATSIF graduations, there are a few roles yet to be filled at some of these events.

QATSIF is keen to showcase our talented young people, so we would be keen to hear from any schools with students willing to help out as:

- MCs
- Readers
- Ushers to help with special guests and Elders
- Past QATSIF student speakers to inspire the next generation of QATSIF Scholarship recipients.
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander dance troupes or musicians (eg. didge players or performers)

If schools would like to offer help for our graduation events, please email us at enquiries@qatsif.org.au.

School and Community Visits

Ignatius Park College – Journey 2 Jobs Launch

Thank you to Ignatius Park College for inviting us to join them for their Journey 2 Jobs launch as part of their NAIDOC celebrations. QATSIF Board Members, Mark Brand and Kellie McDonald joined Michael Nayler at the Journey 2 Jobs Launch after our Townsville NAIDOC Celebrations.

The Journey 2 Jobs program is providing a positive post-schooling transitioning program for Ignatius Park College's Indigenous students under the guidance of Ganbina, a Victorian Indigenous Youth organisation (<http://www.ganbina.com.au/>) in partnership with some philanthropic funders.

New laptop allowances bring smiles to students of Tagai State College

Earlier this year, QATSIF was pleased to announce new funding allowances for laptop purchases and hiring. Students in Round 9 can use up to a maximum of \$300 towards the purchase of an IT device to assist with their studies. This new allowance will be available to our new Round 10 students.

The current Round 9 students from Tagai State College sent a beautiful thank you letter to QATSIF.

Dear QATSIF,

On behalf of the staff and year 11 QATSIF students at Tagai State College Secondary Campus we would like to ESO you (thank you) for supporting our education by allowing us to purchase laptops with our scholarship funding. This is highly useful for us as we do not get much access to laptops after school. Having laptops means we can go home and work on our assessments in our own time instead of being restricted to only working in school hours. We really appreciate it and once again ESO you for the opportunity.

Regards,
Tagai State College Secondary Campus year 11 QATSIF students

Au Esoau, Koeyma Eso, Many Thanks

Harristown State High School NAIDOC Day

QATSIF was pleased to join other stall-holders at Harristown State High School's NAIDOC Day celebrations.

Students from across the Darling Downs, visited Harristown SHS for a day of sporting, health and cultural activities.

It was a great opportunity to catch up with many of our students and schools and to speak about QATSIF's great work with prospective students, schools and community members.

Thank you to Bonny Jones for organising this great event.

Thursday Island – Winds of Zenadth

Tiana Brockhurst and Mike Nayler had the great pleasure of visiting Thursday Island recently for the Winds of Zenadth festival and experiencing the Torres Strait's vibrant and colourful dances and cultures.

We are very grateful to Deb Lui and the staff of Tagai State College who allowed us to share space in their information stall throughout the festival. It was wonderful to meet with many of our amazing Tagai State College QATSIF students who passed on their gratitude to QATSIF for providing laptops to assist with their senior studies.

We also had the opportunity to spend a morning with the students of Sacred Heart School on Hammond Island to share songs and help out in classes. We would like to thank Majella Lynch-Harlow (Sacred Heart Principal), Judy Costigan and the Sacred Heart community for this amazing opportunity to connect with younger students.

We would also like to thank Anthony and the team at 4MW radio for allowing us to share our QATSIF story.

Photos of the amazing trip feature later in this edition.



If you would like more information and clarification on the new allowance to IT device purchases, please go to: <http://www.qatsif.org.au/qatsif-funding-restrictions/>

QATSIF Student News

Congratulations to **Meagen Beaumont**, a Round 8 QATSIF student from **Kirwan State High School** who won the 2018 Queensland Training Awards Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student of the Year Award. She was also selected as the "North Queensland School Based Apprentice of the Year" as well as the "Indigenous Vocational Student of the Year" at the Queensland Training Awards.



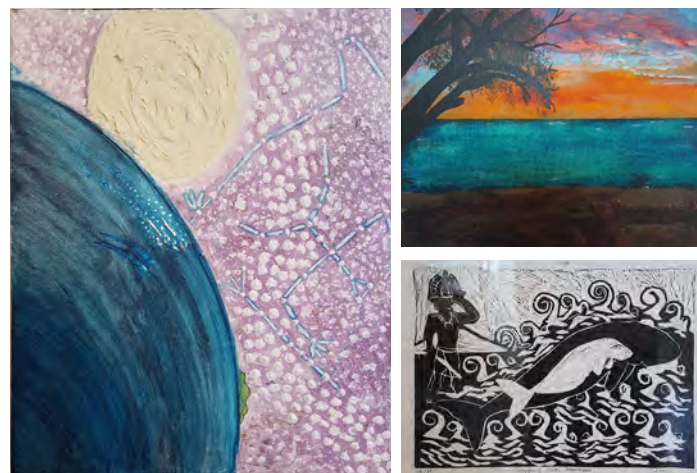
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QATSIF recipients, **Jessica Milward, Jasmine Gray, Mackenzie Docherty and Tomikah Wilkie** of **Harristown State High School** spoke at the 175th anniversary commemoration of the "Battle of One Tree Hill" held at Picnic Point Toowoomba. Over 200 community members attended to remember the battle and all showed support by wearing the symbolic flower of the Frontier Wars, the Sturt Desert Pea on their lapels.



At the 2018 Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award and Cultural Maintenance Exhibition, QATSIF recipients, **Harriet Sebasio and Leonie Mau from Tagai State College** had their art work displayed in the exhibitions gallery with **Sam Maka** receiving an award for his painting.



His piece is about the first Islander on the earth using Tagai and the constellations to guide them to find new islands. As the sailors sailed they spat wongai seeds out the sides of the boats to make new islands thus forming the Torres Strait.



Harriet Sebasio – Sunset, using acrylic paint on canvas.

Leonie Mau – Lino print on paper. Her artwork is about a proud young Torres Strait Islander looking back on his childhood. Growing up and stepping into manhood.

Round 10 QATSIF nominees also had their art work on display as well.

Always proud of her students, Deb Lui also wanted to share with us the experiences of being a student in the Torres Strait and introduced us to their Aquatic Practices class excursion.

"Many of our students are familiar with boating... rudder steer on a tinny, but not driving a big centre-console boat like the school's Kepi or Zaber. The students were excited but nervous and you could see it on their faces. Watching Leonie Mau confidently manoeuvre the big boat and giggle cause she had never attempted anything like it before and Harriet Sebasio (green shirt) and Jakara Assan (poking his head out of the window) all excited about being out on the boat and just doing exciting things."



"It was great to see our QATSIF girls having the confidence to drive a big centre-console boat and know that our students were out on the water learning and enjoying themselves."

"Yes, that is Tagai Secondary's BOAT!!"

Congratulations also to **Thomas Weatherall** (Round 7 2017 QATSIF graduate, 2017 Cultural Captain and Mob Captain at **Marymount College**) who made his TV acting debut in a short miniseries titled 'Deadlock'. It is based on a true story and follows the lives of five lead characters through the incredible highs, joy, heartbreak, camaraderie, laughs and bittersweet sorrow of what it is to be a teenager. Each



episode specifically follows one of the lead characters and shows their involvement and perspective. Thomas plays the lead character of Aero. We hope that you can tune in and watch Thomas on ABC iView. Congratulations Thomas, on this outstanding achievement!



Raylene Smith, Round 8 recipient from **Harristown State High School** is set to hit the catwalk of New York City this for New York Fashion week, Sep 6 to 14. Raylene is just beginning to emerge into the modelling world as she has done a few shoots and catwalk shows in Alice Springs with already famous Indigenous model Salma Bowie.

"I'm also extremely nervous as this will be the biggest modelling job I've ever had and I am still quite new to it all"

Congratulations Raylene, we wish you all the best for a bright future.



Congratulations to **Reuben Davis**, QATSIF student and one of the two school captains at **Tamborine Mountain State High School**, for his outstanding leadership during the recent Q&A High School special. Reuben was outstanding in his promotion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives. You can view this Q&A special on ABC iView.

STEM Horizons, a rewarding opportunity for Malanda State High School QATSIF recipient

STEM Horizons for High Achievers, holds the Science Live program, an intense science camp run by Griffith University for high achieving science and maths students in Grade 11. I was nominated to go from Malanda State High School.

It ran in the last week of Term 2 from the 24th June to the 27th June. I stayed at on-campus



accommodation at Griffith University's Nathan Campus.

Day One was spent travelling to Brisbane and then getting settled into accommodation and getting to know everyone.

On day Two, I attended GRIDD (Griffith Institute for Drug Discovery). Here we toured the labs, with their cutting-edge technology, while it was explained how their present focus was on new drug discoveries to help with Parkinson's disease and various cancers.

Day Three we visited the School of Pharmacy at Griffith's Gold Coast Campus. Here we were shown how drugs target certain proteins in our DNA and how there is now a big focus on finding new ways to deal with multiple antibiotic resistant infections. We were also shown and got to use new technologies such as the virtual reality goggles which showed the joints in the body, which

could be used to diagnose joint injuries. Day Four was travelling back home.

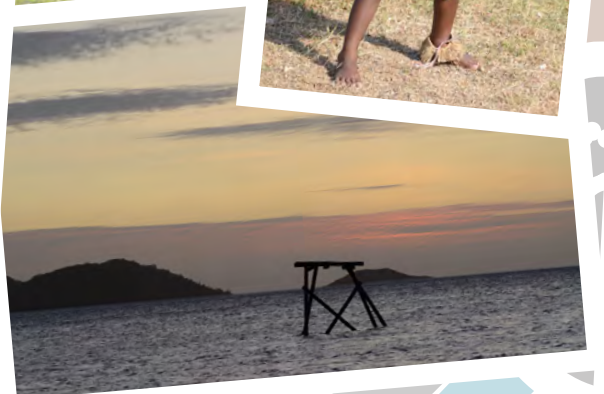
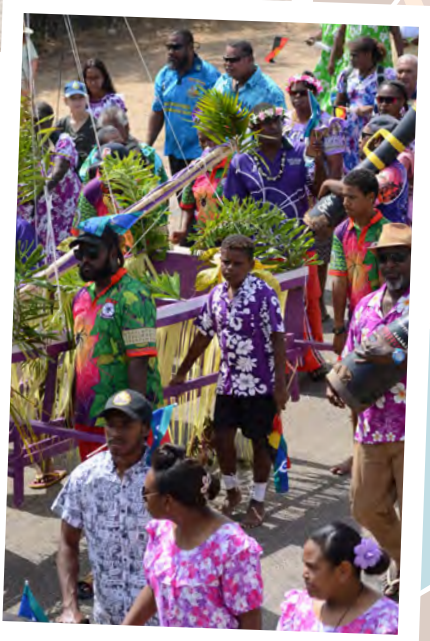
During my time at the camp I got to meet some terrific people, not only the staff and scientists that were involved during our stay, but all the other students who attended from throughout Qld. It gave me a chance to have a taste of what living on campus at a university might be like and gave us insights into what other professions were available to us by continuing on our STEM path. I particularly found interesting the work being done on finding ways to battle Multi – Resistant Antibiotic Infection strains as it is my intention to study Medicine. It was interesting to see things from a different perspective.

Attending a rural school often means that we don't get presented with the same opportunities that are

available to schools in the cities. I am very grateful to our local Lions Clubs and QATSIF who supported me, allowing me to have this opportunity.

Shahla-Rae Peachey,
Malanda State High School





QATSIF Creative Arts Competition Winners

This year, for the first time, QATSIF ran a Creative Arts Competition for all Year 7 - 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Queensland. We received a fantastic collection of artwork from traditional to modern paintings and drawings, music and dance. Our office can't wait for next year's entries.

Earnshaw State College sent us photographs of their winners being presented their awards by special guest Aunty Ruth Hegarty for:

Year 10 Category - 1st place: Kayleen Murray and



Year 12 Category - 3rd place: Nate Murray



Kingaroy State High School also sent us a photograph of their 'Best Dance Performance' entrants, the Kingaroy Sista Girls.



QATSIF Ambassador Profile - Janaya Watego

My name is Janaya Watego and I am a proud Munanjali, Kooma and South Sea woman born in Brisbane, raised in both Brisbane and Townsville. I am currently in my first year, studying at QUT as a Paramedic/Nursing student. University was always a dream of mine that I never thought I could achieve. After losing various family members and my own father during high school, I grieved hard, and lost myself which in turn caused me to drop out of school in year 11.



However, after 2 months I found myself wanting to enter back into the schooling environment and I did so, but in a new city and with the hope of a fresh start. This is where I became a QATSIF recipient and 2017 Community Captain at Sunnybank State High School. High school wasn't the easiest journey for an independent 16-year-old moving away from her mum, but with the QATSIF scholarship in place I was able to finish year 12 and graduate with a QCE.

After school, I found myself lost again as I had no passion. With no OP, in my eyes the dream of university was so far out of the picture for someone like me. However, in January 2018, I decided to give it another

look and I found myself drawn to a Paramedic/Nursing degree at QUT. With the help of the Oodgeroo unit I was able to secure a place at university. I decided that no matter what, no matter how hard, I will always chase my dreams.

My advice to anyone struggling or going through hardship is to keep striving and never let your struggles define you or your story. Everyone is strong, and everyone has the ability to achieve. It's about passion and how hard you're willing to work for the end goal. I am extremely excited for the next chapter in my life and to see where my journey will take me. I also can't wait to finish my degree, where I hope to use my skills and work to give back to my community and assist them with their health.

Over the last few months QATSIF has been in contact with various universities across Queensland and posters have been placed around their campuses in search of past QATSIF recipients who would like to be ambassadors for our foundation.

If you know of any past students who may want to be a QATSIF Ambassador, please ask them to contact the QATSIF office, our recipients would love to hear their great stories of encouragement and inspiration.



Last call for QATSIF students with Leadership Roles in 2018

QATSIF is still seeking schools to contact us about their recipients with Leadership roles at their school. Leadership roles can include School Captains and Vice Captains, Indigenous/Cultural Student Leaders and Mentors, Sport Captains and House Captains, Prefects and Ambassadors. Each student will receive a QATSIF Leadership badge that they can wear with pride so please let us know about your leaders today.



From our 1035 QATSIF Year 12s, so far we have: **12 School Captains, 6 Vice Captains and 79 Student Leaders.**

To add to this amazing total, we would like to congratulate:

St Brendan's College

- Caleb Young – Year 12 Prefect
- Sam Conway – Year 12 Prefect

Youth Support Coordinator, Kelly Little of **Moranbah State High School** sent us a photo of their QATSIF leadership students taken at their Reconciliation & Sorry Day Parade. The school took this opportunity to present Litia Pitt – School Vice-Captain, Alkira Sorbello - Indigenous Ambassador & Reggie Little - School Captain with their QATSIF Leadership badges.



Harristown State High School also sent us a photo of their schools Indigenous Leadership Team. Made up of their 2 leaders, **Jessica Milward and Kiara Woodbridge** and 3 Leadership Team Members, **Jasmine Gray, Richard Hyden and Raylene Smith.**

Round 9 Certificate Presentations

Scholarship acknowledgement for each student is an important requirement of the QATSIF QCE Scholarship. So far this year we have enjoyed receiving photos and reading emails from many schools who have fulfilled the first statement listed on our schools' claim form, *'The school has publicly acknowledged QATSIF scholarships and honoured the students who are recipients.'*

To make this acknowledgement easier to do, QATSIF sent all schools with students in Round 9 a PDF version of their certificate. If you are not able to locate these in your inbox or need a new certificate for a new recipient please email our office.

In this term's edition we would like to share with you a few more schools that have emailed us photos of their new recipients.



Denesha Bobongie from **Carlisle Adventist Christian College** and Ebony Owen from **Rosedale State School** were presented with their new recipient certificates.

Harristown State High School presented their new recipients' certificates in term 1.



"It's a very bold statement but it's something I set my eyes on since I was 14-years-old," she said.

Past Student News: Justice King - Going for Australia's Top Job

When Round 5 recipient Justice King made her speech about the development of Mental Health Strategies for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people at the Brisbane Graduation in 2015, little did we know that since she was 14, she had her sights set for Australia's top job.

Three years later and with the help of the Indigenous Australian Government Development Program (IAGDP), she has made the huge move from her home town of Mt Isa to Canberra to start working as a Public Servant in the department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

"The program encourages Indigenous people to secure employment into areas of Government by working in the Public Service."

"My job entails being the middle person between Local and State Government as well as legislation development."

"At the end of my course, I will receive a Diploma of Governance."

"Firstly, my goal is to gain more experience by continuing to work at the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, then get into local governance where I can gain even more experience."

"Ultimately my biggest goal is to become Prime Minister."

QATSIF Young Achievers - Samantha Young



My name is Samantha Watson. I was born and raised in the beautiful country that is the South Burnett. I am a proud Wakka Wakka lady, with connections to Kullili, Birri Gubba, Koa and Gunggari peoples.

I received a QATSIF scholarship in 2011 while in Grade 11 at Saint Mary's Catholic College in Kingaroy. Being a recipient of a QATSIF scholarship ensured

that I was able to stay at Saint Mary's and complete my secondary schooling. It was also a great opportunity for me to meet some really inspirational people. Around this time in my life, I decided I wanted to pursue a career that I was passionate about. Becoming a nurse was a natural decision. To this day, I am thankful for the support of many people at Saint Mary's and within the community.

In 2013, I completed Grade 12 at Saint Mary's and was honoured to be named as College Captain. At the end of 2017, I completed my dual degree in Bachelor of Nursing and Paramedicine at the Australian Catholic University, in Brisbane. My decision to go to university was easy, however the journey was tumultuous. I had to move away from my family, my friends and my community. There were times throughout my 4 years at University where I was so homesick I could have thrown in the towel, packed my bags and moved home. Somehow I stayed, and in those 4 years I learnt just how lucky I am to have such supportive family and friends. I'm currently a Nurse in Far North Queensland and loving every bit of it.

To any current and future QATSIF recipients, or any young people thinking about their future, I have a few words of wisdom that I'd like to pass on. Number one, **you are good enough**. Sometime you'll feel like you can't do it, you can't finish it, you can't be it. The truth is **if you are willing to work hard, you can definitely do it**. Number two, **surround yourself with positive people**. It's amazing how much other people are willing to help you achieve your goals. Number three, **mistakes are not failures, often mistakes are the best opportunity to learn**. This is something that I am still working on in my own life, but I can certainly promise that making mistakes has made me a better Nurse. Most importantly, tip number four is **have fun, and enjoy the journey!** Meeting new people, learning their stories and taking in their knowledge will make you a better person. I'm lucky enough to meet new people every day and it's the favourite part of my job.

I'd like to once again say a massive thank you to everyone who has aided in my journey of learning. I know my education is nowhere near complete and hope to

be able to show other Indigenous young people that anything is achievable.

I look forward to hearing other QATSIF stories in the future!

Thank you, Samantha

- Wayne Cawthorne

First Aboriginal School Captain of Townsville State High School.



Firstly, I am a proud descendent of the Waggamayi peoples of Stone River near Ingham, and the Jdiddabul peoples of the Tablelands Region of Far North Queensland.

My greatest achievements in high school were definitely being award a Peter Doherty Awards for Excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education, becoming the first Aboriginal school captain of my high school and also being awarded a Silver Creativity in Research, Engineering, Science and Technology (CREST) Award from CSIRO.

I had to overcome many challenges in high school. Quite possibly the biggest challenge was my own motivation and at times it was very easy to give up instead of pushing through. Overcoming this was very difficult and required the constant support from my network of family and friends to pick me up and help me through tough times.

The advice I'd give to younger students would be to understand the part high school - especially the final two years - plays in the big picture of your life. **Education is the key for our mob to achieve our dreams, so being committed and persisting in your studies will set yourself up for wherever you want to end up**, whether it's at university or elsewhere. I'd also highly recommend others to **take every opportunity that comes your way** - there were so many opportunities I was given in high school that I was too lazy to participate in and I will never know what new experiences I could have learnt from them.

Receiving a QATSIF scholarship relieved some of the financial burdens that I faced during high school. The scholarship primarily went towards paying outstanding school fees, but having that issue taken off my shoulders definitely made senior high schooling more comfortable.

In the future I hope to finish my undergraduate degree, then complete an honours then achieve a PhD. From this, I hope to then gain employment in medical research and discover something that helps our mob and the rest of Australia in one way or another. I am very passionate about science and helping others, and I know medical research is the way I can fulfil my own personal goal of helping our mob in ways they cannot help themselves.

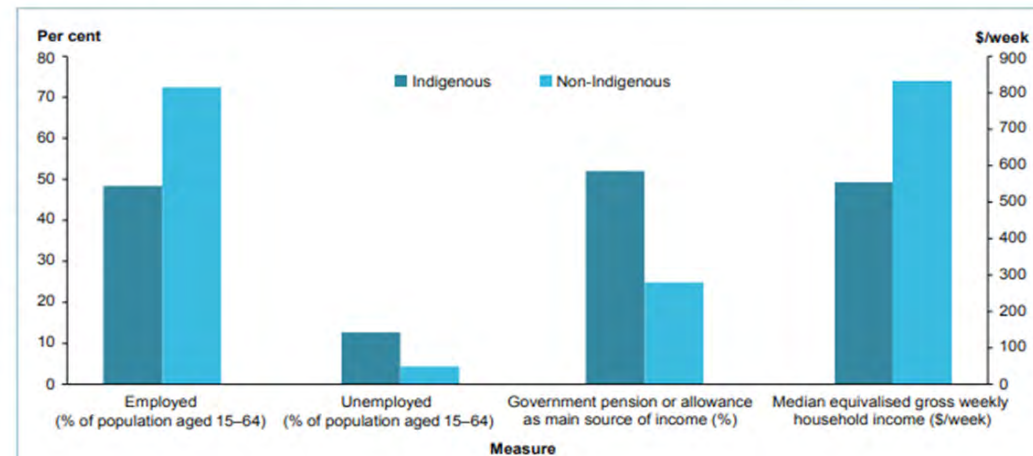
Essential Reading Snapshot (Part 2):

This is the second part of the data from *Australia's Welfare 2017 – In Brief*. Chapter 7 - Indigenous Australians pp. 32 – 39. Australian Government – Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. <https://www.aihw.gov.au/getmedia/5c7b48ba-f5a2-46a6-96bd-2bbae02a5139/AIHW-AUS215-AW17-inbrief.pdf.aspx?inline=true>

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Employment and unemployment rates (people aged 15–64), proportion of people with a government pension or allowance as their main source of income (aged 15 and over) and median equivalised gross weekly household income (\$ per week), by Indigenous status, 2014–15

- Compared with other households, Indigenous households are:
 - half as likely to own their own home
 - more than twice as likely to rent (public or private)
 - more than 3 times as likely to live in overcrowded dwellings
 - more than 7 times as likely to live in social housing.

There was little change in the proportion of Indigenous households that owned their home between 2008 and 2014–15.

- Indigenous people are over-represented in homelessness services. In 2015–16, they made up 24% of clients accessing these services, a rate more than 9 times that for non-Indigenous Australians.

- Indigenous people living in remote/very remote areas faring relatively worse than those living in non-remote areas on several measures:
 - 2.7 times as likely to live in overcrowded dwellings
 - 2.5 times as likely to live in social housing
 - 1.9 times as likely to live in a house that does not meet acceptable standards
 - half as likely to own their own home
- Compared with Indigenous people/households in major cities, Indigenous people/households in very remote areas earn \$271 less a week, are 1.4 times as likely to be unemployed, are 1.5 times as likely to receive a government pension or allowance as their main source of income, and are far less likely to be working full or part time.

- While Indigenous people living in remote and very remote areas experience disparity across several areas compared with Indigenous people living in non-remote areas, they are more likely to report higher rates of community functioning and culture, which support wellbeing and build resilience.

Compared with Indigenous people living in non-remote areas, Indigenous people aged 15 and over in remote and very remote areas are:

- more likely to speak an Australian Indigenous language (55% compared with 8%)
- more likely to identify with a clan, or a tribal or language group (79% compared with 58%)
- more likely to have been involved in Indigenous cultural events, ceremonies or organisations in the last 12 months (82% compared with 57%)
- less likely to have used other drugs (drugs other than alcohol and tobacco) in the last 12 months (21% compared with 33%)
- less likely to have experienced homelessness (18% compared with 32%).

Dandiiri - Schools & Community Library

TEACHERS!

The Dandiiri Schools & Community Library Can help you with...

Implementing Indigenous content from the Australian Curriculum.

Embedding Indigenous Perspectives through the Cross Curriculum Priorities.

Creating culturally safe and inclusive learning spaces.

- We have available for loan: texts, artefacts, DVDs, kits, posters, traditional games, puppets and puzzles
- We have friendly, knowledgeable and experienced staff ready to offer assistance and advice

For more information please contact:
Vanessa Kerley and Bronwyn Cressbrook

Phone: 07 3714 8500
Email: atsi.library@qed.qld.gov.au
Website: www.indigenous.education.qld.gov.au
Address: 47 Kittyhawk Avenue Inala Brisbane 4077



Opportunities for our QATSIF students and schools

Young Athletes Travel Subsidy: provides financial assistance to help alleviate the costs associated with attending specific state, national and international events. <https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/athletes/yats>

CSIRO Indigenous STEM awards (closing soon): recognise the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, schools and scientists who are studying and working in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) field, as well as the integral role schools, teachers and mentors have in supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in pursuing STEM education and careers. The awards also recognises the immense value of connecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students with inspirational STEM role models, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous. <https://www.csiro.au/en/Education/Programs/Indigenous-STEM/AWARDS>

Commonwealth Bank Teaching Awards: these Awards aim to showcase Australia’s great teachers, celebrate their achievements and show appreciation for the important work they do - <https://www.teachingawards.com.au/>

Opportunities for Indigenous Secondary students: QATSIF is building up a list of opportunities for secondary students at: <https://www.qatsif.org.au/opportunities-for-queensland-aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-students/>. Please email us at enquiries@qatsif.org.au with any major opportunities that we have missed.

Space 2.0: For any QATSIF students or schools who weren’t able to attend the Space 2.0 day, but are interested in the many new careers within space industries. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kH4mSDWxgUw&feature=youtu.be>

Queensland Youth Engagement Panel (QYEP): Nominations are now open for 16 - 25 yo Queenslanders to join Queensland Youth Engagement Panel (QYEP) which will provide young Queenslanders with opportunities to influence and inform decisions that affect their lives. QYEP is looking for young Queenslanders who are passionate about having their say and about representing young people across the state. <https://www.qld.gov.au/youth/be-involved-have-your-say/youth-engagement-panel>

Free training for Year 12 graduates: To support Year 12 graduates into work, the Queensland Government offers free training in high priority areas. School leavers can

kick-start their careers by learning skills employers want, without the financial burden of student contribution fees. Eligible Year 12 graduates must enrol and start training in a high priority qualification within the calendar year after leaving school to take advantage of this great opportunity. <https://training.qld.gov.au/training/incentives/year12-fee-free>

University Scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students

At the moment, most of our Queensland Universities have scholarship programs open or about to be opened to attract and support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students into tertiary studies. Please check out the following sites to see what is available for your students:

- ACU Indigenous Scholarships**
http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/fees_and_scholarships/scholarships_and_financial_support/scholarships_browser/Indigenous_commonwealth_education_costs_scholarship
- Aurora – Indigenous Scholarships Portal** (search all scholarships)
<https://indigenousscholarships.com.au/#/nav/landing-page>
- Bond University Indigenous Medical Scholarships**
<https://bond.edu.au/scholarship/bond-university-indigenous-medical-scholarship>
- Bond University Indigenous Scholarships**
<https://bond.edu.au/scholarship/bond-university-indigenous-scholarships>
- Central Queensland University Scholarships**
<https://www.cqu.edu.au/courses/scholarships>
- Griffith University Scholarships**
<https://www.griffith.edu.au/scholarships>
- JCU Indigenous Scholarships**
<https://www.jcu.edu.au/scholarships-@-jcu/search/commonwealth-scholarships-for-indigenous-students>

For all of the latest information on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander:

- career opportunities
- tertiary study opportunities and scholarships
- competitions
- community events

please encourage your staff, students, parents, carers and community to follow our QATSIF Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages.



- QUT Indigenous Scholarships**
<https://www.qut.edu.au/study/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships/indigenous-commonwealth-scholarships>
- University of Southern Queensland Scholarships**
<https://www.usq.edu.au/scholarships>
- UQ Indigenous Scholarships**
<https://scholarships.uq.edu.au/scholarship/uq-indigenous-commonwealth-scholarships-uq-ics>

- USC Indigenous Scholarships**
<https://www.usc.edu.au/learn/what-will-i-pay/scholarships/scholarships-for-indigenous-and-australian-south-sea-islander-students>

Deadly Choices Touch Football Carnival (Nov 24): mixed teams compete in three divisions: Under 15s, Under 18s, Open – for those who are 16 or older. <https://deadlychoices.com.au/event/touch-football-carnival/>



Support Programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students

Free Online Tutoring & Homework Assistance

Earlier this year, QATSIF shared an opportunity for all Year 7 – 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to receive some free online homework and tutoring assistance. We would be keen to hear any feedback from schools or students who have used this system.

Studiosity (formerly YourTutor) has offered **free online homework and tutoring assistance for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students across Years 7-12, TAFE and Uni**. Their ad (below) is from the Koori Mail’s Apr 4 edition.

The Studiosity tutoring sign on page is at <https://astar.tv/studiosity/>. Queensland students will need to select “Other” as their school name and then type in your school’s name and suburb.

We are hoping that this free service has been able to assist students with their studies.



QATSIF Graduations

October 17 th 2018	QATSIF Brisbane Southside Schools’ Graduation at UQ - St Lucia (Brisbane)
October 19 th 2018	QATSIF Cairns Schools’ Graduation at JCU Cairns
October 23 rd 2018	QATSIF Rockhampton Schools’ Graduation at CQU Rockhampton
October 24 th 2018	QATSIF Gold Coast Schools’ Graduation at Bond Uni. Gold Coast
October 26 th 2018	QATSIF Sunshine Coast Schools’ Graduation at USC Sippy Downs
October 29 th 2018	QATSIF Mackay Schools’ Graduation at CQU Mackay
October 30 th 2018	QATSIF Brisbane Northside Schools’ Graduation at QUT - Gardens Point (Brisbane)

QATSIF Young Indigenous Leader Awards

Who's your school's nominee?

Entries for 2018
now closed.

Winners will be
announced
next term.



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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