



## 2025 NAIDOC

Community Celebration

#### **Acknowledgment of Country**

We give thanks and respectfully acknowledge the Wulgurukaba people, the Traditional Custodians of this beautiful country whose land our College shares. We recognise their ongoing deep spiritual connection to this Country, and the care they gave for thousands of years. We also acknowledge the Bindal people as the neighbouring Custodians of their Country. We pay our respects to the Elders, past, present and emerging and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.





From the Indigenous Community Engagement Officer

#### Tallisha Harden

Welcome everyone — students, families, staff, and community — to the 2025 St Patrick's College Townsville NAIDOC Celebration! Today is a time to come together, share stories, and celebrate the strength and beauty of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. NAIDOC is about connection: to culture, to Country, and to each other. We hope you enjoy the music,

dance, art, and delicious food that makes this day so special. A big thank you to all St Patrick's College Townsville families, students, and guests for your contributions to making our 2025 NAIDOC Celebration possible. Let's celebrate together and make today unforgettable!





From the College Principal

#### Kath Little

Events such as NAIDOC week remind us of the importance of the rich cultural history of First Nations people in Australia. As a historian myself, I never cease to be amazed that I come from a country which is home to the oldest known living culture of peoples, anywhere in the world. There is much 'ancient wisdom' that we can learn from our First Nations' communities, whether it be in relation to our environment, or in the importance of honouring our traditions.



At St Patrick's College Townsville, we have been on a journey that takes us beyond mere inclusion, and looks to build understanding, connectedness, and meaningful action. 2025, for example, marks the approval of our College's Reconciliation Action Plan, ready for launching in 2026. Amongst other things, this plan advocates action in key areas, including:

- Engaging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in learning activities
- Celebration of cultural identity and cultural responsiveness
- Forming meaningful and ongoing relationships with local elders and Traditional Owners
- Teaching about Reconciliation, days of national significance to First Nations peoples, and First Nations perspectives on current affairs and issues
- Visibly demonstrating respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures including Acknowledgment of Country and ensuring place and space for culturally appropriate art, artefacts, symbols and flags
- Taking action against racism, raising consciousness in relation to its manifestations and impacts





#### From the College Principal

#### Kath Little

As part of our commitment to working in relationship with First Nations peoples, our staff have undertaken professional development in areas relating to cultural competency and literacy benchmarking. Across subject areas, we are also working to ensure meaningful links to First Nations experiences, from the Frontier Wars, to the Stolen Generations, to Indigenous spirituality, to appreciation of native ingredients in our Food Technology programs. We are also in the process of strengthening our academic tracking, mentoring and support programs, with the aim of ensuring attainment of academic outcomes for all, such that closing the gap is not just a slogan, but a reality.

We welcome NAIDOC week, not just in what it offers us by way of celebration of culture, but what it offers us by way of connection with the personal stories of our broad St Patrick's College Townsville family. These stories advance learning, understanding, and yes, hopefully, positive, meaningful change, now, for the next generation, and all of our descendants into the future.





#### HOUSEKEEPING

In the event of an emergency, please follow directions of St Patrick's College Townsville staff.

This is a non-smoking and non-drinking event.

First-Aid is located on site.

Please use the QR Code to sign in/out as you enter/exit the College grounds.

Please remain within the designated event area at all times. Access to restricted zones or off-limit areas is not permitted for safety and security reasons.











#### **PROGRAM**

#### **Tuesday 16 August**

2.30pm Pick-up from accommodation

3.15pm Kitchen OH&S Induction

3.30pm Academic Meet & Greet

4.30pm Transport back to accommodation\*

5.00pm Decoration making & set-up

6.00pm Dinner at Café by the Sea

6.30pm Decoration making & set-up

7.00pm Costume making

**8.00pm** Transport remaining families back to

accommodation

\*for families not staying for decoration making





#### **Wednesday 17 August**

7.00am Dance Group pick-up from accommodation

7.30am Pick-up from accommodation

8.00am Kitchen Open

8.45am Smoking Ceremony

9.00am NAIDOC Assembly

Guest Speaker: Tammy Armit-Sam

10.45am Transport back to accommodation\*

12.45pm Lunchtime activities

1.25pm Workshop activities begin

**4.00pm** Pick-up from accommodation

4.30pm NAIDOC Celebration commences

Introduction and Welcome

Market Stalls open

Art Gallery (B03) open

**5.15pm** Sung Prayer - AUD

**5.15pm** Dinner

**5.30pm** Chris Tamwoy performance

**6.30pm** Torres Strait Islander Dance Group

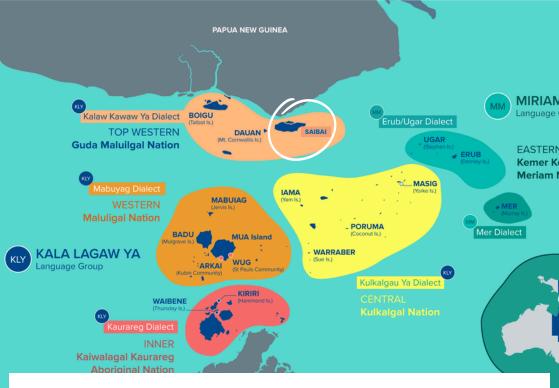
7.15pm Aboriginal Dance Group

8.05pm Celebration Concludes

Transport back to accommodation







#### Dance performances shared from Borroloola, Doomadgee and Saibai families.

Permission for dances from Saibai and Boroloola families to be performed on Wulgurukaba Country has been given to St Patrick's College Townsville, with respect and acknowledgement to the families who have shared them.

-Ash, on behalf of Wulgurukaba.

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#### **2025 Market Stall Holders**



















#### BROSISCUS

#### Deadly Choices









**Ariana Lewis** 

**Kelsey Corbett** 

#### **Workshop Presenters**

Glen Thomas

Kerry Lui



**Mary Horope** 





#### **Guest Performance**

**Chris Tamwoy** 



### Guest Speaker Tammy Armit-Sam





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#### **With Thanks**

to Saibai and Borroloola/Doomadgee dance teachers for their contributions to our 2025 NAIDOC Celebration.









## 2025 NAIDOC SHIRTS

SHORT & LONG SLEEVE AVAILABLE SIZES XS - 6XL

\$35.00 EACH \$30.00 for SPCT STUDENTS

Cash & Card available

2025 shirt design created by students Jazmin Kiwat (Yr9) and Maria Gorogo (Yr8).

EGACY





#### **SPECIAL THANKS**

to our College families for their cultural guidance, knowledge, and contribution to our 2025 NAIDOC celebrations.







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