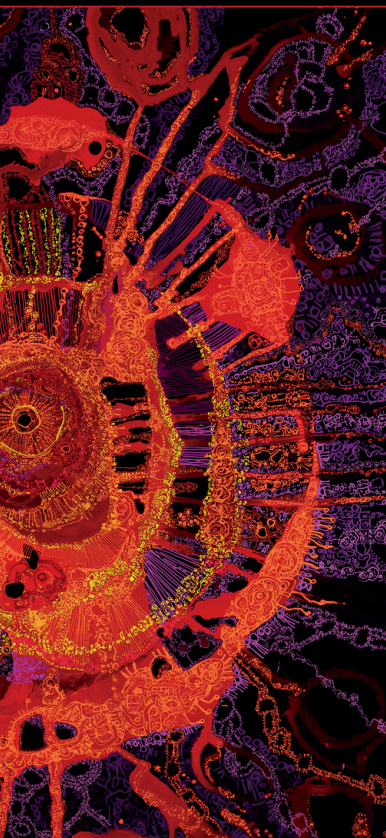




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2026

NAIDOC

Community Celebration



NAIDOC
WEEK
50 YEARS
DEADLY
5-12 JULY 2026

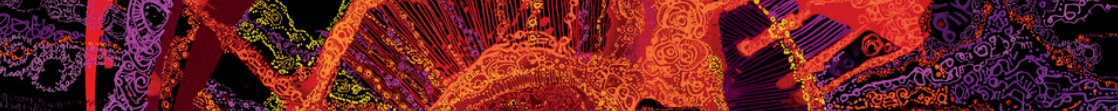


We give thanks and respectfully acknowledge the Wulgurukaba people, the Traditional Custodians of this beautiful country whose land
We also acknowledge the Bindal people as the neighbouring Custodians of their Country. We pay our respects to the Elders, past and



our College shares. We recognise their ongoing deep spiritual connection to this Country, and the care they gave for thousands of years. present, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.

Artwork by Chern'ee Sutton, collaborated with students and staff of St Patrick's College Townsville 2024.



From the Indigenous Community Engagement Officer

Tallisha Harden

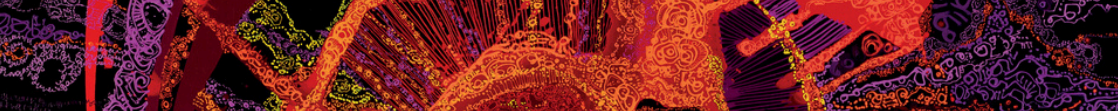
Welcome everyone to the 2026 NAIDOC Celebrations at St Patrick's College Townsville. As the Indigenous Community Engagement Officer, I am incredibly proud to see First Nations students at St Patrick's College thrive across academics, the arts, sport and most importantly, through their culture, identity and connection to community. As we celebrate 50 years of NAIDOC, I reflect on growing up as a young kid in Logan and looking up to role models like Cathy Freeman, who proudly represented her culture and showed young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people what was possible. Today, it is wonderful to see students creating their own pathways, embracing who they are and becoming strong, proud and deadly leaders of the future. I hope today is a celebration of culture, community, achievement and the strength of the generations who have come before us.



On behalf of St Patrick's College Townsville, thank you to everyone who helped contribute to the event today!



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From the College Principal

Kath Little

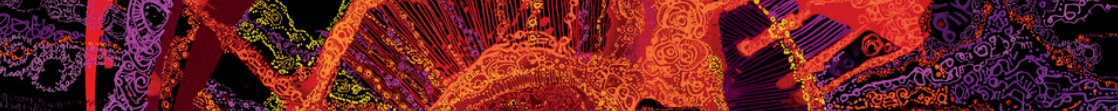
In 2026, NAIDOC Week invites us to mark a powerful milestone: 50 Years of Deadly. This theme is both a celebration and a call to continued responsibility. It honours five decades of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leadership, advocacy, culture, creativity and courage – five



decades in which First Nations peoples have continued to shape Australia's conscience, challenge its history, strengthen its communities and lead its future.

Over the past 50 years, we have witnessed significant advancements: the growth of First Nations-led organisations and community-controlled services; landmark progress in land rights and native title; the growing presence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices in education, law, politics, sport, business, media and the arts; and a stronger national commitment to truth-telling, reconciliation and the recognition of the world's oldest continuing living cultures. These achievements have not happened by chance. They have been made possible through the determination of Elders, activists, artists, educators, families and communities who refused to be silenced and who continued to lead with strength, wisdom and pride.





From the College Principal

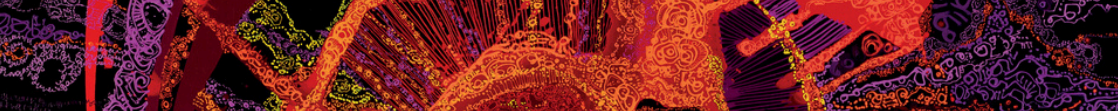
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As a historian, I am continually humbled by the privilege of living in a country that is home to cultures stretching back more than 65,000 years. There is deep wisdom to be gained from First Nations peoples' enduring connection to Country, their sophisticated knowledge systems, their stewardship of land and waters, and their commitment to preserving language, story, identity and belonging. NAIDOC Week reminds us that this wisdom is not confined to the past; it continues to guide, teach and challenge us today.

At St Patrick's College Townsville, our commitment must therefore move beyond acknowledgement alone. We seek to build genuine understanding, authentic connection and purposeful action. Our staff continue to strengthen their cultural competency and literacy, while our curriculum increasingly embeds meaningful First Nations perspectives across learning areas. Whether students are exploring the Frontier Wars and the Stolen Generations, learning about Indigenous spirituality, engaging with First Nations knowledge in science and the environment, or appreciating native ingredients in Food Technology, they are invited to deepen their understanding of Australia's shared history and contemporary cultural landscape.



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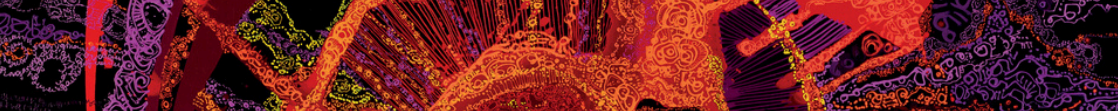
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This work is also evident in the way we support our students. Through academic mentoring, careful tracking, culturally responsive wellbeing support and high expectations for every learner, we aim to ensure that each young person is seen, known and empowered to flourish. In doing so, we contribute in practical and hopeful ways to closing educational gaps, strengthening opportunity and nurturing the next generation of First Nations leaders.

As we celebrate 50 Years of Deadly, may we honour those who have carried the NAIDOC movement forward, recognise the achievements and leadership of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today, and commit ourselves to a future shaped by respect, justice, truth and hope. May our St Patrick's community continue to listen deeply, learn humbly and walk together in a spirit of reconciliation.



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HOUSEKEEPING

In an emergency or evacuation, please follow the directions of St Patrick's College Townsville staff and proceed to the designated assembly area.

First aid is available on site. Please notify a College staff member if assistance is required.

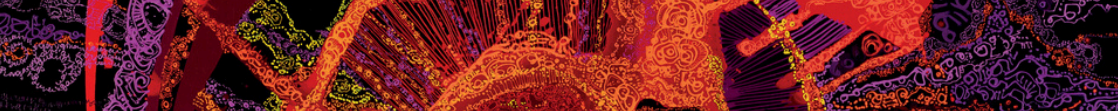
This is an alcohol-free, smoke-free and vape-free event.

All visitors must sign in and out using the provided QR code. Please see a College staff member if you require assistance signing in.

Please remain within designated event areas. Restricted and staff-only areas must not be entered.

Please report any hazards, incidents or safety concerns to a College staff member.





Sign-In

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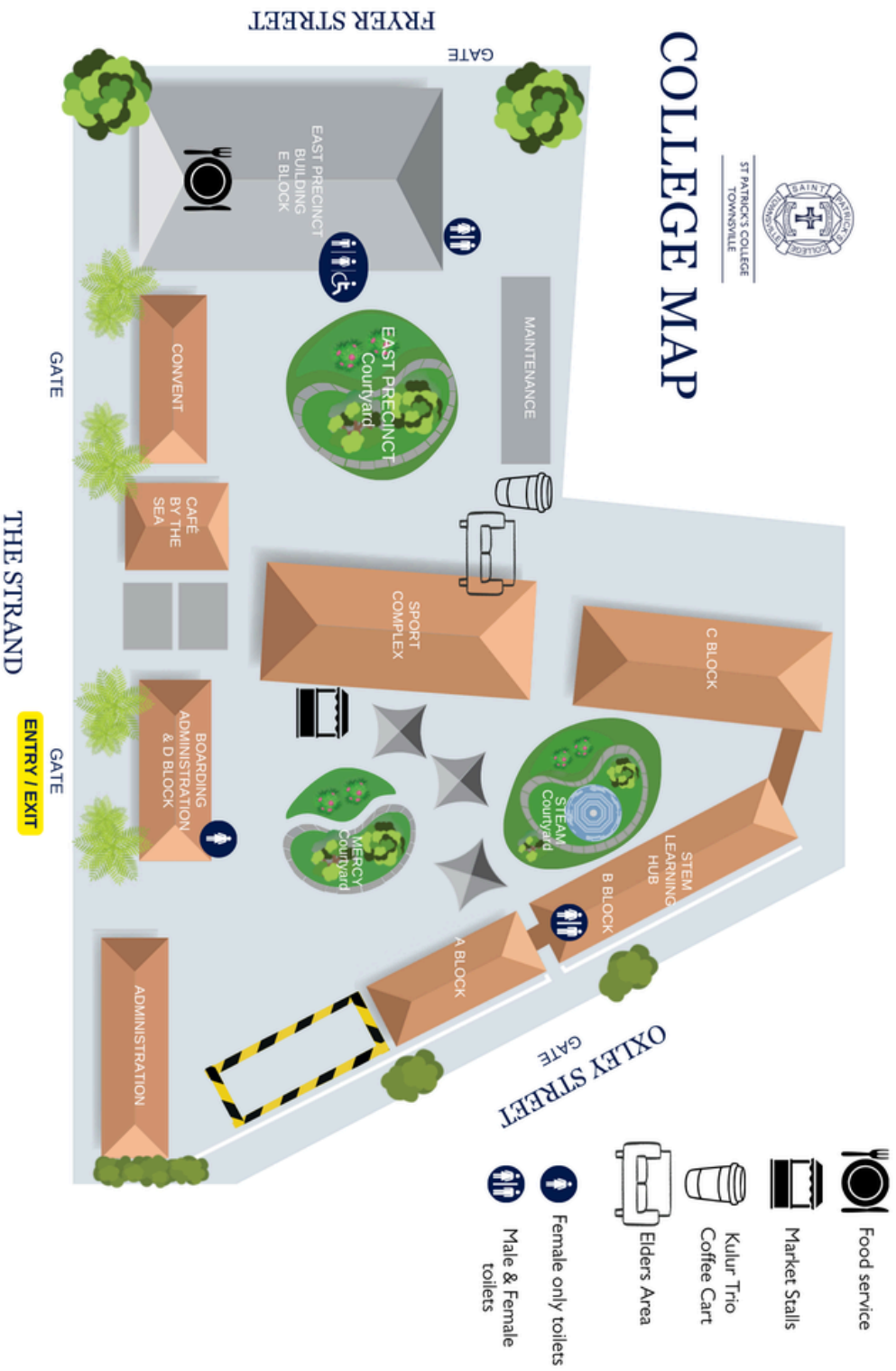


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COLLEGE MAP



Food service



Market Stalls



Kullur Trio
Coffee Cart



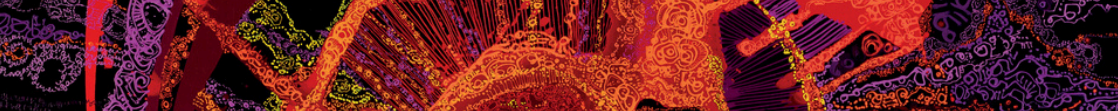
Elders Area



Female only toilets



Male & Female
toilets



PROGRAM

Monday 14 August

Travel Day for families.

3.45pm – 5.30pm Aboriginal Dance Troupe practice

8.00pm Return students from accommodation back to the College

Tuesday 15 August

7.00am – 9.00am Breakfast – Pandora Room (Grand Chancellor Guests). *College Staff in attendance.*

3.00pm Pick-up from accommodation

3.30pm Academic Meet & Greet
Kitchen WHS Induction

3.45pm – 5.30pm Aboriginal Dance Troupe practice

4.30pm Transport back to accommodation (*for families not staying for decoration making and/or dancing*)

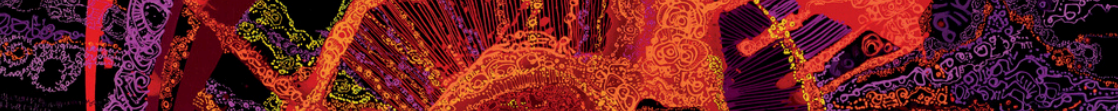
6.00pm Dinner at Cafe by the Sea

6.30pm Costume making, decoration making

8.00pm Transport remaining families back to accommodation

Return students back to the College





PROGRAM

Wednesday 16 August

- 7.00am** Pick-up Yam Island dance families from accommodation
- 8.15am** Pick-up remaining families from accommodation
- 9.00am** Assembly
- 10.35am** Morning Tea
- 10.45am** Transport families back to accommodation
- 10.55am** Students in P3 & P4 classes
- 11.00am** Kitchen opens
- 12.45pm** Lunch & Workshops
- 2.20pm** Students in P6 classes. Boarders pack up dorms.
- 2.30pm** Transport Yam Island families back to accommodation
- 4.00pm** Pick-up families from accommodation
- 4.30pm** Gates open
- 5.00pm** Welcome
- 5.30pm** Dinner
- 6.45pm** Aboriginal Dance Troupe
- 7.10pm** Torres Strait Island Dance Troupe
- 8.00pm** Event concludes
- 8.30pm** Transport back to accommodation via Oxley St





Dance performances shared from Yam Island and Yugambah families.

Permission for dances from Yam Island and Yugambah 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.



2026 Market Stall Holders



Deadly Choices®



Year 11/12 Business &

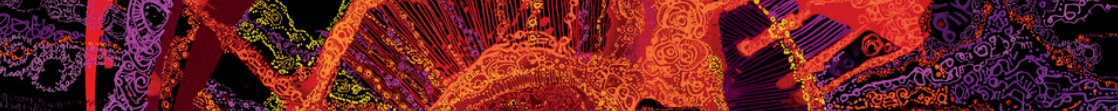


These beautiful NAIDOC earrings are designed in collaboration with the St Patrick's College Townsville Year 11/12 Business students.

Each pair has been designed by the students to celebrate First Nations Peoples, Culture and Country, then handcrafted and brought to life by Pretty Please Handmade.

We're proud to bring their designs to life and share this special collaboration with our community.

-Maddison, Pretty Please Handmade



Workshop Presenters

Felemina Kebisu



William Mabo



Nickie Mackie



Guest Speaker

Vicki Saylor



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2026 NAIDOC SHIRTS

SHORT & LONG SLEEVE AVAILABLE
SIZES XS - 6XL

\$35.00 EACH

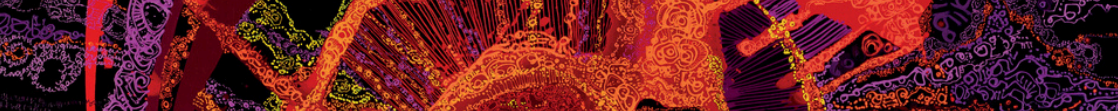
\$30.00 for SPCT STUDENTS

Cash & Card available

2026 shirt design created by students
Jazmin Kiwat & Matilda Bryan.



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SPECIAL THANKS

to Yam Island and Yugambah dance teachers
for their contributions to our 2026 NAIDOC
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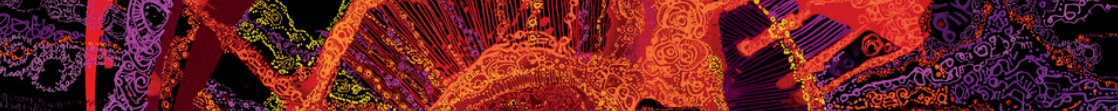
Thank you to our College families for their
cultural guidance, knowledge, and contribution.

We extend our thanks to Zoe Leon, Hazel Morris
and Mr John Goulter for their musical
contributions.



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