

Term 4 - 2019
ATSI Newsletter Article



Term 3 was another busy term for the Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander students. It saw the students attend the AIME Program day at the University and perform the traditional dances that they performed at our school NAIDOC celebrations. They also had AIME tutor squad every Monday at the school, where AIME university tutors came into the school to assist the ATSI students with their schoolwork and assessments.

This term has also been extremely busy for the students and staff. We have continued with the AIME tutoring program every Monday. Students also travelled out to the university for the final program day of the year. The students are involved in many activities and they get to mix with many other students from other schools around Rockhampton.



Shontara and Trenton Barry doing one of the group activities at AIME Program Day at the University

This was also the year 12 student's graduation ceremony for the AIME Program. They all received a certificate and had a group photo taken.



We have also had the ARTIE Rewards Day, for students who have 90% or more attendance at school for the term. ATSI staff members took around 60 students for lunch at the Hog's Breath Café and then went to ten pin bowling.

Staff and students outside ten pin bowling centre



Di Welcome and Senior Students sitting down having a laugh



Royce Schibrowski and other Rockhampton State High School students at the ARTIE rewards day



Term 3 also saw students from all different year levels have the opportunity to participate in the very first Darumbal Community Youth Service Inc. Youth



(DCYS) Forum. Selected students were taken to this forum where they had the opportunity to voice their opinion on issues that the Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander youth faced in the Rockhampton community. These lucky students found this forum very interesting. Mal Meninga was there to deliver the program along with DCYS workers. The students were very engaged in this program as this gave them a chance to voice their opinion about topics such as what the ATSI youth in Rockhampton need to keep them engaged in school, overcoming challenges in their life and helping students that live /or have lived with child safety, youth justice, homelessness, mental health and racism. All staff who went with students to this forum believe it was beneficial to the students and hope that this becomes an annual event for ATSI students.



We have had the QATSIF graduation ceremony the first week back of term 4. This is where students who have received a QATSIF scholarship during the year, have certificates presented to them at an official ceremony at the Central Queensland University. We are very proud of the students who have used this scholarship to finish their education and we wish them the best of luck for the future.



Senior QATSIF Graduating Ceremony

Students L – R:- Susan Walker, Kassindah Albury, Maddison Tobane, Aaliyah Morseu, Alyssa Ross and Tyson Strack

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This year saw 16 Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander students graduate. All students have worked hard over the last five years and are now on the path to the next chapter in their life.

All of the ATSI staff are very proud of the students that have graduated and have enjoyed seeing them grow into amazing young adults over the years.

The students all looked amazing and very grown up in their formal suits and dresses and it was great to see a different side to all of the students. We would like to congratulate all of them and wish them the best of luck for the future.



Maddison Tobane and friend

Mikayla Conway and friend

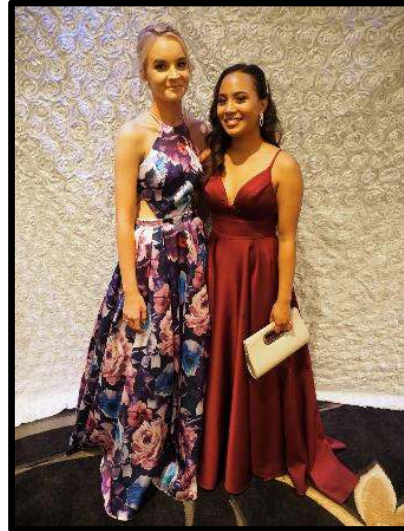


Harry McLeod and friend





Aaliyah Morseu



*Alyssa Ross &
Riley Carvosso*



*Susan Walker &
Alisa Sangkhaho*



*Kimberley
O'Sullivan*



*Shaella Nelson &
Kassindah Albury*

*Chloe White
& Joshua
Redpath*



Tremaine Hill





*Tyson Strack
& friend*



*Group photo of graduation Indigenous and
Torres Strait Islander students and staff 2019*



The year 8 Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander Students have been doing the Deadly Choices Program all year. This program teaches students about how smoking affects the body and how to make Deadly Choices when it comes to your health. The students have learnt a lot and this program has been instrumental in teaching the students about smoking, their health and making good choices. Students also did an art activity around smoking, which they will be continuing with next year. This program is held every year at the school for the Year 8 ATSI students.

The Indigenous Support Staff would like to wish all staff, students and their families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and we all look forward to seeing you back at school in the New Year. Enjoy your holidays.



Students:- L -R Back Row:- Isiah Jackson, Royce Schibrowski, Edward Ketchell, Shariyah Ferguson, Ciara Meredith, Keshayarna Noble-Wason, Kailee Fisher, Amber Sainsbury

Front Row:- Trae Parsons and Jahkai Wovat