

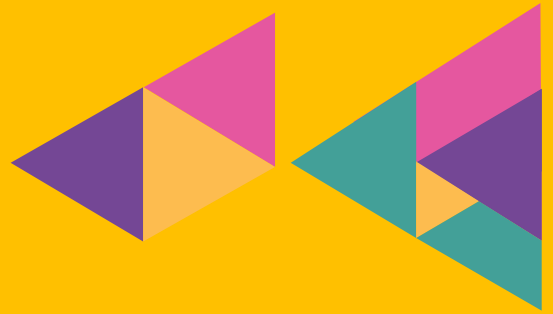
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"Stories of young people achieving great things in our region"



Welcome to the Youth Chronicles Magazine

Here you can find the latest news direct from our region's young people!

This publication is produced through a partnership between Bundaberg Regional Council, our region's high schools and youth service providers. The Youth Chronicles is released three times a year in May, August and November and contains stories about some of the great things our region's young people are doing and achieving.

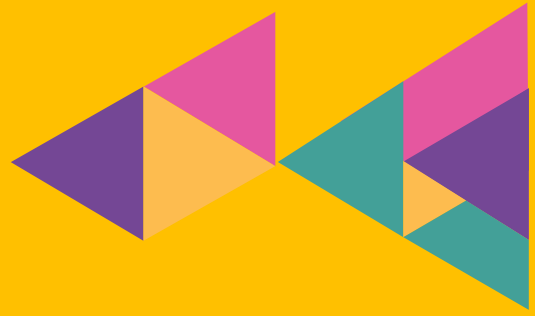
Through region-wide collaboration, stories are shared not only from our regions' high school students, but also from those young people who are no longer attending school. Every high school in the region is given the opportunity to provide two pages for each edition, with many schools getting the students involved in designing the pages, writing the stories and taking the photos. Youth service providers are also providing stories and photos which are compiled on two pages.

The Youth Chronicles magazine is made available online at www.bundaberg.qld.gov.au/youth. An electronic copy is sent to each school to share and a limited number are printed and distributed throughout the community.

We would really appreciate your feedback on the content and quality, along with your thoughts on the projects youth have been involved in. The feedback is valuable in ensuring continuous improvement, as well as allowing the young people in our community to hear a different narrative about their contributions to the community they live in.

To provide feedback or if you would like more information, please contact our Community Development Officer on 1300 883 699 or comdev@bundaberg.qld.gov.au





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ISIS DISTRICT

State High School

Students featured in a National STEM Magazine

Last year a group of Year 9 and 10 students completed a research project in conjunction with the *Queensland Virtual Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Academy (QVSA)* and *Griffith University*. The research involved the students designing and constructing a fly enclosure in which medical grade maggots could be bred. The materials they could use had to replicate what would be available in war torn areas of the world such as Iraq.



Proudly we can report that our students were the **only group from across Queensland** who successfully bred maggots and kept them alive for a full cycle.

Students then wrote a report detailing all

aspects of their research project. Again, our students excelled. Their commitment and dedication to the program was acknowledged by both STEM Academy and Griffith

University who were impressed by the extremely high standard of work from design and construction through to the research aspect and report writing.



As a result the students have been featured in a national STEM ezine - **Future Learning ezine** <http://bit.ly/2XSQAKU>. They will also have their research acknowledged by Dr Stadler and the QVSA in an article for the highly respected **Citizen Science: Theory and Practice**.

Well done to the 2020 Year 9 and 10 students involved in the extracurricular project: Jessica, Sarah, Mathew, Charlotte, Jodie, Bridget, Tiana, Aliana, Talia and Zac. Thanks also to Ms Budd (HOD – Science and Ag) for her leadership of this partnership and her team including Mr Brace and Ms Heather.

Crazy Hair and Leg Waxing?

During Term 1, Isis District SHS participated in a Crazy Hair Day to coincide with the Leukaemia Foundations 'World's Greatest Shave'. The Student Council and School Ambassadors coordinated and organised the event including music, creating posters to raise awareness and volunteering to colour student's hair.



On Tuesday 16th March, there was a great atmosphere under the Resource Centre as the crowd gathered to cheer on Year 9 student, Shirilee as she lost her locks in order to raise awareness and money for the worthwhile cause. Students were able to contribute to the fundraiser in the 'usual' way by donating to



Shirilee or by getting their own hair spray coloured for a donation.

However this year, there was another way that students could raise money – by waxing the legs of three male staff members! Mr Gavin Coombs, Mr David Prince and Mr Simon Brace not only braved the hot wax but also allowed students to pay for the privilege of ripping off the wax strip! The crowd of students delighted in the pain and discomfort of the teachers as their hairs were viciously ripped off!

An enormous thank you to Natalie La Grazia from *La Grazia Hair* for her help with the event and to the students who did a remarkable job supporting Shirilee and raising money and awareness for the Leukaemia Foundation.



Have you heard of Curiosity?

Curiosity Brisbane is a 17-day celebration of science, art and tech, where new possibilities play and big ideas collide. This year it was on from 12 to 28 March, with visitors able to explore a packed program of interactive installations and events including World Science Festival Brisbane.

Last year two students submitted their design of an art installation for this festival. Year 12 students Annabelle and Aidan worked together to design a **musical water fountain**. At the end of last year, we were notified that they had been selected as one of a small group of student projects to be taken from design phase into production.

To move their project from Design to Production, Annabelle and Aidan worked with their allocated mentor, James, in the first week of school.



In the days prior to the festival,



they flew to Brisbane to finalise their creation and see it installed out the front of the State Library as it featured in this year's Curiocities which was a Walk of 6.5km through City Botanic Gardens, South Bank, Brisbane's Cultural Precinct and the Brisbane CBD. They also were included on the Ch 9 Today Show morning cross where they were interviewed about their Musical Water Fountain and their experience with the festival.

We thank Mr Brace and Mrs Royan for their assistance with this project and congratulate Annabelle and Aidan on their initiative to 'have a go!' They have excelled!

Anti-bullying message every day, not just one day

Friday 19th March was the National Day of Action against Bullying. Whilst the day of action is widely publicised, it is just one day. Here at Isis District SHS, we are consistent with our message to students every day. We discuss, teach and remind students how to treat each other and endeavour to assist our students to navigate through adolescence, being kind and inclusive of others.

To highlight our commitment to our school values of Integrity and Inclusivity, our Student Ambassadors from each year level, coordinated a number activities on the National Day of Action. The activities included:



- Tie Dying Shirts – demonstrating how, whilst we are the same, we are all different as well, symbolised in different designs left on the shirts when dyed.
- Hand-made, hand shaped cookies – giving each other a hand.
- Positive affirmations and photos taking a stand.
- Hand prints of commitment to **Stand Up Speak Up**.





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STUDENT NEWS



THURSDAY 17, FRIDAY 18, SATURDAY 19 JUNE 2021

FOOTLOOSE: THE MUSICAL

Are you ready to cut Footloose?! Kick off your Sunday shoes!

This June, the Shalom College Performing Arts Department are excited to present their much anticipated Footloose: The Musical. With rehearsals well underway, the musical gives students the opportunity to showcase and enhance their singing, music, drama and dance skills.

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IN THE COMMUNITY



Recently, Shalom College students from Adams House under the guidance of Teacher Ms. Lancaster, collected food and necessity items to be donated to the local Angels Community Group.

Helping those in need throughout our community, these items will be used to fight food insecurity and assist those doing it tough.

WHAT'S NEW IN SPORTS

Congratulations to Year 12 student Kharla Hills who competed at the Australian National Athletics Championships at Olympic Park in Sydney.

Jumping 5.58m, Kharla received a Bronze in Long Jump coming in at 3rd in Australia in the Under 18 age group. Kharla also finished 4th in the Triple Jump and just missed out in the 200m final.



EXPLORING THE REGION



Taking a look behind-the-scenes of a local tourism operator, the Year 11 Tourism students recently visited Splitters Farm.

Investigating different forms of tourism using the local area as a case study, students are learning to evaluate the needs and wants of tourists and the marketing strategies necessary to promote the area to these tourists.



Outcomes For Our 2021 Seniors

Over fifty of our 2020 Year 12 students have accepted their offer to university this year, with only four students deferring. Many other students have accepted apprenticeships, fulltime work, or positions in the Defence Forces.

Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to Shannon H. who has received a \$100 000 scholarship for her studies at the Australian University in Canberra.

Congratulations to Amanda B. who has been awarded a Smith Family Scholarship for two years of her university studies. Amanda is studying a Bachelor of Creative Industries.



Student Leaders Investiture

At Bundaberg State High School's induction of 2021 student leaders united to make Bundaberg State High a better place to learn and grow. Our Junior Representative Council (JRC), Senior Representative Council (SRC), Indigenous leaders and House leaders have many responsibilities. Congratulations to all our leaders who have been doing a wonderful job and making a difference!



Welcome to Our 2021 Year 7s

Each year we welcome our new Year 7 students into our Bundaberg State High School family. Student leaders held a BBQ lunch in the first week for our Year 7s to enjoy before joining them at the beach for the Year 7 Educational Day. This activity allowed students to:

- get to know each other and their teachers better
- work effectively in teams
- develop stronger relationships with their school leaders and
- improve their self-esteem.



Our Meet the Teachers afternoon with parents in Term 1 was also a huge success.

QMEA Mentoring Program



As the QMEA Ambassador for 2021, Kate Baulch participated in the QMEA Women's Mentoring Program providing career mentoring for girls from QMEA high schools. The experienced mentors come from a wide range of industry fields providing girls with encouragement and support to transition into education and training from vocational and professional careers in the resource sector and provide much valued advice to the girls throughout the year.

Through hard work, the stars



Bundaberg State High School Staff Retirees



Our school community wishes six of our staff all the best for their future in their retirement. We farewell Keith Holledge, Helena Henry, Maria Drury, Linda Homes, Leigh Schuch and Keith Hutcheon. Each staff member has, across their years of service to students, made an impact as all good teachers do. They have all been a part of our team to assist in changing students lives. We will miss them greatly.

CQU Business Challenge

Congratulations to four of our students who competed at the annual CQU Business Challenge on Tuesday 27 April. Ethan S., Kirra A., Ella K. and Jorja M. took out first place in both the Wide Bay Region and Regional Finals. Our team will attend the National Finals in July.

The competition consisted of four rounds of questions – Accounting, Business and Management, Economics and Law, General Knowledge. We are very proud of them and their excellent teamwork!



Farewell to Our Principal



Principal Karen McCord announced her goodbye to students, staff and the wider community on Friday 30 April 2021. She has been involved in International Education for over twenty years across her various schools, having sat on multiple Education QLD International committees,

and has now accepted an offer to set up the *Australian International School-Dubai*, United Arab Emirates.

Karen has been overwhelmed by student, staff, parent, and community support for this opportunity. Many people have expressed both their genuine excitement for her and their pride that a resident of Bundaberg has been given this opportunity. The positive feedback and gratitude from so many, recognising her dedication during her time at Bundaberg State High School and within the local community, has touched her deeply.

Together, students, staff and the wider community, wish Karen all the best as she starts her new adventure; she will be dearly missed. Karen has been an inspiration to many in making a difference and allowing others to reach for the stars. She has always been focused on caring for others, focused on our youth, and recognised that they are our future. She has truly been *"Preparing the global citizens of tomorrow"*.

Through hard work, the stars

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Lest we forget

On Friday the 23rd of April, our students came together in a small ceremony to pay tribute to the ANZACs. We were fortunate to have Pastor Ken Willick, a veteran who served in Vietnam with the Australian Navy, come and speak to our students.



Thank you to the Feed Appeal



A very big thank you to the Feed Appeal for supporting our school with their Rural Schools Grant. The Feed Appeal Rural School Grants are focussed on ensuring that schools in rural communities can provide school breakfast and lunch clubs, so students are not disadvantaged and have the nutrition to support their learning and reaching their full potential. The vision of the Feed Appeal is for no one in Australia to go hungry, especially kids as they are our future. Here at BYLC we provide both breakfast and lunch to all of our students so we very much appreciate the support from Feed Appeal.



One Million Trees Project

We were so excited to receive 50 trees for planting on our farm, thanks to Bundaberg Regional Council's One Million Trees Project. The natives were planted around our dam with the hopes of providing shade for students during our outdoor education classes. "We haven't lost one yet!" says Phil our Ag Trainer who is keen to see council return to check on the progress of the natives we planted. To date, over 7000 trees have been planted in the region, with Burnett Youth being one of the highest numbers for one property to plant so far. This is such an exciting initiative and we can't wait to see the region reach their million trees target by 2024!



Work Experience Updates

Some of our students have been undertaking work experience opportunities lately and are loving it! We are proud of all their efforts and can't wait to send more students out!

Nippon Nostalgic had one of our students for 10 days, working on cars and completing some car restoration. Aiden loved working with the old classic cars and feedback was positive. His experience will serve him well through his Certificate 2 in Engineering Pathways.

Amber completed 5 days with Priceline which tied in well with her Certificate 2 in Retail Cosmetics that she is working through at TAFE. Awesome work Amber.

South Bundaberg Vets had Lucy over the holidays for 5 days. It was a great experience for Lucy who wants to work with animals in the future. She is almost finished d her Rural Operations certificate.



By George!



On Thursday the 8th of April, George Simmonds, a grade 12 student from Bundaberg North State High School volunteered his time to help assist The Angels Community Group in Bundaberg. George spent his Thursday afternoon collecting some feminine hygiene products that were donated by members of the community for the Share the Dignity Organisation. He assisted Lee- Anne Lewis, who is the local Share the Dignity representative. He packed and carried multiple boxes that were donated for women who don't have access to essential feminine hygiene products, including, homeless women and domestic violence victims. George said, 'I was more than happy to help out and contribute to the community, plus I got free chocolate...what a bonus!' Well done, George, for your awesome contribution to the community.

Montana Maddern and Indie Christou (yr.12)

Bullying – NO WAY!

Friday, 19th March was National Day of Action Against Violence and Bullying. Buddy Bear and the Better Buddies Anti-Bullying Committee of students were out and about at morning tea spreading the important message that "it isn't BIG to make others feel SMALL'. Our students were encouraged to wear their school anti-bullying t-shirts and partake in two random acts of kindness. These are available at our school office for \$10 and students can wear them on designated days throughout the year. We are proud to say that the shirts were an initiative of some of our past students who designed them.



Leaving them in her Wake...

The 2021 Australian Rowing Championships were held at Lake Barrington, Tasmania from March 22-28. Competitors from more than 100 schools across the nation, mostly exclusive private schools from capital cities battled it out to establish the 2021 national champions. 1600 competitors rowed in extreme conditions: tent wrecking winds, heavy rains and daily minimum and maximum temperatures as low as 6-16 degrees Celsius. Some days the weather was so extreme that racing was called off for a few hours while the worst of the weather passed before racing resumed. Rowers from the Australian Institute of Sport were also competing at the event in the open age categories.



Jayne Wake proudly represented Bundaberg North State High school and Bundaberg Rowing Club in single, double and quad events. Her quad event was her pet event as she enjoys the dynamics of rowing in team events, it was also the event in which she achieved her best result. The quad crew consisted of Jayne, another Bundaberg rower and two rowers from Maroochy Rowing Club. Before the nationals, these four girls trained separately at their own clubs and only managed to train together as a crew on three occasions, once at Bucca and twice at Maroochy. The quad made it into the national semi-finals which was just their fifth row together as a team and only missed out on making it to the national finals by 1.2 seconds, making them the 10th fastest Under 17 Women's quad crew in the nation! Jayne and her doubles partner also made it into their semi-final which placed them as the 13th fastest Under 17 Women's Double crew. It was an extraordinary opportunity to compete at such a high level representing Bundaberg North High and has given Jayne even more drive to continue to strive to achieve her best in rowing in the future.



St Luke's Rowers Test the Waters in Tasmania, and it's just fine!

Jasmine Cook

From the 22 to 28 of March students who have been competing in Rowing were extremely busy as they were heading off to far-away Tasmania where they were to compete at Lake Barrington for titles in the 2021 Australian Rowing Championship. Our rowers did remarkably well. We had women's teams competing in semi-finals for both the Under-17 Women's Quad Scull and the Under-17 Women's Double Scull. Toby Reynolds placed 3rd alongside Sam Klotz in 8th for the Schoolboys Single Scull A-Final and Sam Klotz competed once more in the U17 Men's Single Scull B-Final where he managed to swoop up 3rd place. Dayne Mortimer came in 6th for the Schoolboys Single Scull C-Final and overall everyone achieved great feats. We congratulate these students and wish them all the best with their future rowing endeavours.



Dayne Mortimer, in the Schoolboys Single Scull Rowing Championship in Lake Barrington, Tasmania. Photo credit: Solstice Digital

St Luke's Takes 2nd Place in CQU School Business Challenge

On 27 April, four St Luke's students participated in the Central Queensland University School Business Challenge. After answering a range of questions on Accounting, Economics, Law and Business Management, they were awarded 28 points. This came a close second to Bundaberg SHS on 29 points.



Fahad and Rehan Sirivella won first in tennis doubles in BDSSS finals. Photo Credit: Cheryl Jones

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Students Selected for Parliament

Ms Jackie Bunyoung

Tahsin Ahmed and Hurley Gatley were chosen this year as Youth Members of Parliament through a program organised by YMCA in conjunction with QLD Parliament. Only one person is chosen from each electorate across QLD and they work in alongside a member of Parliament. Tahsin is representing the Bundaberg electorate and Hurley is representing Burnett. Both students attended a four day camp during the School holidays. This is a six month program, where they will work with a small committee to write a Bill proposing a law reform. Following this, they have the opportunity to debate their Bill at Parliament House in Brisbane. Hurley's committee chose her idea of increasing the age of criminal responsibility to 14 as their law reform and Tahsin's committee chose his idea of introducing incentives in relation to smart cars. Both students really enjoyed the camp they attended over the holidays too.



Youth Members of Parliament, Hurley Gatley and Tahsin Ahmed, with Bundaberg MP Tom Smith. Photo credit: T. Russell

Brothers Take out First Place in BDSSS Tennis

Brothers, Fahad and Rehan Sirivella won first place in the BDSSS Sport Finals Day on 29 April.

Out of the Box Theatre Troupe Takes the Audience on a tour of the School in Promenade Theatre Style Production 'Unmasked'

Tammy Bosch, Co-captain of Out of the Box Theatre, Co-writer and Actor

As night falls on the 13, 14 and 15 of May, our normal, ordinary school will turn into a mysterious and intriguing masquerade, thanks to the Out of the Box Theatre troupe's production of Unmasked.

This student-written production explores the themes of isolation, deceit, society and feminism. It asks the question, what do we hide from others? From ourselves? The production explores the idea that we hide our true thoughts and natures behind a metaphorical mask.

We would like to say how very proud we are of all the writers, actors and actresses, and producers who have contributed so many incredible ideas to our production, and gave it their all at every rehearsal. It has



Students rehearse for the production of Unmasked outside in the Middle School Amphitheatre. Photo credit: Sarah Ferguson
been an honour to work with such amazing people.

In particular, I would like to thank Mrs Hutchings and Mrs Romeo, our wonderful producers and teachers. They have been so incredibly patient with us and have worked so hard to produce this show.

Interview with Lions Youth of the Year State Finalist, Lachlan Hocking

Tahsin Ahmed

Why did you want to participate in Lions Youth of the Year?

I thought it was an awesome opportunity to meet new young people and to interact with members of the community who were providing such a positive impact to society and the community.

Has your experience competing in Lions Youth of the Year taught you any valuable skills in public speaking or interviewing?

Lions Youth of the Year actually helps a lot with interviewing skills and, moving forward, with job applications, university applications, scholarships and all these skills that are hard to develop in a classroom environment. The speaking part really challenges you

to have that deeper understanding of your subject and your script, giving you the ability to go off-script at any moment. It gives a great foundation to talk on impromptu topics and get up and make a point whenever it arises. Being able to understand



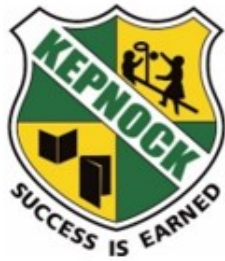
Year 12 student, Lachlan Hocking, recently competed in State Finals for the Lions Youth of the Year Award
Photo Credit: Noah Briggs

a topic and elaborate on your own Resume documents was a massive emphasis in the interview. With the impromptu section, being able to break down topics into bite-sized elements and having a systematic approach to answering a question was a really valuable.

Would you recommend others to participate in future Lions Youth of the Year competitions?

Absolutely. I actually think the Lions Youth of the Year program is under subscribed. Going forward it's something that could be made compulsory as a part of Leadership applications. It's building a future and challenging yourself to push beyond your comfort zone and to accomplish something that you may think you weren't capable of. The skills you gain are invaluable in the normal world and simply can't be taught in the classroom or anywhere else.





Kepnock at a Glance



MTTA: Sparking Innovation!



Have you ever dreamed of becoming an entrepreneur after leaving school, or just had that innovative idea that could solve so many problems? The Mayor's Telstra Innovation Awards, or MTIA, has brought together a handful of eager students from all around the Bundaberg Region, giving them the opportunity to foster their innovative skills. Separated into teams, the students work together to create, collaborate and innovate towards their own unique pitches. This allowed students to showcase new and creative use of technology or technological ideas that could have the potential to solve a community, environmental or business challenges.

Already the students around the Bundaberg Region are keen to participate in this award, with many highly motivated to make it through the various phases. "The Mayor's Telstra Innovation Awards really gets you thinking of things from a different angle", says a student from Kepnock State High School. "The lessons that I've learned are going to stay with throughout my future, and that sort of experience is invaluable to me."

Two teams from Kepnock State High School have taken up this challenge, and have already successfully completed Phase One of the awards, which involved creating a presentation that showcased the foundations of their idea. They have now moved on to Phase Two as they attend various mentoring sessions to further develop their idea in preparation for their final pitch. Wishing our future innovators all the best in their creative endeavours!



1 We are the only secondary school in Bundaberg to offer all five Arts and all five Technologies areas from Year 7 to Year 12.

2 We provide a safe and supportive, inclusive learning environment that caters for diversity.

3 We are a Gateway School in Agribusiness and the only state school in Bundaberg to offer training in the Agricultural Sciences.

4 We pride ourselves on our extra-curricular involvement including Instrumental Music, Cheerleading and Fish Tank program.



Are You Feeling Electric?

Are you a woman who loves the outdoors? Do you enjoy working in a hands-on role? Have you considered a career in the energy industry? Ergon Energy have introduced a fantastic program for women inspiring to work as apprentices and tradespeople across their organisation. This incredible initiative provides school aged students insights into the innerworkings of what it takes to be an electrician.



On the 22nd of April, Kepnock State High School were fortunate enough to host a team from Ergon Energy as they provided authentic hands on event where young women could come along to ask questions about pathways into engineering. During the day, the students engaged in several industry-based activities that tested their knowledge of mathematics and comprehension. The hands-on elements of the day such as the colour-blind test, where the students got to examine an electric panel board and match up the wires, was one of several highlights. Year 10 student Katie explained, 'I found the overall experience an exciting one as I never knew all the opportunities that were available to me. It allowed me to see all the pathways mapped out in front of me while giving me the tools and knowhow of how to get there.'

It's great seeing the difference programs like Ergon Energy Girl Power can make in our school community. Seeing Kepnock being a leader in such an event only demonstrates their commitment to positive change in our local community.



By Nellie.



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Bundaberg Region Youth Service's Stories

The following stories have been provided to us with the permission of the services and the young people they relate to.

Laugh, learn GROW

PCCC Homework Club 2021



With COVID-19 causing widespread disruption across our communities, our education systems have experienced unprecedented change and new learning environments. Educators have quickly moved to online learning platforms and a combination of mixed education delivery methods which are to be commended.



We know from our Mob and the regional demographic data that PCCC Port Curtis Coral Coast Trust country is already plagued with below state and national rates for education competition and attainment. At the best of times, we struggle to keep our children engaged with education and connected through the school networks. We understand from our community that there is an immediate need to help connect and reengage students with their education journeys and as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic the support will need to be sustained to ensure student can close their gap in learning.

For many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ASTI) family's students from low socio-economic backgrounds are more likely to have lower educational achievements also are disadvantaged by minimal financial resources and parents with lower academic educational attainment themselves. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ASTI) Families have limited access to internet and electronic devices which makes it hard for most students to be able to go online with their schooling which will cause an increase in learning difficulty when students finally return to their school.



It is hard to find the time and energy to fit homework into an already jam-packed daily schedule, for some homelife can be chaotic, loud, and full of distractions, therefore PCCC provides a safe and supportive out of school learning environment with quality tutoring that supports our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students (ASTI).

Shining Stars

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Happy Minds



PCCC - Port Curtis Coral Coast Trust

Young Mob Learning YML – Bundy



Our Journey so far.....

Our YML (Young Mob Learning) program has been successfully running in Bundaberg since Easter 2020, we currently have over 20 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI)

students enrolled in the program attending each week and completing their homework.

We have been delighted to be able to run two school holiday programs in January 2021 and Easter 2021 – in conjunction with a new program 'Tucka-Time' that is about to be rolled out in Bundaberg. The students have cooked over 15 different meals, been on cultural walks and explored our beautiful coastline. Our students have gained so much from their participation within YML program.

In this exciting new program, we have been able to support students in developing their social skills while learning how to cook nutritional meals, each student walks away feeling empowered to be able to make healthy choices when it comes to different food options.



We have been so privileged to see friendships develop, confidence bloom and young minds grow.

We are excited to see where the future heads with our YML program here at PCCC.



Culture Support Friends



BRADLEY TURNED HIS PASSION FOR YOUTH INTO A CAREER WITH TRANSITION TO WORK



Can you tell us a little bit about yourself?

My name is Bradley Weymouth. I am 23 and I have lived in Bundaberg pretty much my whole life. I moved up from Seymour, Victoria where I was born. I am extremely passionate about football, and my local football club Bingera FC.

How did you become involved with Transition to Work?

I became involved with Transition to Work after I found myself out of work last year. I received a call from Troy asking me to pop in to see them. After going ahead with that and all the formalities, getting to know the room at TtW left me wanting to be involved with their program, and wanting to interact with the Youth Coaches in the room.

What support have you been provided with?

The entire team at Transition to Work offer the greatest blanket of support. Not just about what things they can offer in forms of financial assistance or whatever else, but their ability to leave you feeling like coming

back to see them and their ability to make you feel welcome. They do their absolute best to encourage you to improve yourself, encourage you to achieve your goals and even leave you surprised at what difference you can make knowing that they are on your side.

What have been the benefits of this?

The main benefit from this is that I now find myself part of the Transition to Work team as a Youth Coach, working to inspire young people the same way the team did for me. But aside from that, I have benefitted in so many ways personally, the team helped me grow my confidence and learn how to truly apply myself to improving and becoming what I want to be.

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Work Experience/Volunteer Opportunities

Got a work experience or volunteer opportunity you'd like to let young people know about?

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