



NEWSLETTER

Friday 22 October Term 4 Week 3

MEET OUR 2022 SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Congratulations to our new school leaders elected as Tweed River High School's Captains and Vice Captains for 2022. These students were elected by their peers and will be wonderful role models for our students to look up to. Meet the rest of our 2022 Student Representative Council executive on page 8.



Billie Smith
Captain



Georgia Jefferies
Captain



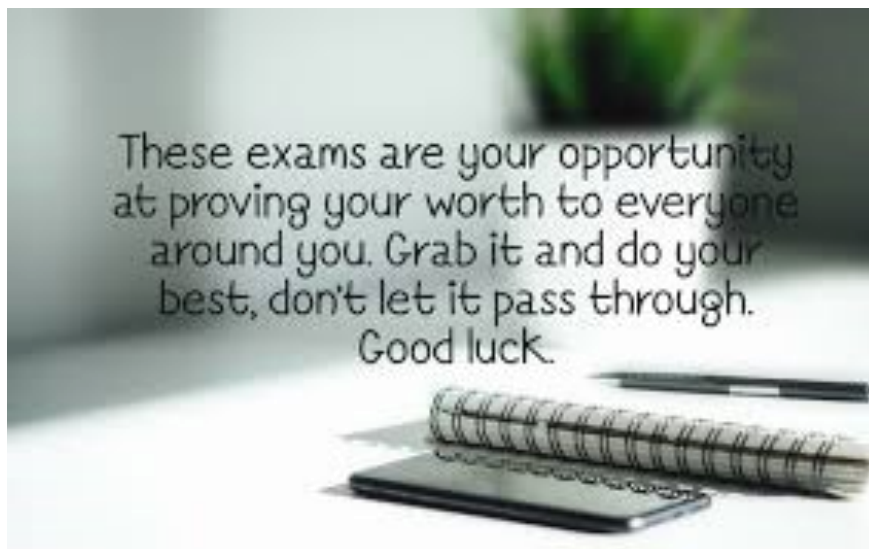
Jorja Campbell
Vice Captain



Rykah Ross
Vice Captain

BEST WISHES HSC STUDENTS

Tweed River High School extends our best wishes to the Year 12 Class of 2021 in your upcoming exams.





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SENIOR EXECUTIVE REPORT

Term Four is off and running with a wide range of events and deadlines now compressed into a few weeks due to the COVID Lockdown late Term Three and restrictions associated with our return from that. October 29 has been selected by NSW to celebrate World Teachers Day. Our staff have demonstrated exceptional resilience over the past few months, lockdown, restricted and altered daily operations, disruptions due to building works and days without power, telephone and internet. Throughout, they have managed to remain calm and “carry on” in order to ensure that all of these issues have had as little impact on the education of your children as possible while also attempting to keep some of the fun in their schooling. While appreciation of the role teachers play in the lives of your child entails more than just thanks; if you happen upon a teacher in the coming week, please take the time to say thanks. That is often all the recognition they need to re-double their efforts in supporting your child.

YEAR 7 ORIENTATION

Key dates for this term include: Orientation Day for Year 7 2022, this event will be held November 23 at the school for all Year 6 students who are enrolling with us. Currently, it will be a “students only” event due to the Operation Level we find ourselves on due to COVID. Students will be supported by staff from their school. Arrangements are being made for uniform and stationary ordering etc. on the day. More details will be available in coming weeks. As part of the transition to high school process the school is also looking to provide opportunities for our 2022 cohort to participate in a number of faculty-based learning activities. Information about these will also come out to Primary Schools during the term.

2022 STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Following recent elections, our student leadership team is now in place for the coming year. Congratulations to the team on their selection. Billie Smith and Georgia Jefferies who will be our School Captains for 2022. They will be ably assisted by Jorja Campbell and Rykah Ross who have been selected as our Vice Captains. The SRC has a planning day coming up shortly where their ideas for 2022 will be developed further. We are pleased to announce that Mr Nikitin has accepted the staff role with the Student Representative Council for 2022 taking over from Ms Mainey who has done an outstanding job with our current team. The school has very much appreciated the work she has done in this role and for that she deserves our thanks.

END OF YEAR EXAMS

Year 12 2022 now have their assessment schedules and their HSC program is underway. With the COVID restrictions the assessment timetables for Year 12 have been pushed back which has provided an opportunity for students who have not met Year 11 assessment requirements to resolve those events before the end of this month in order to maintain their eligibility for the HSC in 2022.

Year 7-10 will be sitting class based exams during Weeks 4 and 5 this term. With the afore mentioned disruptions and restrictions exams will unfortunately not involve the whole cohort in one venue. Year 10 students also need to ensure they have resolved any NESA warnings before November 19 to retain ROSA eligibility.

World Teachers' Day



29 October 2021



SENIOR EXECUTIVE REPORT Cont...

UPCOMING EVENTS

Other events of interest this term include Pancake Fridays, these commenced again last week with a large turnout of students taking up the opportunity to enjoy an energising breakfast with a difference. Thanks go to Mrs Mackney and the team of staff volunteers who support it through their efforts and donations.

The morning of December 9th will be our 2021 Annual Presentation celebration. As it draws closer we will be able to provide details of who can be involved and what that might look like.

HSC EXAMS

The HSC is almost upon us and Year 12 are again encouraged to attend classes during the next 2-3 weeks. We cannot overstate the value grilling their teachers with revision queries can have on their final results. Their teachers remain on standby armed with revision notes and strategies to support students in the lead up to the exam period. It would be disappointing if this were a prime opportunity... lost.

The HSC Exam period now commences on November 9th and will conclude on December 3rd. The NSW Educational Standards Authority (NESA) who convene the HSC exams at our school have put in place strict guidelines for examination operations to ensure the safety of all students and the exam supervisors. These are available to students at "students online".

- ◆ Students have a responsibility to login to "students online" to obtain their personal examination timetable and a copy of the exam procedures and COVID requirements.
- ◆ All staff on site are double vaccinated prior to the exams.
- ◆ Strict physical distancing will be in place.
- ◆ Masks must be worn.
- ◆ Students are required to complete a declaration on entry to the venue that they are well and have not had contact with any known cases of COVID.
- ◆ Additional sanitising will be undertaken between each exam and product will be available to students at the venue.
- ◆ Students should be at the venue at least 15 mins prior to the scheduled exam and are not to visit other parts of the school.
- ◆ If a student is feeling even slightly unwell that they must not attend the exam.
- ◆ The student must promptly undertake a COVID test, advising the testing officer they are in the middle of HSC exams in order to expedite the results. When the clearance result is known, it must be shown to the exam supervisor before they can re-enter the exam venue.
- ◆ If you are showing symptoms of illness – even mild – in the exam room you will be required to leave and get tested.
- ◆ NESA has procedures in place to support students who may miss an exam due to a COVID test. The Exam supervisor and Deputy can assist with these processes.

A number of our staff have taken up the opportunity to be involved in HSC marking this year which is some of the best Professional Development available for a teacher. More of this marking will be online this year which has enabled our staff to participate without traveling to Sydney.



SENIOR EXECUTIVE REPORT Cont...

FAREWELL YEAR 12

The Year 2021 Graduation and Formal will now be held on December 15th at Bellingdale Farm in Nunderi. Unfortunately, traffic access at this venue is very limited and due to the current health restrictions, the venue is unable to host more than 100 people. For these reasons, it will also be a student / staff only event and the school is working to arrange streaming of the arrivals and Graduation Ceremony for parent viewing. We are fortunate we have been able to arrange this at all in the current climate. Special thanks to Ms Taylor and other staff who have been part of negotiating for this event.

DISRUPTIONS TO SERVICES

The school apologises for any inconvenience caused by our recent power outage which also damaged our computer network and phone system. Our students and staff were fantastic in the way they negotiated darkened corridors and a non-technology environment. If we had been able to find an old school bell no doubt some of our neighbours would have had flashbacks to 60 years ago when it all started on site. We anticipate all systems should be fully operational again by the end of this week.

BUILDING WORKS UPDATE

Building works have continued through this disruption with the ground floor of L Block – the new Science / Marine facility scheduled for hand over to the school at the end of this week, followed in a few weeks by the top floor with Science rooms and a computer facility. Work will commence next week on F Block with the redevelopment of the Art Space and the development of a Senior Learning Area and Careers Office.

In the past week we have signed off on the final design of the new Vocational Education and Training facilities set to commence operation in 2023. These highly anticipated facilities and associated programs will provide extended opportunities for students to focus on courses leading directly into careers across a range of industries including Hospitality, Constructions, Metals and Engineering, Sports Coaching and Outdoor Recreation, Business Services, IT, Music and Rural Industries such as horticulture and livestock management. As part of their Stage 6 studies. At the same time the school is also looking to expand its offerings in SBATs – School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships and a range of working parties are in the pipeline in collaboration with the NSW VET Directorate and our RTO to develop a sustainable program for the benefit of our students.

VANDALISM

COVID has thrown up a few quirky challenges in student management and one of the latest of these is the enterprising use of face masks by a few of our students. The elastic strings on these devices it seems make a very effective saw when drawn back and forth against a plastic school chair. At \$53/chair this damage bill is adding up quickly with the school losing approximately one classroom of chairs since our return from lockdown some 4 weeks ago. The activity falls well outside the school values of Safety, Respect and Teamwork and as such there are consequences for students caught engaging in it.

ABORIGINAL SUPPORT

Our Aboriginal Education Officer Tracey Kingi will not be available to families on Wednesdays this term. Our indigenous students will however be supported on Wednesday by our tutors and any urgent matters will be referred to Tracey for follow up.



SENIOR EXECUTIVE REPORT Cont...

ATP 2022

The restrictions placed on the school at this stage of the COVID recovery has meant we have been, and are, unable to run our annual ATP entry exam in the format we have in the past with a range of students from various schools participating in one venue. The school is working with our Primary schools in an effort to ensure students have access to this part of the application process. We expect the interview process will proceed later in the term as usual.

PLANNING AHEAD

Term Four is also when planning for the coming year intensifies. Work has commenced on the timetable for 2022. Programs are being reviewed and reworked to include changes to syllabus and assessment requirements. The school also reviews its Strategic Improvement Plan at this time. This process will include engagement with our community to seek feedback on school programs and how we can better support the learning of our students, your children. When this opportunity is available please take it and give your school your thoughts, ideas and concerns so they can be incorporated into the discussion and planning for the coming year so that we can improve our program delivery.

UNIFORMS ONLINE

Parents are reminded that the uniform shop is unable to operate out of its physical location currently. Uniforms can however be ordered online. Details of the process are on our website.

HAPPY RETIREMENT KRIS

It would be remiss of me to end this column without giving a very honourable mention to Ms Kris Dinsey, a Tweed River Institution and holder of vast knowledge of the school. Ms Dinsey officially concluded her full time employment last week to take up a more leisurely life in retirement except of course when she wants to come and work in the office. We wish her well as she heads into the next phase of her life and just say thanks. Thanks for 23 years of service to our school across a range of roles most visibly as the person who patches up the scrapes students, and others have found themselves in at times. Dishing out advice on all sorts of ailments. Kris is a very capable operator who has been able to turn her hand to any task requested of her over a long period of time. Tweed River High School owes her a debt of gratitude for her dedicated professionalism, at times selfless service in the pursuit of getting things "just right", and her empathy for our students and community members. Good luck Kris, thank you, you will be missed.



LOOKING FORWARD

The Public Health landscape in NSW and across the country currently changes almost daily and quite rapidly, so here at Tweed River we are keeping our fingers crossed that we can enact our plans to offer more support to students in transition to our school; to being able to provide leadership opportunities for our students and for the opportunity to welcome our parents and community back inside the school gates on a regular basis before the end of 2021.

Mr B Mackney – Deputy Principal

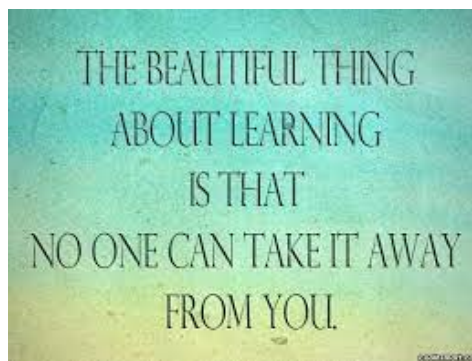
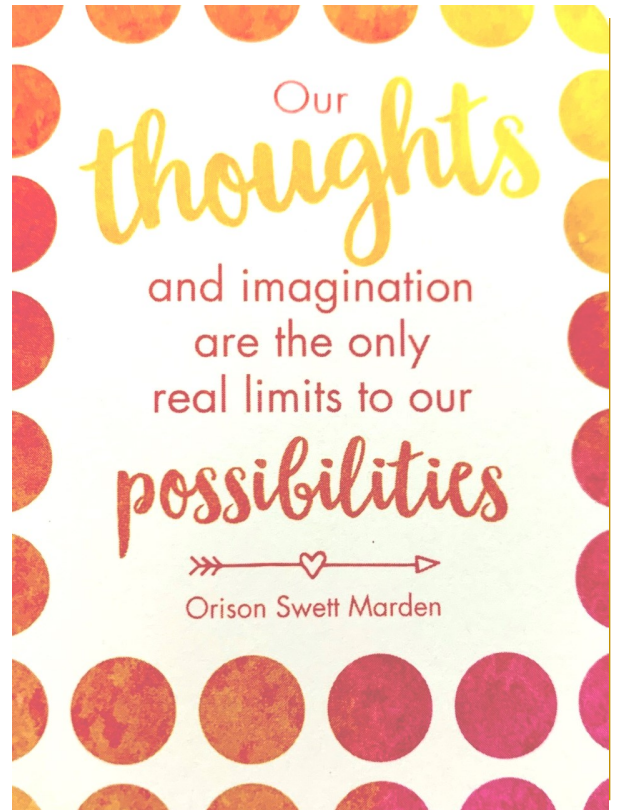


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UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri	29 Oct	Pancake Friday
Tues	9 Nov	HSC Exams begin
Fri	12 Nov	Pancake Friday
Tues	23 Nov	Year 7 Orientation
Fri	26 Nov	Pancake Friday
Thurs	9 Dec	Annual Presentation Day
Fri	10 Dec	Pancake Friday
Wed	15 Dec	Year 12 Graduation & Formal



Find out more about Stymie



UNIFORM SHOP

Order online via our school website

<https://schoolshoponline.net.au/tweedriverhspandc/index.aspx>

TRHS CANTEEN

Check out the daily menu on the canteen window for some great meal deals.

EFTPOS available.

Breakfast Recess Lunch

P&C: NEXT MEETING

November 18
All welcome



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VALE KRYSTAL RILEY



It is with deep sadness that we share news of the loss of one of our students Krystal Riley, Graduate of Class of 2019.

Krystal was credit to her family, her school and her community. She was a beautiful young lady, and a brilliant student, Krystal was very independent and focused and she had the world at her feet.

Our hearts go out to Krystal's family, friends and classmates as they cope with their tremendous heartbreak and grief.

As we respect the privacy of the family, we wish to convey our heartfelt condolences to all of Krystal's loved ones and we ask that you keep them in your thoughts during this difficult time.



"Wherever a beautiful soul
has been, there is a trail of
beautiful memories."



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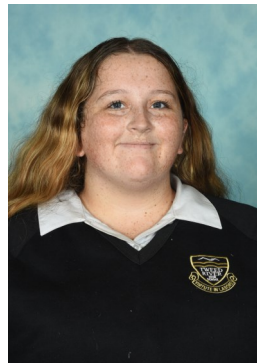
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INTRODUCING OUR 2022 SRC EXECUTIVE

Congratulations to our student executive committee who will be supporting our 2022 School Captains Georgia Jefferies, Billie Smith and Vice Captains Jorja Campbell and Rykah Ross as leaders.



Secretary
Ella Parkes



Treasurer (Senior)
Emily Bradford



Treasurer (Junior)
Angus Brindley

Publicity / Media Officers



Phoebe Davison (Senior)



Lachlan Marshall (Junior)



Toby Oakley (Junior)

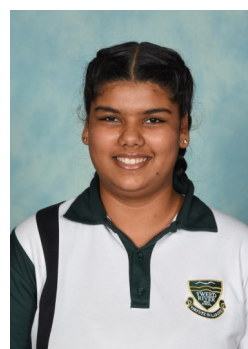
Event Coordinators



Ethan Cox (Senior)



Angus Pease (Senior)



Mannat Matharu (Junior)



Bodhi Perandis (Junior)



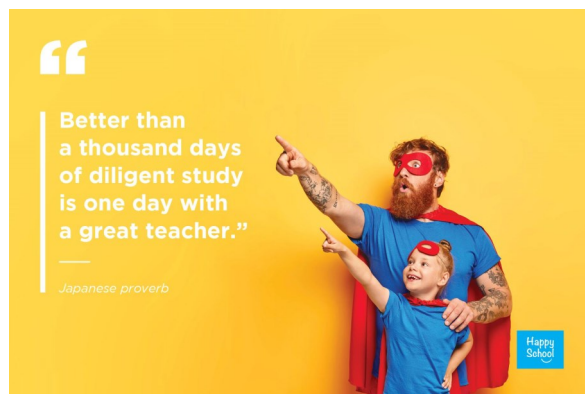
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WORLD TEACHERS DAY

World Teachers' Day 2021 is an opportunity to celebrate the teachers who are making, or have made, an impact on our lives. Whether you're a current student, have children in school, or have been out of school for many years, World Teachers' Day is a chance to say, 'thank you'.

On Friday 29 October we'd like to acknowledge the dedication and passion of our teaching staff here at Tweed River High School and the important role they play in our community.



RUGBY SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CAMP

Casuarina Beach Rugby Club will be holding a one-day Rugby development Camp for Girls and Boys U14s through to U18s.

The inaugural camp aims to improve specific rugby skills through small group, direct learning and drills. They are fortunate to be able to offer the experience and techniques from highly qualified coaches which is a huge benefit to any aspiring rugby players of the future.

WHEN: Sunday 31 October

TIME: 8.45am—3pm

COST: \$25 per person

includes rugby ball, wristband, lunch, water

Book your spot via the Casuarina Beach Rugby Club [website](#)





SCHOOL TRAVEL FOR 2022



2022 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can apply now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should renew or update their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new eligibility criteria, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.



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SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT Cont...

School Student Transport Scheme site change

On 1 October 2021 the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) information and application portal was moved to transportnsw.info. This will assist families to find all their travel information in the one place.

Travel from Term 1 2022

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can apply or update details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations increasingly difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their local bus operator to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Please also remember that students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the Student code of conduct and Opal terms of use.



Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel
Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback



STAFF PROFILE

Name:

Janet Ryan

Previous schools:

Matraville High School, Kingscliff High School.

Where were you born/grew up?

Manly, Sydney

Other jobs:

Qantas Flight Attendant

Interests outside school:

Snow Skiing, Travel, Walking, Golf, Spending time with family and friends.

Hero:

14th Dalai Lama

Favourite Avenger:

Black Widow

Facts we don't know about you:

I spent most of my school holidays in Rainbow Bay, with my Grandparents. I loved fishing and water skiing on the Tweed River and surfing at the local beaches, playing putt putt in Coolangatta, visiting the Zoo in Kirra and swimming with the dolphins at Snapper Rocks Pools.

Achievements in Life:

With the help of family, completing a university degree which has helped me to fulfill my love of teaching. Being able to share the social and cultural experiences I have come across on my travels around the world.





STAFF PROFILE

Name:

Renee Taewa

Previous schools:

Banora Point HS, Murwillumbah HS,
Tweed Heads Public

Where were you born/grew up?

Born in Rockhampton, grew up in
Middlemount, QLD till 1994 then moved
to Banora Point and haven't left.

Other jobs:

Receptionist, Purchasing Officer and
Stay-at-Home Mummy

Interests outside school:

Football, netball, spending time with
family and friends.

Hero:

My parents. They have been married for 52 years and together for 59 years.

Favourite Avenger:

The Avengers aren't my cup of tea but if I had to pick just one it would be Thor.

Facts we don't know about you:

I grew up in a small mining town called Middlemount, not a lot to do out there so when I was aged 2 my parents taught me how to ride a bike without training wheels. By age 3 I was competing against boys and girls on the BMX track. I travelled all over QLD racing BMX and was 8th in Australia when I was around 8 years old. I raced against Anna Meares (she was my neighbour) who has won several Gold Medals in the Olympics.

Achievements in Life:

My life's achievements would have to be my 3 children and surviving the early years of being a 20-year-old mother to 3 kids under 3, twin boys and daughter.





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Indigenous APPRENTICESHIPS PROGRAM 2022

APPLY FOR AN APPRENTICESHIP WITH A GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND SET YOURSELF UP FOR A GREAT CAREER IN THE AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC SERVICE.

- It's full-time work with a competitive salary, great benefits and on-the-job training.
- The apprenticeship runs for 12 months.
- You get to complete a nationally recognised certificate or diploma.
- There are jobs in capital cities and most regional areas across Australia.
- You'll be supported by an Indigenous mentor.

Apply to make a difference in the lives of everyday Australians.

You don't need a degree or any work experience to apply.

What will your story be?



Applications open from 4 to 29 October 2021.

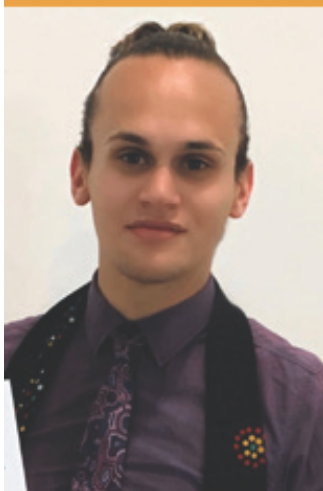
To apply or for more info, visit servicesaustralia.gov.au/IAP





MEET SOME OF OUR INDIGENOUS APPRENTICES

HAYDEN



Coming from a really difficult experience growing up in foster care, I never thought I'd be here working for government.

I moved to Melbourne on my own when I was only 14. I was homeless for a few weeks before finding somewhere to stay. When I was 19, I took on full-time care of my 6-year-old sister. I worked hard to support us and to be a good role model for her.

When I saw the IAP advertised I was a bit sceptical about working for government. I had trauma from growing up in foster and government care. But I knew I wanted to make a difference from the inside out, so I gathered my courage and applied.

I really didn't think I'd get into the program. I didn't have any education. I hadn't even finished school. I had very basic computer skills and some customer service experience.

My overall experience in the IAP was amazing. I learned so much on the job. I graduated the program with a Cert IV in Government and a permanent job at Services Australia. It's given me the stability and flexibility to care for my sister. I feel like I'm a really good role model for her.

We definitely need more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in government. We need you here creating change from the inside with us. If you're thinking of applying for the IAP, do it. You may not think you have the strength, but I can do it, so can you.

Before my apprenticeship, the concept of influencing change in government was so foreign to me. Now here I am, doing it every day.

I work in a remote community in Maningrida, on the north coast of the Northern Territory. It's a place where Indigenous culture has a strong presence and cultural ceremonies are an everyday occurrence.

I work in service delivery and experience firsthand some of the difficulties the most vulnerable Australians face. Through my apprenticeship, I've not only been able to get to know and help the community up here. I've also been able to inspire real change in how we deliver services.

I think my diverse background helps me to be accepting and open. My mother is a proud and humble Indigenous woman and my father is a hard-working immigrant.

My mum was from the stolen generations of Alice Springs. My dad was from the Dodecanese Islands, a small group of Greek islands off the coast of Turkey.

Now I wake up every morning wanting to go to work. I know that my work impacts people for the better. I know I'm creating a more accepting public service. I know I'm contributing to a community and a better future for Maningrida, our people and our future.

And that's just the start of what the Indigenous Apprenticeships Program has to offer. I've also built a second family with my team, learned leadership skills and gained stability for my family.

MICHAEL

