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QATSIF Round 9 is Coming

- Important information that school staff and students should know before making an application

We take this opportunity of the Term 2 Newsletter to announce Round 9 QATSIF Scholarship Applications opening on the 21st June 2017.

Current QATSIF schools will be familiar with the process, but should there be new schools interested, **now is the time to** consider the QATSIF eligibility requirements in relation to potential QCE QATSIF Scholarship Applicants currently in Year 10 (or if a new school and have not previously applied, you can also consider current eligible Year 11 students).

An eligible QATSIF Scholarship Applicant:

- *is a person of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent who identifies as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, is accepted as such by the community in which they live and reported as such in the school's Federal and State Government Census Data. As Confirmation of Aboriginality is now required by Universities, it is also recommended that schools encourage students to present their Confirmation of Aboriginality documentation to schools at the same time as QATSIF applications.*
- *is an Australian citizen and resident of Queensland.*
- *is enrolled at this school as an Aboriginal or/and Torres Strait Islander student. (Students who identify after initial enrolment must produce Proof of Aboriginality documentation to QATSIF with the school's application for scholarships.*
- *intends to undertake and complete their Queensland Certificate of Education during the school years 2018-2019 and has the ability and the school's confidence of fully completing their QCE by Year 12 Graduation.*
- *has current school attendance of 85% or more.*
- *is under age 35.*
- *is currently achieving A-C in English and a C or higher in every current grade subject. (To fully assess the student, we recommend you do not finalise your application until two weeks prior the closing date)*

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Please forward this Newsletter on to your QATSIF students and families where possible.

- demonstrates effort and Behaviour of a C or above.
- participates in school activities which enhance his/her Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural identity.
- demonstrates willingness to fully participate in the life of the school and be a worthy role model for other students.



Reminders:

QATSIF would like to remind all students what is required by each QATSIF Scholarship student in order to stay eligible for the scholarship. It is disappointing when a school has to inform us that a QATSIF Scholarship Recipient has failed to keep on earning the scholarship and it has been terminated. We remind all QATSIF Scholarship Recipients to:

1. be proud that you have been granted the scholarship
2. maintain an attendance of above 90% to ensure you can keep the scholarship
3. do your best with each subject to stay on track to get your QCE by the end of Year 12
4. with pride, involve yourself in your school's cultural activities and be a strong leader and role model for other students
5. remember that your scholarship is the legacy of the old people who had their wages stolen. Make those old people and their spirits happy with your efforts to succeed.

Important dates and deadlines:

- **Wednesday 21st June** – Round 9 Opens (allowing holidays for students and families to complete the Student Declaration Form)
- **Monday 28th August** – Round 9 closes – no extensions possible
- By early November 2017 it is hoped that schools will be notified of outcomes.

We take this opportunity to once again thank our current QATSIF Schools for all that you do to work with QATSIF in making this scholarship program possible. Thank you to those schools who regularly give feedback to us about students' progress. Thank you to those schools who actively engage in the wider QATSIF arena of celebrations, gatherings and graduations and have generous students willing to participate in a public way. Above all, thank you to all those in schools who work so hard to try to ensure that the students can succeed in gaining their QCE by Graduation and can rightly be proud of their achievements. It is not lost on us at QATSIF that this can be more challenging at times. Your dedication and perseverance and belief in your students inspire us here at QATSIF.

The QATSIF Board

With the departure of Dr Grace Sarra in mid July and Mr Rod Jensen (Deputy Chair) just before the end of 2016, the QATSIF Board of Advice is pleased to announce two new Board Members, Ms Kellie McDonald and Mrs Jane Ceolin.

Kellie is a young Aboriginal woman and was a QATSIF Scholarship Recipient in Round 2. After graduating from Alexandra Hills State High School, Kellie completed a Bachelor of Health Sport and Physical Education at the University of Queensland. Since graduating she is now a teacher at Alexandra Hills State High School. Kellie is currently a member of the Australian Council of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (ACHPER). Through her commitment to education, Kellie continues to motivate and educate Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander students about their health and overall physical and mental wellbeing.



Kellie is the first former QATSIF Scholarship Recipient to be appointed to the QATSIF Board of Advice.

Jane is an Aboriginal woman with cultural and traditional connections to Far North Queensland. Through her mother's and father's connections, Jane is of the Wulgurukaba and Yirrganydji peoples. Jane has worked with a diverse range of teams across key stakeholder groups including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members to build and sustain effective partnerships and networks. She was appointed to a leadership role at Australian Catholic University in August 2012 and from December 2012 became the Acting Director of the Centre for Indigenous Education and Research. She was appointed as Director, First Peoples and Equity Pathways Directorate, ACU in December 2014.



Professor Cindy Shannon remains Chair of the Board of Advice and is supported by fellow members Mr Mark Brand, Ms Claire Schneider, Mr Jharal Yow Yeh and Mr Kenneth James Walker.

The QATSIF office regularly receives information that can greatly benefit our recipients. Currently applications are open for various camps available to senior students through the [University of Queensland](http://www.uq.edu.au).



New Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship Opportunity for high achieving, science minded Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students that are currently in year 12 (or on gap year) that are seeking a career in the natural health sector!

Endeavour College of Natural Health is Australia's largest provider of Higher Education to the complementary medicine sector with a national campus footprint that includes two Qld campuses in Brisbane, Fortitude Valley and Gold Coast, Scarborough, Southport.

For the first time Endeavour College is offering 2 full scholarships, plus bursary, for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander year 12 school leavers looking to study a Bachelor of Health Science degree in Naturopathy, Nutritional and Dietetic Medicine, Myotherapy or Acupuncture in 2018.

Applications are open online from July 2017 and close November 2017. This could be a great stepping stone for high achieving QATSIF recipients. Please pass this onto anyone that may be interested.

For further information visit <https://www.endeavour.edu.au/future-students/indigenous-scholarship-for-school-leavers> or email the National Manager for School engagement anne.seville@endeavour.edu.au

Congratulations to all 2017 QATSIF recipients!

Bond University is now accepting applications for scholarships for 2018. These scholarships are valued up to 50% of tuition fees for any single undergraduate degree (excluding the Medical Program) or 100% for any diploma program.

Our office does its very best to pass on information but please remember that these emails have been forwarded to our office and that you need to contact the university for more information. QATSIF is not able to provide more details nor accept applications. If you would like to find out more information about the University of Queensland InspireU Camps please visit <http://www.atsis.uq.edu.au/inspireu>

If you would like to find out more information about the Indigenous Scholarships for 2018 through Bond University please visit <https://bond.edu.au/>

Please talk with parents/family of potential QCE QATSIF Scholarship Applicants, explaining the two year scholarship available of \$1000 per student per year in Years 11 and 12. You can outline what costs the scholarship can cover. Please explain that the scholarship, if awarded needs to be continually "earned" by positive attitudes to study, with conduct and school participation worthy of a role model for other students.

The Scholarship may only be applied towards*:

- Compulsory school fees
- Resource hire
- Computer hire levy
- QCE subject and technology levies
- Stationery
- Textbooks
- QCE related excursions and camps
- TAFE VET placement
- Industry visits (not covered by other funding sources)
- University and Careers expos.
- Compulsory school uniforms
- Senior Jersey
- School shoes
- One Year 12 Formal/Graduation ticket

Examples of items for which QATSIF Funding cannot be used

- P&F fees
- Capital building levies
- Personal computers, laptops or devices
- Staff wages
- Tutoring
- Co-curricular activities unrelated to QCE
- Boarding fees
- Weekend activity costs
- Toiletries
- Sporting representation

*Must not be covered by other funding sources

QATSIF Leadership Badges - The list continues to grow

QATSIF is delighted that the list of QATSIF Recipients achieving leadership roles in schools is growing.

We congratulate the following students.

Burnett State College

- Tarliya Baxter – Treasurer
- Jesse George – Allindarra Sports Captain

Stanthorpe State High School

- Ethan Wenban - School Prefect

Ipswich Girls' Grammar School

- Tanyha James – Deputy Head Boarder
- Emily Witheyman-Crump – Armitage House Captain & Hockey Captain
- Natara Michael - Cultural Leader
- Nyoaka Woolla - Cultural Leader

John Paul College

- Frazer Roberts – Vice Captain
- Channing Borey-Coghill – Prefect
- Danika Levi – Prefect

St Francis College

- Chloe McGrath – College Family Group Leader of Kurrawa

Springfield Central State High School

- Savannah Proud – 2017 School Captain
- Jordan Hall – 2017 School Captain

Mt St Michael's College

- Lucy Carozza – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leader

Redbank Plains State High School

- Malik Drahm – Cultural Prefect

We would like to present them with a QATSIF badge at our next two events.

If your school is coming, or would like to come to either the National Sorry Day Gathering at Toowoomba USQ on the 26th May or the Reconciliation Week QATSIF Gathering at Springfield USQ on the 31st of May please send an email to sonia.norbido@qatsif.org.au to find out more information and register your school's attendance.



QATSIF School Elder Meets the Queen

Proving that not only is Reconciliation being done, it's being seen to be done, Yugambeh Elder and staff member of Beenleigh State High School Ted Williams boarded a plane bound for London as part of an official Queensland delegation to meet the Queen for the launch of the 2018 Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton Relay.



Alongside him at the podium was Elder Patricia O'Connor also of the Yugambeh people. It was the first time Traditional

Custodians have attended the ceremony which formally invited the 'First Nations' people to attend the Games in 2018.

"Our Commonwealth has many First Nations People, and as traditional custodians of the Yugambeh land on which the next games will be held, we extend an invitation to all other First Nations people... to join us in a 21st century style celebration of the Commonwealth Games,"

"These games will afford a celebration of sport, in tandem with a celebration of the wonderfully diverse cultures that reside within our Commonwealth for both the enjoyment and the betterment of all."

Mr Williams said the gesture was a positive step towards Reconciliation and before his trip also added that he planned to spread a hopeful message for the future.

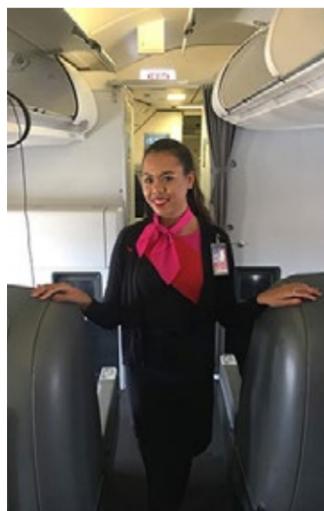
"Having two Indigenous people on the stage with the Queen to set the baton off on its way was to my mind a very good way of proving their willingness to be truthful about Reconciliation".

"To think someone like me, an ordinary person, would get to meet the Queen is quite strange. It was a bolt from the blue".



Student News

Tiffany Hodges graduated and received her QCE from **Albany Creek State High School** with the help of a QATSIF Scholarship last year. As part of her studies she completed a Certificate III in Business Administration with QANTAS and for 2017 was able to secure a 12 month traineeship in State Government enabling her to continue with a Certificate IV in Business Administration.



Finding out what awaits them at university, School Captains from **Springfield Central State High School** had the chance to attend a Critical Thinking and Writing course during the 2016 Christmas break.



The University of Queensland invited Year 12 students **Jordan Hall** and **Savannah Proud** to attend the course as part of an Enhanced Studies Program where they learnt about critical thinking, strategies for creative thinking and essay writing.



Both students discovered the course to be very rewarding and an awesome opportunity. Jordan found the strong focus of philosophy interesting while Savannah found being able to draft her own work to be extremely helpful while completing Year 12.

The course also provided them insight to the importance of peer-review and to see how different university life is from high school.

The QATSIF office welcomes news of present and past QATSIF students. Please email us, enquiries@qatsif.org.au or sonia.norbido@qatsif.org.au along with a short story and photo.



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QATSIF QCE Round 9 Scholarship applications in Queensland Secondary Schools open **21st June 2017** and close **28th August 2017**

Please check with your school or qatsif.org.au for eligibility criteria

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QATSIF congratulates Kyle Ryan for Major Academic Award

QATSIF would like to congratulate Kyle Ryan for winning a Major Academic Award. Kyle graduated from Glenala State High School last year with an OP1 score and was the 2016 Dux of the school.

Only 790 students in Queensland received an OP1. Kyle's determination and hard work have resulted in him being accepted into the University of Queensland's Doctor of Medicine (MD) Program.

Glenala State High School is very proud of Kyle. During his studies Kyle received an award from the Physics Institute of Australia for achieving outstanding results, and he also completed a Research Internship with QUT on Medical Research.

On the 18th of February this year, Kyle was recognised by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority as

Queensland's highest achieving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student.

Well done Kyle! We wish all the best in your university studies and in your journey to become a doctor.



QATSIF Dates for 2017

Be sure to mark your 2017 calendars for these proposed QATSIF events.
All event venues will be advised closer to date of event.

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| May 15th 2017 | Preliminary advice regarding Round 9 to schools |
| May 26th 2017 | National Sorry Day/QATSIF Gathering at Toowoomba USQ 10:30am |
| May 31st 2017 | Reconciliation Week/QATSIF Gathering at Springfield USQ 10:30am |
| June 21st 2017 | Round 9 opens for applications from schools |
| July 7th 2017 | QATSIF stall at Musgrave Park Family Fun Day We would love some Scholarship Recipient helpers from 10am - 2pm ... Brigidine College paved the way in 2016. Can you help us? Free lunch included! |
| July 20th 2017 | QATSIF Cluster schools Toowoomba at Laidley State High School 10am |
| August 2nd 2017 | QATSIF Cluster schools Townsville at Heatley Secondary College 10:30am |
| August 25th 2017 | Round 9 applications close. Unfortunately because of tight timelines for the Board and Public Trustee there can be no extensions. |
| October 11th 2017 | Mackay Graduation Celebration at CQUniversity 10:30am |
| October 13th 2017 | Rockhampton Graduation Celebration at CQUniversity 10:30am |
| October 18th 2017 | Brisbane Graduation Celebration TBA |
| October 19th 2017 | Cairns Graduation Celebration at Peace Lutheran College 10:30am |
| October 20th 2017 | Gold Coast Graduation Celebration at Bond University 10:30am TBC |

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