My name is Greg Myers and I am proud to have accepted the position of Principal Southern Cross Catholic College on the Redcliffe Peninsula in 2012. Our unique P-12 Catholic College caters for students on the Peninsula by providing a strong spiritual, academic, sporting, cultural and social education in excellent facilities on spacious grounds. Our students come from many backgrounds, including a growing number of overseas students, students from a large variety of different nationalities and significant number of Indigenous students.

I have been Principal of Catholic schools in Queensland for 24 years, having worked at Primary schools in Charleville, Goondiwindi, Maryborough, the Gold Coast, Brisbane and now Redcliffe. I am married with two children, both studying at University in Brisbane. I am passionate about Catholic education and ensuring that all children and young people have the opportunity to achieve to their potential and succeed in their chosen pathway.

Indigenous education must be a priority for all education systems and authorities in Australia. The key to success for all students, and particularly Indigenous students, is access to high quality teaching and learning. It is my belief that all education must respect and honour tradition, while embracing the future and ensuring we teach to allow lifelong learning to take place. In a Catholic school, this takes place in a faith filled environment focussing on ensuring key Christian values are espoused by all. My goal for our Indigenous students is that they achieve to their potential and beacons in the community. At Southern Cross, with the support of specialist staff, our Indigenous students are able to embrace the opportunities presented to them in an atmosphere of respect and pride. I look forward to working to ensure that these opportunities are realised for all.

Celebratory Breakfast at Kuril Dhargun
On the 22nd February our Year 11 QATSIF Scholarship Recipients attended a celebratory breakfast with other students from across Brisbane at the State Library of Queensland’s Kuril Dhagun’s Indigenous Knowledge Centre.

Redbank Plains State High School “Platters on Willow” fully catered a hot breakfast including an array of dishes such as Hot Croc Breakfast Burgers, Wild Fruit Skewers, Sweet Bush Danish, Sweet Rosella Pancakes, Native Teas and Fresh Fruit Waters.

Following the breakfast, students were given a comprehensive tour of the Indigenous Research Centre to explore their own personal family histories. In this historical collection, there are thousands of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander family records including the Normal Tindale Genealogical Collection for Aboriginal family histories and the Margaret Lawrie Collection of Torres Strait Islander family histories.
Earlier in March this year students from the Middle Senior Years campus joined forces to take a stand against bullying. Federal MP, Ms Yvette D’Ath and the owner of McDonald’s Bracken Ridge, Mr Rod Chiapello, and all students and staff from the Middle and Senior years dressed in a sea of orange sending a positive message to all in our community to raise awareness about bullying.

During the day, over $900 was also raised for our Project Compassion appeal.

During Terms 2 and 3, Action Learning Programs have been facilitated for groups of Early Junior Years Teaching Staff.

There are a number of different courses currently being facilitated by staff including Information Technology (Staff Portal Training), Literacy, Numeracy and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and perspectives. Teachers are invited to self nominate to participate in these professional development programs conducted after school hours.

Uncle Peter Bird, Senior Community Elder and Gene Blow, Cultural Competency Coordinator, recently visited with the Action Learning Group to share their valuable insights and knowledge of the local area and communities.

Southern Cross highly values connecting with local community members and looks forward to continuing strong respectful relationships with the wider Indigenous community.

Gene Blow and Uncle Peter Bird visit Mackillop Campus for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Perspectives Action Learning Program.
On Wednesday 31st May the Middle Senior Years campus held its annual National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week Assembly. Year 12 Indigenous Student Leaders proudly led a liturgy to both acknowledge and commemorate the meaning and significance of both of these dates on our national calendar.

Uncle Peter Bird, respected community Elder, Sonya Kadel, BCE Participation Officer, Chris and Jake Fabila came along as our special guests for the day. Following the liturgy, all students and staff walked a walk of silence in unity, as a sign of respect to those people known as the Stolen Generation. Each and every person collected a hand as a symbol of their own personal commitment to walking the journey of Reconciliation. The coloured hands were planted around the gardens on the front lawns of the campus and the flags were raised in unison.

We sincerely thank ANTAR for providing over 1000 hands for this special occasion.

Future Leaders Indigenous Award Winner 2012

The Future Leader Awards recognise students who show leadership and academic potential during their senior schooling years. There are various categories for the awards where young Australians are inspired to continue on their educational journey and strive for their goals. This year, 76 students across the Nation received the Indigenous Award that recognises and rewards students who have shown leadership and potential. The awards also aim to inspire others to engage in environmental and community issues and make a difference. SOPHIE ROGERS received this honourable award for 2012. Sophie is currently completing her year 11 studies whilst working towards completion of her Certificate III in Hairdressing at TAFE.

Congratulations SOPHIE

www.futureleaders.com.au
**Local Community Member Profiles..**

**Aunty Julie Smith** is a respected Community Elder of the Kalkadoon Language Group with over twenty five years experience working with spirituality, cultural recognition and sustainability, education and all facets of leadership. Her focus is on growing and connecting people with in an ethical, cooperative and humanitarian manner. At the core of her values are the foundation stones of respect, integrity and equality.

Aunty Julie adopts a multi-faceted approach which reflects the complexity and pace of change inherent in today’s world and workplaces. She employs a partnering approach with individuals and organizations, to enable their own learning discovery paths; be they historical, spiritual or educational with a goal of connecting the three.

Aunty Julie also values the importance of connecting hearts and minds to enable individuals to fully realise their own identities, spirituality, and capabilities. Belonging and walking between worlds her entire life, Aunty Julie’s life experience has taught her valuable lessons on the importance of inclusion, privilege, working through others to achieve collective goals and the importance of sitting with energy. With spirituality woven intrinsically through every step taken, every experience lived and every relationship, Aunty Julie appreciates the depth, shape, visibility and impact it has on each person’s ability to be who they are, and therefore how they impact the world around them.

We sincerely thank Aunty Julie for her continued support and presence at Southern Cross for our staff, students, families and whole community. We look forward to continuing our connection as we walk in unity towards Reconciliation through education at SCCC.

**Lyndall Hill** is a friend of the College through her work with Dare to Lead. This is Principals Australia’s national project around Leadership of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education in schools across Catholic, Independent and Government schools.

Lyndall is now in her fourth year as Coordinator of the Dare to Lead project in Queensland.

“I love the opportunities working for Principals Australia. They give me the chance to travel the length and breadth of Queensland supporting our schools individually or in clusters and to share the wonderful practices there are in our many and varied settings. As a colleague Principal I feel privileged to be invited to support our school leaders in this area of education and reconciliation.

I was born on Gitabul land, part of the Bundjalung nation in Warwick in the Darling Downs of a very strong Irish celtic background and enjoy tracking my heritage down, which means travelling to Ireland to meet new relatives. My husband and I now live on Kambuwal land at Stanthorpe on the Granite Belt. It is a real haven to return home to the peace of the bush after busy working weeks on the road.

This role is the culmination of 34 years as an educator in Queensland, New South Wales and PNG in rural, remote, regional and metropolitan settings. I have thoroughly enjoyed every teaching, support, administration executive and consultancy role I have been lucky enough to hold. My wish now is that my grandchildren will find teachers in their lives who have the enjoyment in teaching that I was blessed with.

I have particularly enjoyed working at SCCC over a number of years and working with such a passionate and forward looking staff, and wish the College every success in its journey in to the future.”
Indigenous Hearing Health Clinics

Caboolture / Chermside / Redcliffe

Services we offer:
- Checking for hearing loss and middle ear disease
- Accessing other health care agencies
- Advice and ongoing support for the management of hearing health issues
- Education sessions addressing hearing health issues
- Clinics for community members at community sites.

Heating screening clinic held at:
- Caboolture Early Years Centre
- Chermside Community Health Centre
- Redcliffe Community Health Centre

For enquiries, to book an appointment:
Contact: Indigenous Child Health Team
Hearing Health Clinic phone 3139 0100

Caboolture Early Years Centre
HEARING CLINIC for Children

At the Caboolture Early Years Centre
Indigenous and Non Indigenous Families

Dates:
July 12th
August 9th
September 13th
October 11th
November 8th

Please call Delma Doorman, Indigenous Health worker on 3139 6772 to make an appointment

Indigenous Women’s Brisbane North Health Summit
FREE EVENT
22nd June 2012

Great Prizes
Kids Corner
Art and Crafts

Strathpine Community Centre
Tom Petrie Room

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land and pay our respects to the elders, both past and present.
Study 2013: Info Evening

Date: Wednesday 14 July
Time: 4.30pm - 7.00pm
Venue: Southbank Institute of Technology
C Block, Performance Centre
66 6th Street South Brisbane

Cost: Free

Description: Study 2013: Info Evening
Find out about our extensive range of courses, and gather all the details you need to assist you in your study decisions.
- All courses - career changers, mature ages, school leavers, parents, uni-agents
- Talk to our staff face-to-face
- Your one-stop-shop

Find out about:
- PER-HEM, VET, HELP and scholarships
- University pathways
- High school VET
- Associate Degree
- Centenary Scholarship

APPLICATIONS

General Courses

Australian Catholic University offers a wide range of courses in areas including arts, sciences, business, education, theology and nursing. If you are currently studying Year 12 in Queensland, your school will advise you of the QUT application process. Other applicants must obtain an application form from QUT and will undergo an interview as part of the application process.

QUT applications close 30 September each year. Late applications are accepted.

Direct Entry Indigenous Courses

Brisbane Campus, ACU National also offer specific courses for Indigenous students:
- Associate Degree in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education
- Bachelor of Education (Primary) (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies)

Entry for these courses is by Direct Application via the university website at www.acu.edu.au

Direct Applications generally close late in January each year. Mid-year entry for Education and Business available in June each year. Late applications may be accepted. Please telephone Weemala to discuss this option.

STUDY MODE

The Indigenous courses above are offered in full time mode (cultural study with Residencies each term) over a period of two-three years.

Education students must also commit to a 2 week practice teaching sessions each year. Education students, who wish to continue after completing the Associate Degree course, can apply for the Bachelor level through the same mode of study.

Midwifery students must also commit to practicums sessions each year. Business Students must also commit to Field Experience every 2nd semester (unless credit has been given).

Weemala

Indigenous Higher Education Unit

Weemala is the Indigenous Unit at the Brisbane Campus of Australian Catholic University, MacArthur in Danyun. Weemala, which is a Torres Strait Islander word for 'distant view', to look into the future, was established in 1989 to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in their pursuit for tertiary education. Weemala offers courses in social, cultural, personal and academic support to students whilst undertaking tertiary study in an environment which promotes a positive Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identity.

Located on the impressive Brisbane campus of ACU National, our facilities include computerprint room, study rooms and a peaceful outdoor Reflection Space showcasing contemporary Indigenous art. Our friendly staff members are happy to help in regard to course information, application forms, orientation to the campus and access to learning assistance.

For more information on courses or student life, contact us:

- 1100 Nudgee Road in Deagon
- 3623 7196 Brisbane or 1800 222 533 (outside Brisbane)
- Weemala Indigenous Unit, ACU National, PO Box 508, Virginia Q 4014
- Email: kristen.hofemans@acu.edu.au

www.careymining.com.au
Friday 6th July 2012, 9am to 5pm.
The Musgrave Park Family Fun Day is celebrating its 21st anniversary in 2012. Come along and celebrate in all the excitement and fun! Join the celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture during NAIDOC Week in South Brisbane. Check out website www.musgravepark.org.au for all your latest information.

3 Performance Areas
If you’re a performing artist, band, solo artist, dancer, hip hop artist, poet, storyteller or any other performing artist and you’d like to perform at this years celebration you can simply apply by completing a Registration form from our website. This is a great opportunity to perform in front of thousands of people as part of our great celebrations.

Fantastic Food Fare
If you’d like to try traditional foods or just foods of the fare we have a wide selection of foods to satisfy your taste requirements. You can sample anything from burgers, chips and pizza to traditional foods and enjoy a freshly brewed coffee while you’re at it. We still have limited space available if you would like to set up a food stall for the day so get in quick and complete a Food Stall Registration Application also available from our website.

Elder’s Marquee
To cater for all of our Elder’s we will again set up an Elder’s Marquee with free tea, coffee, lunch, morning and afternoon tea provided for our Elder’s so they can simply come, sit, relax and enjoy the festivities. Catering will be provided by the ever popular Kap Maori Delights. The Musgrave Park Family Fun Day Inc are pleased to have Albert and his team cater for our Elder’s again in 2012.

Free Kids Rides
It will be school holidays and there will be plenty of free entertainment for the kids so bring your young at heart. Free show rides will be available again in 2012 along with many free activities, give-aways and stage shows for the children to enjoy. The kids can play on the Giant Slide, Jumping Castles, Merry Go Rounds, Ball Crawl or even take a ride on the Super Slidder, Dominator or High Flyer. There will be plenty of free items for the kids to take home to the whole family and enjoy a fun filled day out.

Information Stalls
At last years event we had over 140 information stalls set up by government, private and community organisations. This is a great way to get to know and visit our Indigenous community. We already have many government agencies attending in 2012 as well as community organisations and we are also seeing a greater number of private companies who want to come and share information with the Indigenous community. There is information on careers, education and training as well as information on health services with many providing free health checks. If it’s information that you want you can be sure to get heaps of it at Musgrave Park Family Fun Day.

Arts & Craft
There will be plenty of traditional and contemporary arts and craft stalls available selling items such as boomerangs, didgeridoos, t-shirts, jewellery, pottery, canvas paintings and much much more. Come and check out the arts and crafts on display and maybe even purchase some artwork for yourself or as a great gift.

Traditional Dance
As always the official opening ceremony will commence at midday with a Welcome to Country performed by Traditional Custodians followed by a celebration of traditional dance. The opening ceremony is always the highlight of the event so miss it this year.

Call Scott Anderson if you want more info on 0408 184 673.
Certificate IV in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Visual Arts

Learn more advanced skills that will lead to entry level jobs in the visual arts, crafts and design industries.

Learn about the traditional arts of painting and sculpture, more modern digital arts and undertaking studies in this program you will also focus on providing skills and learning in arts administration.

It’s the perfect program to bring a colourful history to life.

Program Duration: Full-time 6 Months

For further Information:

Enquire Now: (07) 3244 6222 or (07) 3244 6000

We are taking enquiries for Semester 2, 2012.

Applications will close on Friday 29th June, 2012.

Get in now before it’s too late!

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Weemal - Walking with our community for better education outcomes

Traditional Indigenous Games

Indigenous Business Administration Trainee

YOU MUST IDENTIFY AS ABORIGINAL OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS ROLE:

- Full-time position
- Choice of career or part-time work
- Great career progression plan

For many years Maxima has worked with employers and job seekers to facilitate meaningful employment and vocational training opportunities for Indigenous Australians.

This role included taking on a significant amount of Indigenous business in apprenticeship, school based placements where providing quality pre-employment training programs and being a leader in the development of programs and support for Indigenous employees.

The Role

As a Business Administration trainee you will be provided with hands on experience in the field to allow you to successfully complete your Cert IV in Business.

The Person

Ideally you will have great communication and interpersonal skills, be a problem solver, be well presented, reliable, have a willingness to learn, an interest in the Business Administration sector and who works well within a team and is committed to completing your studies.

Location

Brisbane

This is a fantastic opportunity for those that are interested in gaining a solid foundation in the administration area.

For further information please contact
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Indigenous Recruitment Consultant
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University Trades Community Programs and Events