



# Yirara College

of the Finke River Mission Inc  
ABN 12 832 689 950

## ANNUAL REPORT 2022

*This report has been prepared in accordance with the Section 67C of the Education Act of the Northern Territory of Australia which requires the governing body of every registered non-Government school to give an annual report to the Chief Executive Officer of the Northern Territory Department of Education and Children Services each year.*

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## Part 1: (b) Assessment of School Performance











Our cohort come from remote community and have a limited world view of employment. We continue to support students and staff in facilitating Industry visits on and off campus to explore career pathways, exposing students to a variety of industries.

Students had access to work experience opportunities. For students that are challenged in engaging in learning in the classroom, alternatives such as work experience are available to support development of skills including communication, teamwork, problem solving, decision making and using their initiative.

Host workplaces: Coles Supermarkets, IGA, 8 CCC Radio, Alice Springs Reptile Centre, AVIS, Woolworths, McDonalds, Outback Kebabs, Foodbank, Pizza Hut, Larapinta Child Care Centre, Parks & Wildlife NTG, KFC, and ICTV.

Industry: Indigenous Allied Health Association, Australian Defence Force and Recruiting, Norforce, Alice Springs Town Council, Arafura Resources NT Farmers, Double Tree by Hilton, Central Land Council, Newmont and ESS Compass.

DriveSafe (restricted due to limited numbers and delivery)

- x DriveSafe training Theory 1 - 7 students engaged (no lessons were available)

#### Background Documentation

We assist students in acquiring documentation such as Birth Certificates, Tax File Numbers, Unique Student Identifier numbers, Ochre Cards, Tangentyere ID cards, Bank Accounts/cards, and other supporting documentation.

#### Food, Safety & Transport

Our cohort does not have access to the appropriate personal work equipment required for some of their courses. We assist in appropriate clothing for students participating in programs and work experience. Food and transport are provided for students attending courses, placements, and employment.

#### Duke of Edinburg Award Participation

Students have continued their participation in this program developing their skills, physical recreation, and service, culminating in an adventurous journey.

Five staff are trained as award leaders.

Disadvantaged Youth Funding for enrolments and camp (Camp funding rollover to 2022)

Award Level	Graduates 2022	Enrolments 2022
Bronze	3	12
Silver	0	4
Gold	0	0

Disadvantaged Youth Funding for enrolments and camp was rolled over from 2021.





Week 1 – Desert Mob art exhibition, afterschool arts and crafts, before school morning training followed by a BBQ breakfast, daily recess and lunch time activities, gardening.

Week 2 – Swimming, Alukura Women’s Health Service launch, afterschool arts and crafts, tree planting and before school morning training followed by a BBQ breakfast, daily recess and lunch time activities, gardening.

Week 3 – Senior ladies employment workshop, mixed program Stars oz tag carnival in Tennant Creek, seniors resume writing and mock job interviews, daily recess and lunch time activities, gardening.

Week 4 – Healthy cook up and smoothie making, beauty session, afterschool arts and crafts with Yipirinya School, healthy cook up, before school morning training followed by a BBQ breakfast, Centrelink information session, daily recess and lunch time activities, gardening.

Week 5 – Teambuilding session with Red Dust, afterschool beauty session, empowerment session and a Seniors workplace visit, daily recess and lunch time activities, gardening.

Week 6 – Araluen art centre visit, bowling, beauty engagement and afterschool arts and crafts, daily recess and lunch time activities, gardening.

Week 7 – All stars Christmas lunch, year 12 retreat, arts and crafts and before school morning training followed by a BBQ breakfast, daily recess and lunch time activities, gardening.

Week 8 – Stars formal preparation and Stars End of Year Awards night, daily recess and lunch time activities, gardening.

Week 9 – Beauty session and Christmas activities, daily recess and lunch time activities, gardening.

## **Staff Professional Development**

Yirara College provides ongoing professional development for its staff members through regular in-service opportunities at the beginning and end of most terms. Additional sectoral and personal professional development opportunities enable staff to further their own personal and professional journeys. Staff induction and training is conducted in accord with Federal, State and Lutheran Schools’ systemic requirements. No interstate, face to face professional development courses were undertaken in 2022, on-line learning and in-house programmes increased considerably. The main Professional Development opportunities included:

## Staff training for 2022

1 Minute Open & Closed Questions – CompliSpace Course
10 Minutes Being Assertive – CompliSpace Course



SCTA swim Australia - Australian Swimming coaches & teachers association
How to write EAP's training
Licence upgrades to Medium Rigid
Applied Suicide Intervention Skill Training (ASIST) workshop - Lifeline
Taxation & Payroll training 2022 webinar
Covid-19 Infection Control Training (Dept of Health)
NT COVID-19 Safety Supervisor training (Dept of Health)
Education Support (Learning Difficulties) online course
Privacy training for Staff - Presidian
Privacy training for Managers - Presidian
Taking the reins conference – Australian Boarding Schools Association
Strengthening Child Safe Organisations (Two day online) conference - The Hatchery
Online Accidental Counsellor workshop – Human Connections

## Part 1: (c) Assessment of the relationship with parents and the community

### Governing Council – Indigenous Steering Committee

An important element in the College's relationship with its feeder communities is parent participation in the Indigenous Steering Committee. This body is the major conduit by which the views of parents are reflected in the policies and practices of the College. In 2022, the Indigenous Steering Committee consisted of Aboriginal leaders from remote communities as diverse as Minyerri, Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Hermannsburg, Haasts Bluff, Finke, Yuendumu and Papunya.

The Indigenous Steering Committee has been able to resume meetings, these have been held once a term. Reports are received from the Chairperson, Principal, Director of Community Liaison Officer, College Chaplain, and invited guests are also asked to attend and give a report. The Chair of the Indigenous Steering Committee is Cassandra Williams who has done an exceptional job over the past years.

The College listens carefully when its Indigenous Steering Committee speaks, and the views and attitudes of the Indigenous Steering Committee are a constant reference point for the College in making important decisions regarding the direction of the College, and its programs and practices.

The Indigenous staff committee was to also meet along with the student representative committee and report back to the Indigenous Steering Committee who reports to the schools governing council.





NAIDOC Week

In 2022 as in past years, Yir

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## YIRARA STAFF LIST 2022

Surname	Christian Name	Job position
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Cox	Thomas	Music Teacher	0
Hardy	Andrea	Teacher	0
Stevens	Matthew	Teacher	0
Stevens	Rebecca	Teacher	0
Pearce	Priscilla	Art Teacher	0
Woods	Ciaran	Teacher	0
Kells	Kayemeshia	LSO	1
Lavea	Miri	LSO	0
Mirtschin	Leela	LSO	0
Swan	Tiffany	LSO	0
Willis	Emily	LSO	0
Naufahu	Sinafoni	LSO	0
Neville	David	LSO	0
Wakeling	Mark	LSO	0
Somerville	Andra	LSO	0
Hosking	Rose	LSO	0
Moreng	Josiah	LSO	0
Lewsley	Lilly	LSO	0
Pepperill	Ashleigh	LSO	1
Sandler	Max	LSO	0
Silver	Steve	LSO	1
Imms	Paul	Media Officer	0
Palale	Taisson	LSO – Media	0
Musinskis	Pete	Kintore Teacher	0
Ingram	Eloise	Kintore LSO	1
Stowers	Robyn	Head of Female Boarding	0
Orange	Zayle	Senior Houseparent – Female Boarding	0
Harrison	Olene	Senior Houseparent – Female Boarding	0
Takarei	Pikipo	Houseparent – Female Boarding	0
Hoare	Rose	Houseparent – Female Boarding	0
Hoare	Jamie	Houseparent – Female Boarding	0
Komene	Lesley	Houseparent – Female Boarding	0
Deemara	Tamara	Houseparent – Female Boarding	0
Samy	Shobna	Houseparent – Female Boarding	0
Motuhinau	Papa	Houseparent – Female Boarding	0
Singh	Amrita	Houseparent – Female Boarding	0
Loza	Sam	Head of Male Boarding	0
Harrison	Kevin	Senior Houseparent – Male Boarding	0
Abbott	Kurt	Senior Houseparent – Male Boarding	1
Anderson	Isaiah	Houseparent - Male Boarding	1
Ioapo	Aso	Houseparent - Male Boarding	0
Dhanju	Aman	Houseparent - Male Boarding	0
Dhillar	Sukman	Houseparent - Male Boarding	0

Jandu Singh	Jaspreet Gary	Houseparent - Male Boarding		0
		Houseparent - Male Boarding		0