

School Newsletter

A word from our Principal

Welcome to the end of another busy term at Yirara College.

This term, we congratulate six fellas who graduated from the Moto Scouts program. This program was delivered off-campus with students doing a combination of theory and manual work. They had the opportunity to gain a Certificate I in Automotive, undertook driver training (in the Motorkhana car that they help build), obtained a White Card and their First Aid certificate, learnt about financial literacy, as well as some work experience. We congratulate them on graduating and wish them well for their future endeavours



We have had a busy term with visits from Senator the Honorable Simon Birmingham Federal Minister for Education, Senator the Honorable Nigel Scullion NT Minister for Education, the Honourable Eva Lawler, and Councillor Jacinta Price.



Term Two - 2018



This term also saw the beginning of our BBQ trailer. The trailer will be used by Yirara staff and students to help support the street kids community project of Alice Springs.

This will be run through our boarding houses who will go out at night and have a BBQ near Anzac Oval along with sporting activities. We believe that this will be good for our senior students along with the kids on the street.



A big congratulations to Yirara Clontarf for winning their third Clontarf Billy Cart Derby. They put on a great day and everyone involved enjoyed the festivities!



I would like to sincerely thank all the staff for their continued support this term and we hope to see you all after a refreshing break.

Yours in Christ, Roger Ashcroft



Christian Studies



In **Christian Studies** lessons in term two students learned more about God. They explored the Trinity - God as three in one. The Father, who created us, the Son who saved us, and the Holy Spirit who helps us.

There was also time to learn more about prayer, including 'praying in colour' where students prayed for family members while colouring designs.

During National Reconciliation Week, the students and staff wrote messages on hands which were then displayed in chapel as the whole school came together for worship.

And through Jesus, to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.
Colossians 1:20 (NIV)



Our students have created some amazing artwork this term.
Check out Lattacia's finished piece.



The **Flexible Learning Centre** loves Thursdays! On Thursdays, our students go into the cooking room and make a meal together. It is a great class activity where students can use reading and maths skills in a practical way. But the best part is that students get to eat the yummy food they make!

One of the favourites this term was nachos. We even tried avocado and sour cream - some of us for the first time!

Students also learn to cook many different types of foods. The all time favourite was chocolate cake and cream.

At the end students sit and eat their meal together and chat as a class.



Save the date!

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd of September
Come and join us to celebrate 45 years of Indigenous education at Yirara!

Did someone say soccer..?

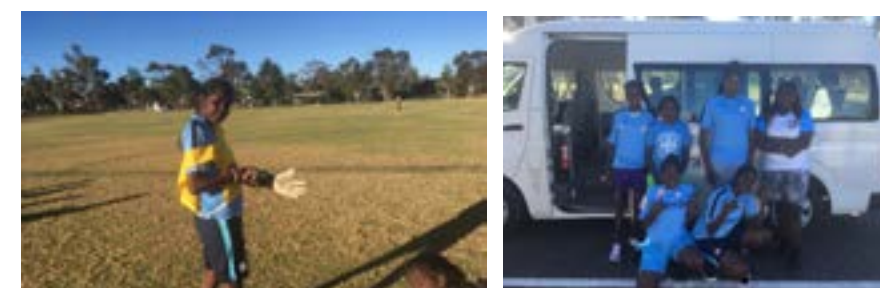


This term our ladies have been having a fantastic time testing out their soccer skills at Ross Park.

After training for weeks, the ladies were ready to show off their skills in a game against a local school. Jorja played the first half as goalie and in the second half scored a goal after a convincing run. Lettie made some great saves through the game including a crucial save that helped the team to a 4-4 draw.

Special mention also to Savannah who played for both sides after an opposing player went off injured and Samara who had a great game in the midfield.

The only bad luck happened at the end of the day when the key broke off in the bus and we had to be rescued!



Art this term has been great and students have enjoyed a range of activities.
Here Shannon is working on his piece.



Time for testing

This term in science students have been looking at resources and their properties.

Here are some of our students testing materials for solubility.



Introducing... The environment squad!

This term we have begun to build our school garden.

We visited the Alice Springs community garden for inspiration - check us out!



Check out 9B!

The 9B class has had a busy term! After showing great effort on their NAPLAN testing, some of the fellas enjoyed of few minutes of fun reading and relaxation.



The class has been studying a novel called "Hatchet" this term and took an excursion to visit the Chartair terminal to learn more about the plane that the main character flew. The students were able to explore the inside of several planes, talk to a pilot, and even send messages to the tower on the radio!



This term at Kintore...

One of our maths units has been geometry and we decided to make it artistic as well as geometrical. Armed with compasses, pencils, and stencils our students created footballs using the arcs of circles to get the correct shape.

They put so much effort into decorating the balls afterwards. Surprisingly, they did not all draw Hawks footballs - our local team - but chose an array of other footy clubs as well. Well done students! Some really good work.



Welcome to Yirara

Tap. Tap Tap. There are faces at the classroom window. "Miss, who is in the welcoming class today?"

Students are always keen to know who is in Welcome to Yirara. WTY is a class for all new students and for students who are returning to Yirara after being away for a few terms.

For some, this is their first time away from home and at boarding school. Students usually spend one day in the class while they are learning about the college, some of the rules, where to go, and who to talk to when they need some help. They also complete a lot of writing so that they can be placed in the class that is best for them.

New students love to look at photos of previous students, family, and community members. To help them to settle in we make a little time to look at Yirara TV episodes. There are also athletics and swimming carnival photos, as well as school magazines.



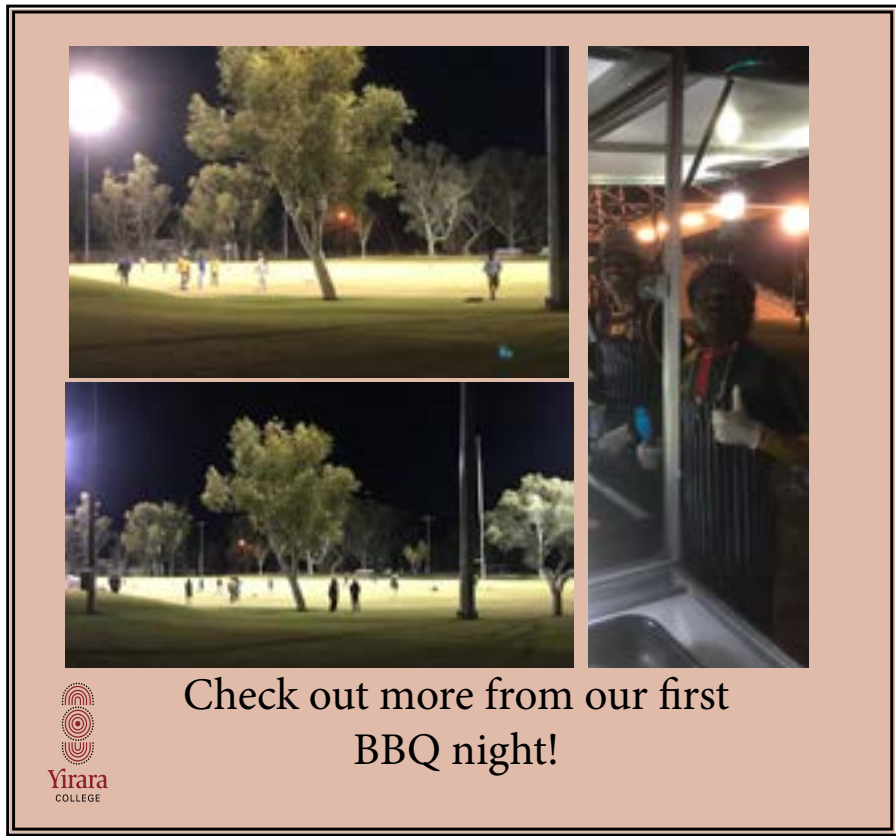
Look who graduated

Our Moto Scouts students successfully completed the 16 week program and were presented their certificates at the graduation held at the town council

Congratulations fellas!



Every morning we have a very dedicated music team that helps us to worship in chapel. We have so many students wanting to help - they have to take turns.



End Of Term Senior Dinner

To celebrate all their hard work, our seniors went out for a pizza dinner.

Well done to everyone who completed another term at Yirara.



Fellas Relaxing in the Dorms

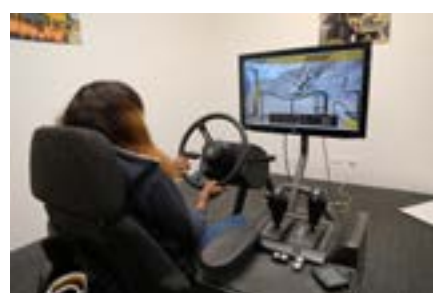
After a busy day in school some of our fellas love to relax playing with the playstation or just listening to music with some new friends.



This term senior students have commenced, or are continuing with, a VSS qualification. Choices include rural operations, agrifoods, racing/stablehand, music, conservation and land management, hospitality, foundation skills for vocational pathways, tourism, community services, and resources and infrastructure.



We have had three intensive block weeks for the VSS resources and infrastructure qualification with Civil Train delivering the course. Student move from learning how to operate machinery on a simulator to operating a real excavator. The ladies who participated in this course were dedicated and really challenged themselves so they could develop valuable skills in this industry.



DriveSafe has been delivering three lessons a week this term for students who are on their learner license. Students also complete competencies toward their provisional license. At the end of this term we also offered the DriveSafe theory one for students who are 16 and ready to get their learner license and start driving lessons.



This term students have a new exciting opportunity with a VSS Hospitality course that is running at Yirara College. These students will be learning to prepare and cook different foods and learn about being safe in the kitchen. We look forward to the exciting meals the students will learn to create.



The Moto Scouts program drew to a close with six fellas graduating at the end of this term. They have pushed themselves to stay strong and remain dedicated to this 16 week program. They have completed a Certificate I in Automotive, a food handling course, and gained valuable life and job skills along the way. Congratulations fellas! We wish you well on your next journey.



Did you work at Yirara?
Were you a student at Yirara?
Do you work or attend Yirara now?

Come and Join Us!

We are celebrating 45 Years of Indigenous Education!

Saturday 1 September

1-4pm Sharing Memories
Everyone welcome to share
stories in a relaxed environment
Afternoon Tea provided

6pm Formal Dinner
Mercure Alice Springs
\$70.00 per person
Bookings Essential
RSVP TUESDAY 31 JULY
events@yirara.nt.edu.au

Sunday 2 September

9.30am Yirara Church & Official
Welcome

10.30am Community Morning
Tea

10.45am & 11.15am
- Trip down memory lane
- School Tours

12pm Luncheon

12.45pm
Games, Activities, Photos,
Memorabilia

4pm End of Day



Indigenous Education

Sorry, no camping available



For more information, please contact the College on
(08) 8950 5644 or email events@yirara.nt.edu.au



Yirara College of the Finke River Mission

Yirara College was established initially in 1973 as a government secondary residential college for traditionally oriented Aboriginal students. Later in 1991 negotiations between Finke River Mission (FRM), the central Australian Aboriginal parent family client group, the Northern Territory Government and the Federal Government commenced with the aim of FRM assuming control of the college. FRM assumed control of the college in 1993.

Today Yirara College is a vibrant and busy community providing a wide range of teaching and recreational resources to its boarding students. v1.3