

Yirara College

NEWSLETTER

Term Two - 2025

Athletics Carnival Fun

This term, Yirara College students showcased their deadly skills at both our School Athletics Carnival and the Interschool Carnival in Alice Springs.

From powerful sprints to soaring jumps, our students competed with pride, spirit, and unity. Highlights included record-breaking efforts, solid teamwork, and strong support from the sidelines.

A big shoutout to everyone who represented our school and communities with strength and heart!

What's In This Month's Issue?

- Girls Camp
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- Jodie Creed Music workshops
- Kintore Learning-on-Country



Litaya putting on her Flemming Colors



MR WES WORDS

WESLEY MEURANT
PRINCIPAL

Dear Families, Students, and Community,

As we reach the halfway point of Term Two, it's a great time to reflect on the term so far and look ahead with excitement.

One highlight has been the official reopening of our Flexi Room—now a more inclusive space that supports varied learning styles. A big thank you to Mrs. Vicky Howie for her dedication and leadership in bringing this space to life. We're also pleased to welcome two new teachers this term: Vaipa Gasologa and Neha Mahajan. Their passion and energy have been a great addition to our team.

Students continue to show strong commitment in literacy and numeracy, and it's been a joy to celebrate their efforts at recent assemblies. Well done to all who've been recognised!

In vocational learning, we're laying solid foundations and working closely with local industries to build programs that offer real-world value for our students' futures.

Cultural learning remains central to life at Yirara. This term, Elders, leaders, and guest speakers have enriched our community by sharing stories and knowledge, strengthening our connection to Country and culture.

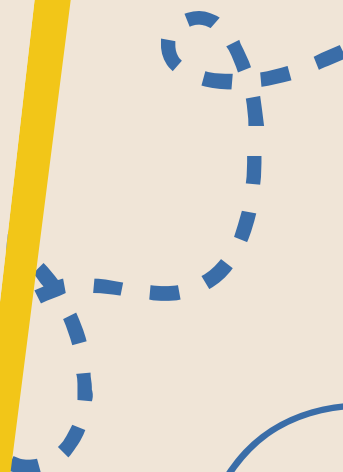
Excursions, camps, and community activities have also played a key role, giving students valuable experiences beyond the classroom.

A heartfelt thanks to our Boarding Staff for their constant care and support. The strong sense of community in our houses helps our students thrive.

Looking ahead to Term Three, we encourage students to keep aiming high, take on new challenges, and embrace all learning opportunities. To our families and partners, thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you all a safe and restful break. We look forward to another great term ahead.

Yours in Christ, Mr. Wes



Girls Camp

Our Middle School ladies headed out to Trepkina Gorge for a memorable three-day, two-night camp.

Despite the need to wear fly nets, the Country was stunning, and a warm fire kept us cosy. It was a great chance to relax and enjoy each other's company.

A big thank you to everyone who came along and to the staff who made the camp possible!



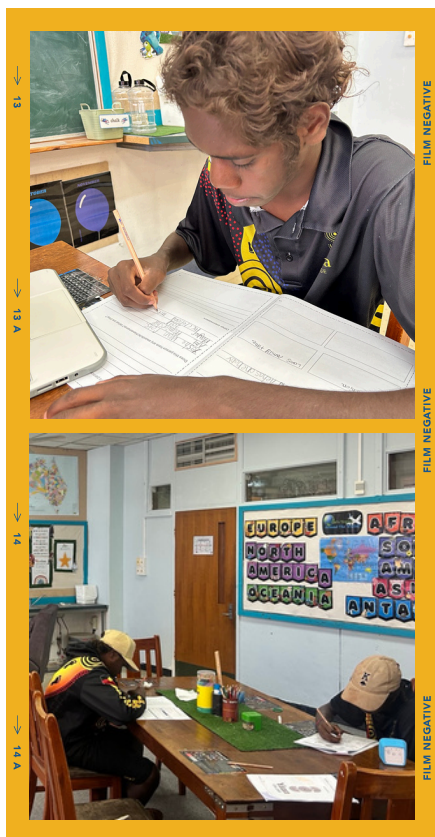
TREPKINA GORGE



The warm fire kept us cosy.

THE HUB

Jowes working hard in the Hub



The Hub is a supportive space where students build their literacy and numeracy skills.

This term, they've shown strong effort, staying engaged and growing in confidence through one-on-one support.

Even when faced with challenges, they give their best and should be proud of their progress.

A Quicklook at our term



Litaya and Serafina working in our DT room



Kaden having his teeth checked



Martin and Thomas helping with YiraraTV



Shakoda working on her maths



Emuson in our Flexi room



Xavier, Ben and Leonides learning Golf



Every morning we line up for Chapel



KINTORE TRIP TO YIRARA

It's been a busy term for the Kintore Campus, especially in the second half.

We were fortunate to have Mike and Trish Tugaga visit for three days, teaching students the ukulele and generously donating an electric drum kit, thank you both!

Ten students and three staff spent a week in Alice Springs, enjoying activities like swimming, leatherwork, tennis, and music.

The day after returning from Yirara, we headed out on a two-day Learning on Country camp with the Walungurra Rangers, an incredible hands-on experience.

A big thank you to everyone who helped make this term's learning fun and engaging!



FEMALE BOARDING

Alice Springs was buzzing in Term two with events like AFL and the Finke Desert Race.

Our students stay engaged, enjoying local happenings, catching new movies, and building life skills.

We're grateful to Miss Susie and Mr. Wilson for leading boost sessions and devotions nearly every second Sunday.

We look forward to welcoming our strong young women back in Term Three to continue their education.



Toni and Tarlisa dancing



YEAR NINE MATHS

This term, Year 9 students explored integers—learning to compare and add positive and negative numbers using number lines and simple rules.

They applied these skills to real-life scenarios like temperature, banking, and elevator levels.

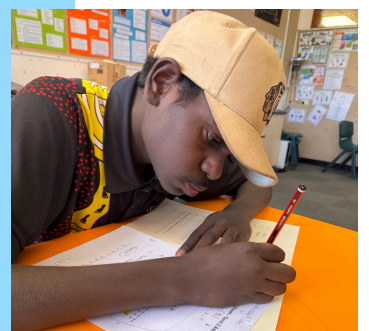
Through practice booklets and real-world problems, students made strong progress, with many excelling in the final test.

"I used positive and negative numbers to solve problems such as using an elevator, money and temperature."

– Ashton Nelson, 9B

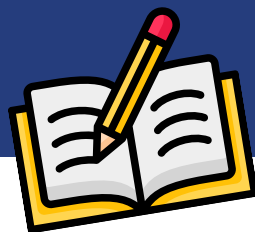


Tarlisa working on her maths



John in 9A Maths

SENIOR CLASS ENGLISH



Senior English has pushed our students this term, and they've met the challenge with maturity and resilience.

From analysing film and song lyrics to exploring persuasive language in advertising, they've tackled each unit with focus.

One-on-one reading sessions have boosted their comprehension, reading fluency and confidence.



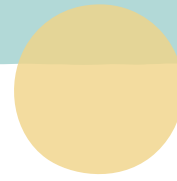
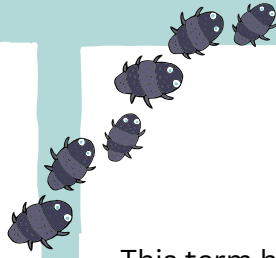
RECONCILIATION DAY

Yirara College celebrated National Reconciliation Week 2025 with the theme "Bridging Now to Next" on Friday, 30th May.

Students took part in a range of activities, including Banner Painting, Bush Medicine, creating a Yirara Reconciliation booklet, Music with Ms. Jodie Creed, and various sports.

Throughout the afternoon, students embraced the opportunity to share and celebrate their culture within our Yirara community.





LEARNING ON COUNTRY

This term has been full of rich cultural learning and sharing.

On Arrernte land, we've learned from Yirara's Rhonda Inkamala about the local area, while Marcus and Jerome Lacey from Elcho Island shared insights into Learning on Country in Arnhem Land.

NT Parks Ranger Educator KP (Katharine Peters) also taught us about native and feral animals and water testing out at Simpsons Gap.

We visited Purple House in town to see how bush medicine is made and explored Yirara-atula Claypans near Yirara to find bush foods and plants.

With cooler weather, we enjoyed getting out on Country, learning from and with each other about the different ways we connect to the land God has given us.

ANZAC DAY

Yirara students and staff commemorated the sacrifices made by many for the life we enjoy today on Anzac Day.

Some of our young ladies joined hundreds attending the dawn service at Alice Springs Garden Cemetery. Later, the entire school participated in the march to Anzac Hill.



Supporting Anzac Day walk through the mall



Girls attending the Dawn Anzac Day Service

Christian Studies

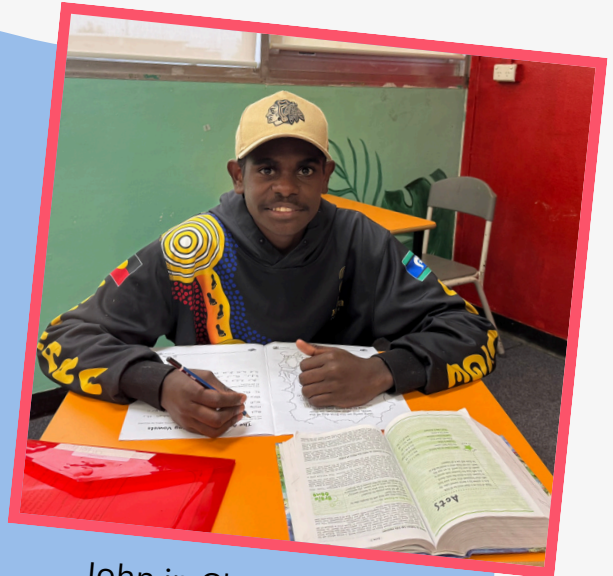
In Middle School Christian Studies, Years 7–9 explored the structure of the Church, focusing on its five key functions: Fellowship, Worship, Witness, Nurture, and Service.

Senior students (Years 10–12) studied the life and times of Jesus, including his travels, teachings, and miracles.

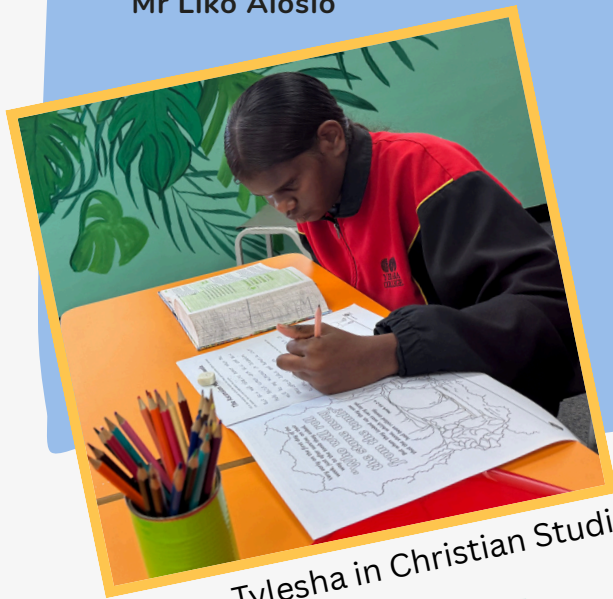
Yirara students remain eager to learn about Christian stories, often retelling them with impressive recall, especially the miracles of Jesus and figures like Moses, always a favourite.

We look forward to Term Three, which will offer more opportunities for students to encounter Christ and grow in their faith.

GOD IS GOOD? ALL THE TIME!
Mr Liko Alosio



John in Christian Studies



Tylesha in Christian Studies



Dean and Miss Leela mapping Jesus' journey

Ingkarta Basil

Every week in Chapel
we hear the words of old Micah.

He was a prophet, a long time ago.

And everyone asked him
'what does God want us to do?'

Old Micah said to them:
This is what God wants you to do:

Be Fair !
Let People Go !
And walk quietly with God .

That's it !

In the old English words it says:

What does the Lord want us to do?
Love Justice, act with mercy,
and walk humbly with your God .
Micah 6:8



Orlando and Rahima writing songs



Jodie Creed singing in Chapel

MUSIC AT YIRARA AND MISS JODIE VISITS

This term, students explored the Blues and the Great Migration, learning its roots and how to play it, while others focused on songwriting.

We were thrilled to welcome Miss Jodie Cockatoo Creed from Yothu Yindi, who ran inspiring music workshops for our budding artists.

SANTOS POWER CUP



The Santos Power Cup, now in its 18th year, is an Aboriginal-led initiative aimed at boosting school attendance and employment opportunities through footy.

Run in partnership with Port Adelaide's Indigenous Program and Santos, the event brought over 700 male and female students together at Alberton Oval in Adelaide.

Our students teamed up with Wadeye (ladies) and Yalata (fellas).

The ladies won two games, while the fellas went undefeated, winning all six and becoming the first non-metro team to take home the Team Award.

A big thank you to Port Adelaide and Santos for fully funding this incredible experience.

Latrell Norman from Borroloola designed our guernsey.



YIRARATV CONTINUES TO GROW FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH 🎬

We're so proud of our students' growth and confidence! 🌟

It's been amazing to see more and more of them stepping forward to help share our stories. Every small step they take helps to build something powerful.

We're also thrilled to share that our Facebook page is almost at 11,000 followers! 🎉

Thank you to everyone who's supported and followed us, your encouragement means the world. Let's keep growing, together. 💬💙



Presenters: - Rahkarl Kerr from Robinson River, Duwayne Murrungun, Latrell Norman and Licardo Nuggett from Borrooloola.

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Student Awards

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In recognition of the hard work and dedication shown by many of our students, we hold an End-of-Term Award Ceremony.

Due to the nature of boarding school life and varying travel schedules, some students were unable to attend the ceremony to receive their awards in person.

Congratulations to everyone!

Jakayla Raggatt, Henry Dixon, Alex Doolan, Rayvin Morton, Jaquwan Campbell, Leonides Evans, Emil Ulamari, Lyle Williams, Tylesha Hammer, John Abbott, Roseranna Jugadai, Loylen Ross, Ben Soloman, Attayah Green, Lorese Nelson, Kiara Raymond, Emuson Stockman, Tevica Bernard, Edmond Corby, Jones Wilson, Dean Raymond, Cleon Wilyuka, Norman Wheeler, Anthony Namatjira, Corinthian Nocketta, Rahima Namatjira, Lucas Abbott, Eli Nelson, Ashton Nelson, Hezekiah Raymond, Tarlisa Assan, Curtis Reiff, Joshua Nelson, Mathayus Richardson, Tyrese Murphy, Anthony Larry, Joshua Clyne, Litaya Birdum and Duwayne Murrungun.

