

Tamworth Girls Academy

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Tamworth Girls Academy Launch

Tamworth Girls Academy was officially launched on Wednesday 7th June 2017, by the Hon. Rob Stokes, MP, NSW Minister of Education. The Minister says “the program has the potential to improve the lives of young Aboriginal women by supporting and motivating them to make the most of their education and create new life opportunities.”

The event commenced with the Welcome to Country spoken by Aunty Yvonne Kent, respected elder of our community and the acknowledgment performed in language by Girls Academy student, Jaydifah Boney.

Tamworth Girls Academy students and Tamworth High School's girl captains, Georgia Taggart and Paris Knox were the masters of ceremony, whilst other senior students greeted the special guests. Our students showcased their talent with an outstanding signing performance by Danielle Fogg and a number of girls performed a fantastic traditional dance lead by Brad Flanders of The Gomeroi Dance Co.

We are grateful to all that attended and appreciate your continued support.



Girls Academy Annual Regional Showcase

Tamworth Girls Academy has had the opportunity to participate in the Girls Academy Annual Regional Showcase which will take place at Lake Burrendong in Week 3, Term 3. Selected students have met criteria based on attendance and behaviour and will have the opportunity to participate, engage and interact with students from other NSW academies. This opportunity will allow the students to partake in a range of activities including cultural art, sporting and a visit to Taronga Western Plains Zoo. We look forward to sharing the culture and stories gained from this valuable experience in the near future.

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Reconciliation Lunch

National Reconciliation Week runs annually from 27th May - 3rd June. Tamworth Girls Academy acknowledged Reconciliation Week by hosting a pizza lunch. The Girls Academy students attended the lunch with a friend as well as teachers to celebrate this significant anniversary. The pizza was a hit with the students who enjoyed lunch in a relaxed environment with their peers as well as staff that dropped in to fill their tummies. Thank you to all staff and students that attended our Reconciliation Week Lunch.



“Our Language, Our Way”

Yaama, Tamworth High School have had an amazing opportunity for Uncle Len Waters to deliver a language program “Our Language, Our Way”, to a group of students, in the lead up to NAIDOC Week, being a focus for this years’ theme “Our Language matters”.

The students have been learning various words in the language including greetings, animals, family, colours, numbers, places and the history associated with these names. The language program assists our students to connect and identify with their culture and ensures the survival of the Gamilaraay language for future generations.

The Girls Academy students are enjoying the program and have participated well. Girls Academy student Paris Knox says “The language program in the school is a great opportunity for students to learn our local traditional language. I’m excited to learn about our language and our culture to help keep it alive, so it can be passed down for generations to come”.

All students have thoroughly enjoyed participating in the program and are very appreciative that Uncle Len has been able to share his knowledge and understanding of our culture.

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