



2024

**Cairns NAIDOC
Youth Leadership Forum**
Keep the Fire Burning

Acknowledgement

Cairns NAIDOC Youth Leadership Forum

As we forge our way to a stronger future,
we embrace the millennia of footsteps
that came before us. We feel the presence
of our ancestors and their guidance, as we
navigate our continued responsibility to
the lands, seas and skies in which we
connect to. Their spirit will carry on in the
generations to come as we inspire, equip
and empower our people and our
community.

Letter from our team

Cairns NAIDOC Youth Leadership Forum

Dear Principals, Educators and Support Staff,

It is with excitement that I am writing to extend an invitation to your school to attend the Cairns NAIDOC Youth Leadership Forum 2024, on 18th July 2024, hosted by Deadly Inspiring Youth Doing Good Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Corporation (DIYDG).

The NAIDOC Youth Leadership Forum 2024 is an exciting opportunity for Indigenous youth in junior secondary years (Years 7 to 9) to come together, connect, and ignite their leadership potential. Through engaging workshops, interactive activities, and meaningful discussions, students will be empowered to explore their cultural identity, develop leadership skills, and make a positive impact in their communities.

We are thrilled to announce that this year's forum is through a partnership with Directorate First Nations Education, Catholic Education Diocese of Cairns and sponsorship of hosting the venue at St Mary's Catholic College in Woree. We extend our deepest gratitude to our main sponsor My Pathway who brings our shared vision to life.

We invite you to join us in this celebration of Indigenous culture, leadership, and community. Together, let's keep the fire burning and inspire the next generation of leaders!

To register your school and secure a spot for your students, please reserve tickets via the link provided in this information pack. There are limited spots available.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to support you every step of the way.

Thank you for considering participation in the NAIDOC Youth Leadership Forum 2024. We look forward to welcoming your school and empowering Indigenous youth to shine bright!

Warm regards,



Semara Jose

Gudjal, Eastern Kuku Yalanji and Darnley Island
DIYDG Co-Founder

Program Information

Cairns NAIDOC Youth Leadership Forum

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The NAIDOC Youth Leadership Forum 2024 will be held on **Thursday 18th July 2024** is specifically tailored to engage students in the junior secondary years, offering opportunities for leadership growth, cultural enrichment, and community connection. Through interactive workshops, engaging activities, and meaningful yarns, students will be encouraged to explore their potential as emerging leaders.

As part of the forum, students will have the chance to reflect on the question: "What keeps our fire burning?" This inquiry aims to delve into the factors that motivate and drive Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander youth, exploring themes such as cultural identity, community connections, personal passions, and aspirations for the future.

Additionally, the forum will provide a short-form report back to schools, offering an opportunity to hear students' voices. By sharing their insights and perspectives, students can contribute to broader discussions on Indigenous youth empowerment and leadership development.

Key Times	Activity
9.00 am	Arrival & registration
9.15 am	Session 1
10.30 am	Morning Tea
10.50 am	Session 2
12.30 pm	Lunch
1.15 pm	Session 3
2.30 pm	Departure

Intended Learning Outcomes

- Foster leadership skills and qualities among junior secondary students.
- Cultivate a sense of cultural pride and identity.
- Develop communication and teamwork abilities.
- Encourage active participation in community initiatives.
- Inspire confidence and self-belief in students' abilities to make a positive impact.

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Participant Pre-requisite

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander students in Years 7 to 9 are eligible to join the forum.

We encourage school staff to consider one question.

- What is your student's leadership potential?

How to register

1. Secure your school's tickets via: <https://events.humanitix.com/2024-naidoc-youth-leadership-forum>
2. Provide DIYDG's Student Consent forms 2 day prior. 15th July 2024 to naidoc Cairns@diydg.org.au

Consent Forms

A consent form must be filled out and signed by a parent or guardian for each junior secondary student attending the forum. Consent forms can be downloaded from the DIYDG Website:

<https://diydg.org.au/youth-leadership-forum>

Cost

There's no registration fee for junior secondary students and supervisors participating in the NAIDOC Youth Leadership Forum 2024. Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, this event is fully funded. However, schools are responsible for organising transport.

Venue

St Mary's Catholic College, 53 Anderson Road, Woree, QLD 4868

Parking

Parking on site is extremely limited. All guests are encouraged to park off site. Parking is available on: Anderson Street, Windarra Street, Sunbird Drive, Jean Close, Leanne Close. Please do not park in the Windarra Street shopping complex car park on the corner of Windarra Street and Anderson Road. Alternatively, guests are encouraged to arrive by taxi, rideshare etc.

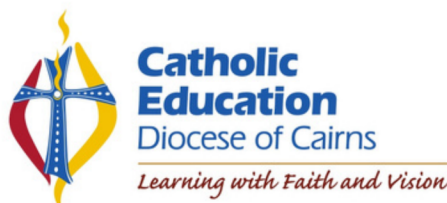
Morning Tea & Lunch

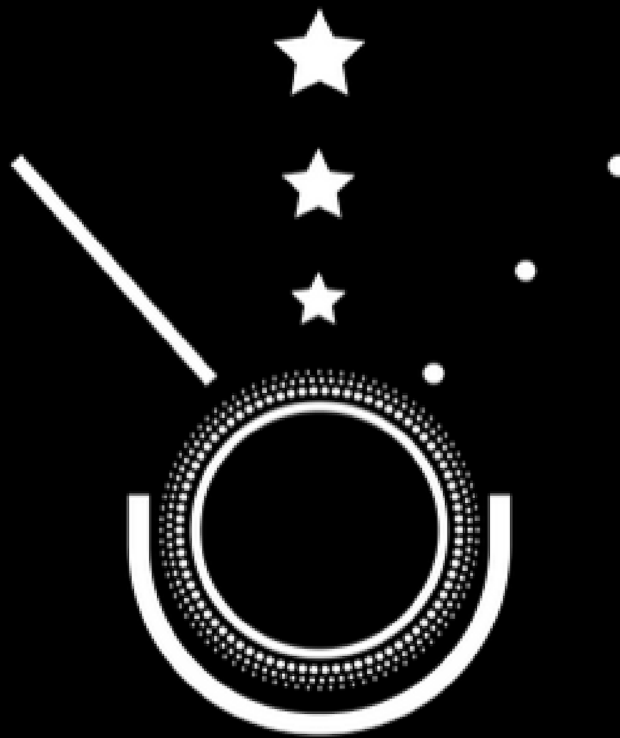
Lunch and morning tea will be provided for all junior secondary participants and supervising staff during the forum. We're committed to catering for dietary requirements for all students, please ensure any dietary requirements when registering tickets through Humantix.

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