

# ALEXANDRA HILLS SHS

Independent Public School

Centre of Excellence in Automation and Robotics

Yura Families,

As we approach the end of 2024 school year, I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support throughout the year. Your encouragement and involvement have been instrumental in helping our students thrive.

To our amazing students, I commend you for your hard work, dedication, and resilience. Your efforts this year have been inspiring, and it has been a privilege to witness your achievements and growth in your yourself and your academics.

This year, I joined Alexandra Hills State High School halfway through Term 1, and I was welcomed by students and families. I deeply appreciate the warmth and support I have received as I settled into the role and throughout the year.

It has been a year of growth and success for our First Nations students. Highlights include:

- **Improved Attendance:** School attendance has increased up 7% compared to 2023.
- **Academic Achievements:** The number of First Nations students achieving C or above has also grown across subjects which has been an improvement from 2023 and across both semester's of 2024 which is excellent to see.

To our **Biram and Yarrabin Dance Group** continues to go from strength to strength, providing students with incredible opportunities to perform cultural dances. Looking ahead, 2025 already promises new and exciting opportunities, with several requests coming through already. This term, we also had the pleasure of welcoming a neighboring school to join us and learn our dances, supporting their own cultural journey. Thank you to all the new students who joined this year as well.

**Congratulations to our Year 12 graduates** on reaching this important milestone. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors and are proud to see you step into the next chapter of your lives.

A special thank you to our **Junior and Senior First Nations Leaders** for their hard work and leadership throughout 2024. I'm excited to welcome our 2025 leaders:

- **Junior Leader:** Tiarnah B
- **Senior Leader:** Thomas V O

Looking ahead, I am thrilled to announce that **8 of our Year 10 students** have received **QATSIF scholarships** for 2025, an increase from last year. Congratulations to:

- Alyssa B
- Jack C
- Baylee B
- Kalani V
- Cooper B
- Ethan D
- Scotty B
- Briella P

Additionally, several of our Year 10 students have secured traineeships in various industries, paving the way for exciting future opportunities.

A congratulations to the following students for their outstanding achievements in 2024:

- **Larissa F:** Recipient of the COOEE Elders Award
- **Anne-Belle V O:** Recipient of the Aunty Katherine Beezley Award
- **Thomas C:** Recipient of the Broncos Award
- **Anna-Belle V O and Thomas C:** Recipients of the QATSIF Young First Nations Awards

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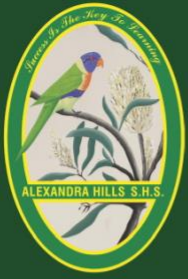
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It is also wonderful to see so many of our First Nations students recognised with **Subject and Academic Awards** this year.

Looking ahead to 2025, I am proud to announce the introduction of a new **First Nations Student Engagement Award**, which will be presented at our 2025 NAIDOC ceremony. This award will celebrate students demonstrating improvement in one of the following areas: Literacy, Numeracy, Attendance, Sporting Achievements (representing the school in District or Regional Sports), leadership to fellow students, and a positive, can-do attitude in all aspects. This award will be awarded across all year levels.

I am looking forward to another exciting year filled with growth and opportunities for our students. Thank you once again for your unwavering support, and I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season. I look forward to seeing you in 2025.

Thanking you

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