



Yarning With Our Elders

One of our greatest gifts is our Elders' incredible wealth of knowledge, wisdom, strength and experience.

Aunty Ruth Hegarty (QATSIF's Patron)

QATSIF (Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation) in partnership with ACU (Australian Catholic University) is inviting all Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander secondary students to yarn with, learn from, and share the stories, wisdom and cultural heritage of our Elders.

Over Term 1, we are inviting students to yarn with an Elder and with their permission, record one important aspect of their life.

Some examples could be:

- What was it like growing up in their local community?
- Their Stolen Generations or Stolen Wages story.
- What is their advice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people?
- Important local traditional language words, their meaning and pronunciation.
- Important local traditional stories, dances, technology or history.
- What did they learn from their own Elders?

Students are invited to share their Elder's story using any appropriate media eg. video, voice recordings, essay, poetry, music, interviews etc. Preferably, presentations should be less than 10 minutes or 5000 words in length (or equivalent).

All entries will be recognised with a certificate and a trophy or medallion. ACU will assist with collating and preserving these important stories for future generations and may offer prizes for outstanding entries.

Please see your school for an entry form or go to: <https://www.qatsif.org.au/yarning-with-our-elders-project>

Entries can be emailed to enquiries@qatsif.org.au or posted to QATSIF, 2/439 Lutwyche Road, Lutwyche, Q. 4030.

Entries close: Friday April 4, 2025.





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STUDENT CONSENT & ENTRY FORM

Please submit this Consent & Entry Form with your work to enquiries@qatsif.org.au or by mail to: QATSIF, 2/439 Lutwyche Road, Lutwyche, Qld. 4030.

Please read the following:

- I acknowledge that QATSIF (Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation) and its partner ACU (Australian Catholic University) has permission to use both my work and my image in its publications, social media pages and at public events.
- I understand that I will not be paid for the work, but that I will be credited whenever my work is displayed.
- All work is that of the student named below.

Student's Name: (printed)

2025 Year Level: (please circle) **7 8 9 10 11 12**

Student's Cultural Connections: (please tick)

- ☐ **Aboriginal** ☐ **Torres Strait Islander**
- ☐ **Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander**

Student's School:

Student's email contact:

Student's signature:

Date: / /

Parent/Carer's signature:

Date: / /

Name of the Elder being interviewed: (NB* please attach a picture of your Elder with your work)

The Elder's traditional community / tribal connections:

Medium of work: (e.g. video, voice recordings, essay, poetry, music, interviews etc.)

A brief outline of the reasons you chose your Elder and the things that you learnt from your yarn with them. (use other pages if required)



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ELDER'S CONSENT FORM

Dear Respected Elder,

Thank you for sharing your important story with our young people.

QATSIF believes that it is important that all Australians learn from our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders and listen to their wisdom.

Please be aware that QATSIF (Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation) and its partner ACU (Australian Catholic University) is seeking your permission to publish your image and to record and share your story so that future generations can benefit from both your wisdom and that of your Elders and Ancestors.

Elder's name: (printed)

Elder's home address:

Elder's best contact number:

Elder's Cultural Connections: (please tick)

☐ **Aboriginal** ☐ **Torres Strait Islander** ☐ **Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander**

Elder's traditional community / tribal connections:

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Elder's signature: _____

Date: / /