

Johnathan Thurston Academy Newsletter

GOOD NEWS STORY

Over the past few weeks JT Academy Mount Isa have been working alongside Elders Aunty Joan Marshall & Uncle Arthur Shadforth to create a culturally safe environment during JTYouGotThis program. The young people will learn about creating various artefacts with the guidance of Aunty Joan and Uncle Archie. These final pieces will be a representation of the young people's dedication & efforts to work towards achieving success throughout program.

TEAM MEMBER OF THE MONTH

This was awarded to Gabe Little our Team Leader in Townsville for stepping up to his new role and providing his team with leadership, encouragement and support.



JT and Steven Miles in Townsville with the young people from program.

CURRENT PROGRAMS

- JTYouGotThis Program - Townsville
- JTYouGotThis Program - Cairns
- JTYouGotThis Program - Mt Isa
- JTYouGotThis Program - Hervey Bay
- JTLeadLikeAGirl - Hervey Bay
- JTBelieve Online - Mappoon

TOWNSVILLE PREMIER'S VISIT

On Wednesday 25th September the Premier of Qld Steven Miles met with Johnathan, program participants and the JTA team at YWAM for a morning of activities and a media announcement.

The Premier and JT had a coffee together before engaging in the activity called "The Floor is Lava" with the young people. This activity is all about teamwork, making positive affirmations to each other, showing confidence, and lifting each other up.

The Academy was so pleased to be given a further amount of funding in support of continuing with our successful work in the current 3 regions of Townsville, Cairns and Mt Isa JTYouGotThis early intervention programs. The Premier also announced a funding commitment from the Labour Government if he is re-elected at the end of October for the Academy to grow into other regions of Qld.

Johnathan Thurston Academy JTYouGotThis Program Update



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Our young people in Cairns were fortunate to tackle the rock-climbing wall out at The Northern Outlook. The activities took all the young people's courage to not only attempt to try the wall at its lowest but to then be challenged to climb up to the higher levels of the wall. With some positive words of encouragement from the other young people they all attempted to climb to its highest peak, which was an incredible accomplishment.



JTA team with the young people from the JTYouGotThis program in Cairns

Referrals for new

Townsville program:

The JTA TSV are extremely excited to conduct and engage in this next program. This term, there have been 19 received referrals and the team have completed 15 home visits, all of which young people been accepted and signed up, eager to start the program.

Program outcomes:

The young people in Townsville have identified the dangers around substance use, how to make healthy choices and also displaying great teamwork by communicating well with each other in a positive way.