

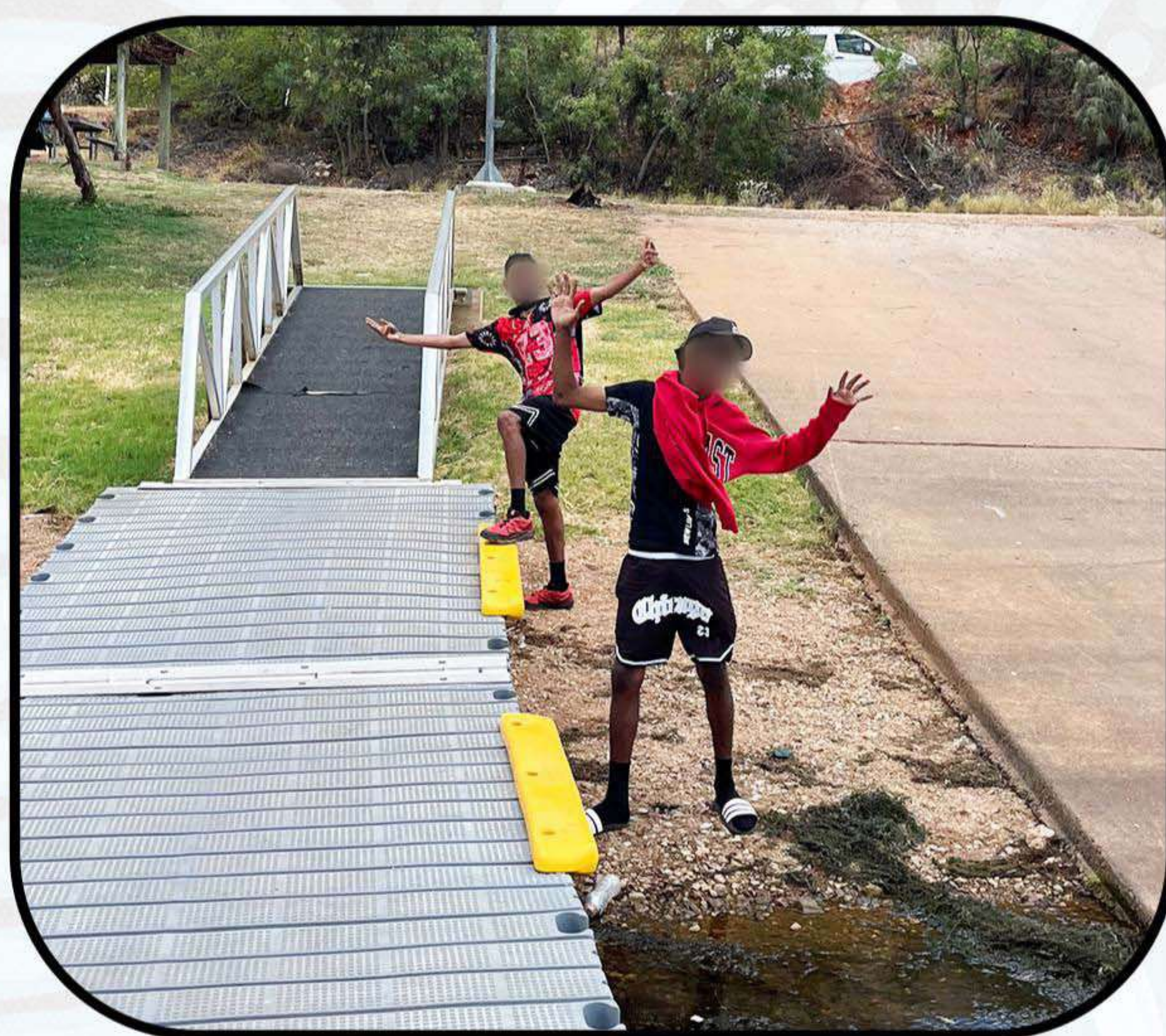


WELCOME TO
Johnathan Thurston Academy
NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2025



Mount Isa

We have never been better out here in the outback! We kick-started our first program for 2025, bringing on 12 young people from various stakeholder referrals and connections between services. Mount Isa small town has allowed our team to get to know our families as well as the young people, we have found that since JTA commenced last year we have grown and are being seen by so many more people in the community. January we dived deep into building rapport with our young people to ensure we have a solid ground when working with them throughout term 1.



Team member of the month

Uleta was awarded team member of the month by her colleagues as a way of showcasing Uleta and her commitment to her team in Cairns and support across all regions. Uleta has been a part of the Johnathan Thurston Academy since the very start and is very much appreciated throughout the whole Academy.

Cairns

Cairns has worked closely with Youth Justice's caseworkers and youth workers in preparation for Program 1 of 2025. The effort and background work the team had put in to get a solid group for both Tuesday and Thursday have been fantastic, Cairns now runs 2 different cohorts on a Tuesday low/moderate and Thursday are our high cohort. We have had minor setbacks with the change in weather conditions, but Cairns was able to take on the setbacks as challenges and adjusted accordingly heading into week 5 as of next week the Cairns crew is soaring.



Townsville

On Day 1, we kicked off the JYouGotThis program for Term 1 with an introduction day. Eight young people attended the first session, along with various stakeholders. The young participants demonstrated teamwork and began to understand the program's expectations. They received their starter packs, which included books, pens, and jerseys. All the young people took part in a "Lava" activity, where they worked together using a tarp to fold it up without touching the ground. We concluded the program with a yarning circle and enjoyed Subway platters together.



Hervey Bay

The first week was very good for us here in Hervey Bay the girls were a little quiet and shy at the start of the session but as we continued with the program the girls started to open up a lot more and I believe having the new Cc (Emmy) in the room gave off a positive presence for the younger girls having both Summer and Emmy in the room. Summer had introduced the girls to the JT academy what the program would look like and what they could engage in and take away from the program, the girls seemed comfortable around summer leading and by the end of the session, the girls were all eating together and laughing together.

