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**Johnathan Thurston Academy**

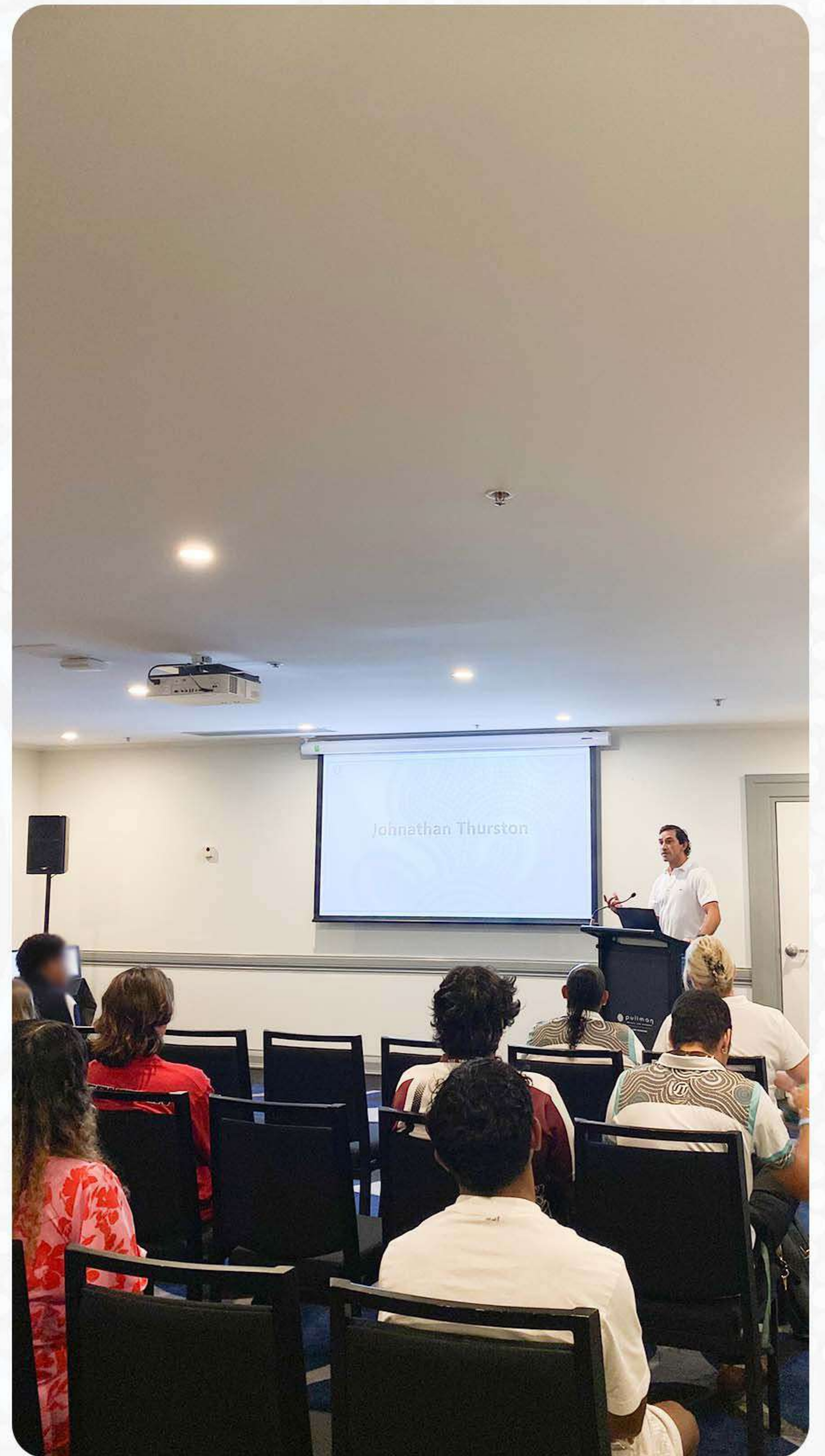
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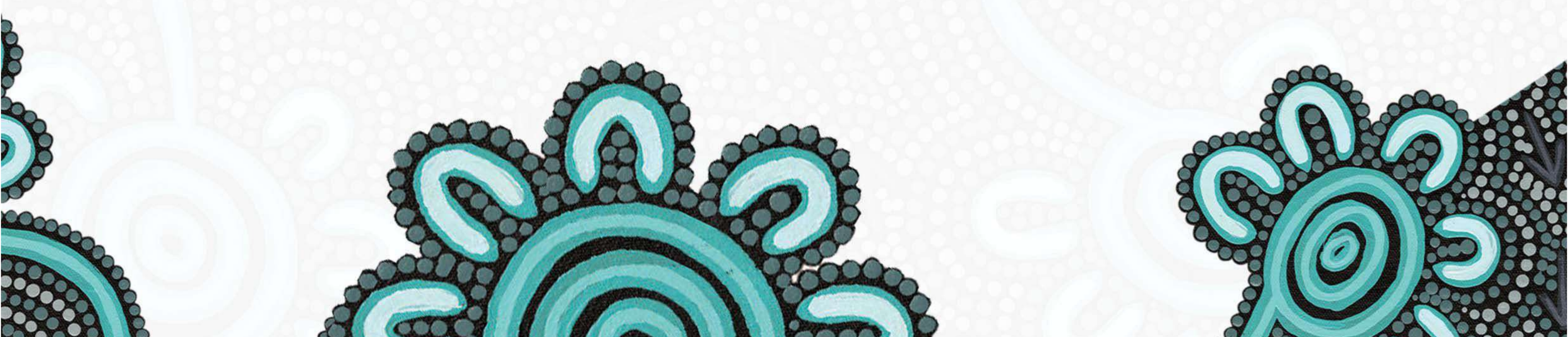


# Cairns

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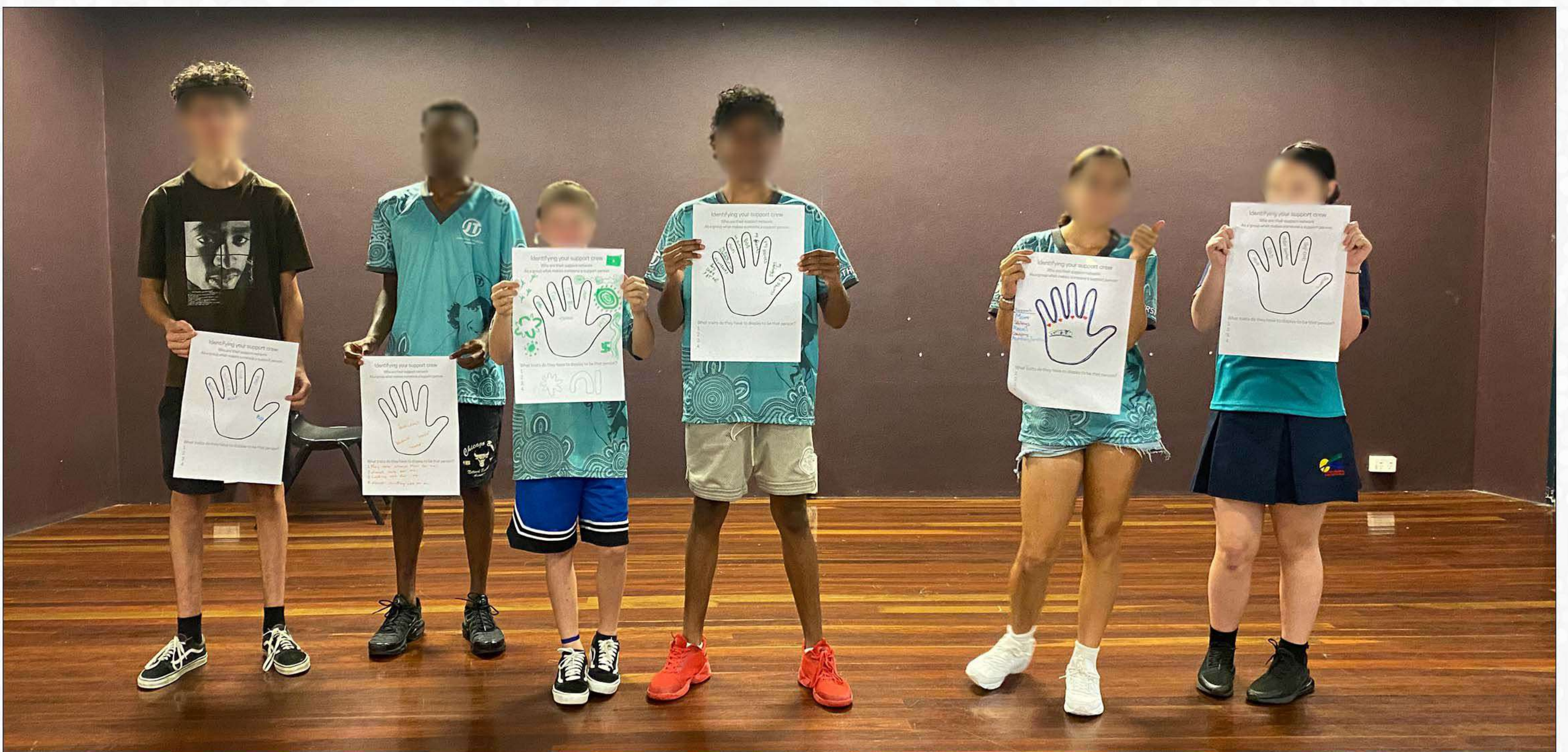




# Townsville

JT YouGotThis Program in Townsville had quite a challenging term with the severe weather events, but it's impressive how the team and participants managed to adapt and stay on track! Congratulations to the seven participants graduating this term! It's great to hear that five of them are transitioning back to school, one has secured a Certificate I in Building and Painting apprenticeship, and another is moving on to the Step into Success program. These achievements are a testament to the hard work and resilience of everyone involved

A: Before joining the JTYouGotThis program, A was disengaged from school due to bullying, which caused her significant anxiety and kept her confined to her parent's house. After being referred by Queensland Youth Service (QYS) to the JTYouGotThis program, she has actively engaged and participated in building her self-belief, confidence, and courage. She has now been accepted at Northern Beaches High School, where she was attending both the program and her regular classes. A has expressed that she is enjoying her new routine and has shared with the JTA Team her aspiration to become an anesthesiologist.





# Mount Isa

The JTA staff picked up the Young People (YPs) from their residences to attend their graduation ceremony. At the event, each YP received certificates recognising their program completion, along with prizes provided by JTA Staff. The staff took time to share the inspiring stories of the YPs' journeys, highlighting the tremendous progress they've made in building their self-belief, confidence, and courage throughout the program. Following the ceremony, the YPs celebrated with a shared meal of pizza and cake, joined by their families, community members, stakeholders, and JTA staff. After the celebration, staff accompanied the YPs to redeem their loyalty cards.



K: JT Academy Mount Isa supported this Young Person through the JTYouGotThis program, JTA staff provided the Young Person with a supportive and safe environment. The Young Person was guided to create positive decisions and identify negative behaviors that lead them to trouble. He was then supported to reinforce his positive actions, thoughts, and feelings to reach his identified goals. This Young Person was supported through the program to identify key cultural people in their life and is heavily connected to culture through family. JT Academy staff supported him and his family to share their cultural heritage.

Lack of routine - Substance use - Antisocial behaviors -Antisocial ideations - DV ideations - Disengaged from education, were some of the many habits YP was able to change through JT Academy's YouGotThis Program. This Young Person is now able to identify pro-social peers and activities. He advocates for his needs and proudly advises his peers that he does not wish to participate in any anti-social behaviors and will either opt to stay home or attend the JT Academy office. As the program concluded, JT Academy supported this young person and their family to complete his enrolment in Silver Linings Boarding School. This young person has been involved with the JT Academy Mount Isa for three months. He is case managed by the government agency

'Early Action Group- EAG' and has also been involved with Youth-Co responder and cautioned by QPS.

