

Important Dates

**Caritas College
Birthday**
Saturday 17 May 2025

**SAPSASA Boys
Football / Girls
Netball**
Tuesday 20 May 2025

**SSSSA 7-12 Girls
Football**
Wednesday 21 May 2025

**Rec-Year 3
Assembly (2 Blue)**
Thursday 22 May 2025

**Caritas Cubs
Reception
Transition Program**
Friday 23 May 2025

**TAFE Electro (26-
30)**
Monday 26 May 2025

**TAFE Electro Week
(26-30)**
Monday 26 May 2025

**National
Reconciliation Week
(27 May-3 June)**
Tuesday 27 May 2025

**School Board
Meeting**
Tuesday 27 May 2025

**UniHub Careers
Expo**
Wednesday 28 May 2025

**Reception Arid
Lands Excursion**
Wednesday 28 May 2025

**National
Reconciliation Week
Liturgy**
Thursday 29 May 2025

**Year 10 Outdoor
Education Flinders
Trek (3-5)**
Tuesday 3 June 2025

From the Principal, Damian Smith

Catholic Education Week

This week, we celebrate Catholic Education Week across South Australia. It is a time to highlight the excellence and unique qualities of our Catholic schools. This year is particularly special as we mark 180 years of Catholic education in South Australia. Serendipitously, Catholic Education Week coincides with our school's birthday. We turn 154 years old! We are proud to have been part of the Catholic education landscape in this state for the best part of its long history. The confluence of these significant milestones, along with the election of new Pope, reminds us of the rich Catholic Josephite tradition we uphold here at Caritas College. With this year's theme for Catholic Education Week *#ShineWithOpenHearts*, we celebrate the strengths and benefits of a Catholic education, fostering faith, learning, and service in our students.

*Loving God,
As we celebrate 180 years of Catholic education
in South Australia,
we thank You for the legacy of hope and faith,
that has guided us. Inspired by Pope Francis'
words, help us to fan the flame of hope within
us, looking to the future with open spirits and
trusting hearts.
Bless our schools as they shine with open
hearts, embracing hope, compassion, love, and
joy. May our students continue to thrive, live,
and lead with these values, aspiring to be all
they hope to be.
Amen.*



Catholic Education Awards

As part of Catholic Education Week this week, CESA present a number of awards across a range of categories. The Catholic Education Awards celebrate the outstanding achievements and contributions to Catholic education by staff and volunteers throughout South Australian Catholic schools and Catholic Education Offices.

I am aware that a number of staff were nominated for an award this year. Well done and congratulations to these people on their nomination and for being recognised by a colleague, parent/caregiver or some other member of our school community.

I'm pleased to share with you that our college has again featured in the list of recipients for an award. Congratulations to Nicole Manning who has been awarded the Early Career Teacher Award, which acknowledges the significant impact she has had in our school community in her first five years of teaching.

Alongside our past recipients and all the other nominees from our school, we can take great pride in Nicole's achievement, which highlights the strength and impact of our college's vision, mission, and commitment to Catholic education.

I am sure that you will join me in congratulating Nicole on this achievement.



Andrew Chinn Visit

We were excited to host Andrew Chinn, renowned Catholic musician and songwriter, at our school earlier this week. Andrew's visit was filled with lots of singing, dancing and fun. During his visit, Andrew engaged students in his workshops where they had the opportunity to learn new songs and explore their musical talents. His interactive sessions deepened their understanding of our faith through music. The highlight of the day was a lively concert at the end of the day where he performed some of his popular songs, encouraging everyone to sing along and celebrate together. We are grateful for Andrew sharing his gifts with us and for inspiring our students to shine with their own talents.



College Birthday - 17th May

This year our college's birthday falls on Saturday. This enables us to celebrate our 154th birthday in Catholic Education Week. This date marks the day the founding Sisters of St Joseph held the first lessons in a shed on the Port Augusta Wharf in 1871. Each year we share birthday cake with students and staff to celebrate this significant event. It's a special way for us to reflect on the enduring legacy of St Mary MacKillop and the Catholic educators who have shaped our community over the last 154 years.



Scholastic Book Fair

This week the Library has been a hive of activity with plenty of visitors taking advantage of the Scholastic Book Fair. Students and families had the opportunity to immerse themselves in reading by purchasing books that appealed to their liking. For every item sold, the College earns credits that can be used to purchase new books for our resource centre. Thanks to our fantastic Librarian, Amanda Fullerton, for organising and overseeing the Bookfair.



Walk Safely to School Day

Today, our younger students and families enjoyed participating in 'Walk Safely to School Day'. This event is part of National Road Safety Week, which runs from 11-18 May 2025. It's a fantastic opportunity to promote road safety, health, and the environment. Walking to school is a great way for children to get active and stay healthy. It complements the work that we have done with our students in years 5 to 7 around road safety. You might see some of these students operating the 'Stop' signs at the Emu Crossings around our school in the mornings and afternoons. We encourage to stay fit and healthy by walking and riding to school and being safe around roads and traffic.



From the Assistant Principal Religious Identity & Mission, Chloe Shanahan

Pope Leo XIV – 267th Pope

Early last Friday, we witnessed the welcoming of the 267th pope of the Catholic Church onto the balcony overlooking St Peter's Square. The conclave lasted a little under 2 days of voting before the white smoke came out of the chimney of the Sistene Chapel. Emerging after the announcement of the Cardinal selected and his papal name, we saw him emerge for the first time.

Robert Prevost, taking the name Leo XIV, is the first ever North American pope, coming from Chicago. The youngest of three boys to Italian and Spanish parents, he always knew he wanted to become a priest and would often spend his days making his brothers play Mass instead of with trucks. An avid fan of the Chicago White Sox, he never had plans to become a bishop or cardinal – he simply wanted to serve the people and be a missionary. Stationed in Peru, he was the bishop of Chiclayno and gained his Peruvian citizenship in 2015.

Pope Leo XIV has been likened, not just by his brothers but by the wider Church community, as having a number of leadership qualities similar to that of Pope Francis. His extensive experience in pastoral care, education (he has a degree in Mathematics), and administration has prepared him well for this significant role.



Year 8 Religion - Inspirational Leaders of the Church

Our Year 8's have dived into learning about inspirational leaders of the Church, following the passing of Pope Francis, the process of electing a new pope, and the leadership qualities required to undertake such an important role. Students have spent time learning about 9 different Cardinals who were tipped to become the next pope (none of which was who was elected!), before sharing their findings with their classes. They spent time discerning who they would vote for if they were a Cardinal and participated in a mock Conclave to see if they could get white smoke before the actual Conclave finished. Lots of excitement within each class was evident as they finally reached a two-thirds majority vote to elect who they felt should have been the new pope.

They have also explored the life of Pope Leo XIV, creating newspaper articles sharing the news of the election of the pope and his perceived impact on the Church in the time of his papacy. They will also deepen their understanding of the impact of Pope Francis' papacy and his ministry throughout his time as a consecrated servant of God by developing memoriam presentations. Students will also take a deep dive into the life of St Peter, the Church's first pope, appointed by Jesus.

GRIP Leadership Day

I was fortunate enough to spend the day with some of our Year 5/6 student leaders at the GRIP Leadership Conference last Friday. Students spent the day exploring the positive qualities of leadership and how to listen carefully to everyone's ideas when planning events. The conference was engaging with key concepts being introduced through videos, games or role plays, and our students had the opportunity to share their ideas with other schools in the region. Our students are keen to share their ideas with their peers and make a difference to others in our community.



Sacraments - First Eucharist

A number of children in our school and parish community have begun their formation and preparation sessions to receive their First Holy Communion later this term. This is an exciting time for these children and we continue to pray for them and their families as they continue their faith journey. The next session for these children and their families will be Saturday 24 May at 6:30pm or Sunday 25 May at 10:30am at All Saints Church. If any families have missed any sessions, this coming weekend Saturday 17 May at 6:30pm or Sunday 18 May at 10:30am is a spare 'catch up' session.

National Reconciliation Week - Bridging Now to Next

National Reconciliation Week is 27 May – 3 June and it is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and

achievements and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The theme for 2025 is Bridging Now to Next. To prepare for our Whole School Liturgy in Week 5, students will be exploring this theme through the lens of the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32) and how we are called to right the wrongs of the past by reconciling and forgiving to move forward. Classes are busy discussing what Reconciliation means to them and our wider community. In 2022-23, our Australian Catholic Bishops in their Social Justice Statement, have invited us to Listen. Learn. Love. to the stories of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, so that we can listen, learn and love, just as Jesus did.



Laudato Si' Week - May 24-31

Back in 2016, Laudato Si' Week began as a way to celebrate the first anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si'. This Laudato Si' Week and Pentecost, let us gather in community to contemplate and nurture seeds of hope for our "suffering planet" (LD 2). Written in 2023, Laudate Deum is a reminder about the urgency of the Laudato Si' message and the need for both personal and cultural transformation amidst our ecological and climate crises.

It has been 10 years since Pope Francis wrote his now famous encyclical, setting out a bold vision for our common home. This year's Laudato Si' Week theme is inspired by the theme Raising Hope, in line with our Ordinary Year of Jubilee. Let us be seeds of hope in our lives and our world, rooted in faith and love as we bring the light of Laudato Si' to all, for a brighter future for tomorrow.

The following resource, developed by CESA and the Family Faith Formation team, are a great way for families to explore ways of caring for God's creation.



From the Year 10-12 Director of Learning and Wellbeing, Norah Grover

Careers Focus

In Week 1 our Year 10 cohort travelled to Adelaide for 3 days to explore career options and opportunities. We travelled by coach, bus, tram and train and did a lot of walking too.

Places visited included Flinders University, TAFE campuses at Regency Park and Tonsley, the MTA, Cavpower, BAE, SAMHRI, the Law Courts and the Zoo. Students also had some fun at Tree Climb and with a tour of Adelaide Oval.

A number of Old Scholars visited us at our West Beach campsite and provided students with an insight into what moving to Adelaide can be like. The Old Scholars also shared their experience of choosing career pathways and university life.

We also visited residential college, Aquinas, where more Old Scholars took students on a tour before we had dinner and enjoyed some downtime on the basketball court.

Overall, it was a very successful camp, with many students now thinking more broadly about their post school options.

Research shows that careers education should start well before students reach the senior years, so this year all students in Years 8-11 as well as interested Year 12's will visit the local Careers Expo at Central Oval in week 5. Last year's event was impressive, and we hope all students will be inspired and intrigued by what they see this year.

A group of our Year 11 students travelled to Whyalla today to participate in the Flinders University Assessment Centre. If successful, they will be offered a pathway into university that will not be dependent on ATAR, rather a successful SACE completion. This can take pressure off students in Year 12 and encourage them to choose subjects without the focus on ATAR.

Later this month, we will also welcome the Education Pathways Team from Flinders University on site for a presentation. All students in Years 10-12 considering a university pathway will be encouraged to attend. An ambassador from the new Adelaide University will visit early in Term 3.

All Year 11 students should have finalised their placements for their 4 days of work experience at the end of this Term. It can be challenging to find employers willing to take a school student on, so if any members of our community would like to become involved as a possible workplace in 2026 please let us know so we can add you to our 'bank' of options.

From the VET Coordinator, Susy Rogers

Term 2 is running smoothly for our Vocational Education and Training (VET) students, who are gaining valuable hands-on experience across a range of trades. From checking engines in automotive workshops, to wiring up circuits in electrical training, to carefully measuring and laying out four-corner blocks in construction, students are actively applying their skills in real-world scenarios. Their dedication and practical learning are setting a strong foundation for future careers in their chosen fields.



Teaching and Learning

Year 2 Catholic Open Week Colouring-In

As part of our Catholic Open Week celebrations, our wonderful Year 2 students have been getting creative with their 'Hope Shines Bright' colouring-in sheets! During this special time, they also shared thoughtful reflections on what makes our school a place of joy, kindness, and hope. From friendships and faith to our supportive community, their insights were as bright as their artwork!



Year 8 & 9 Career Chats

Today we welcomed old scholars, parents and community members to share their career journeys to our Year 8 and 9 students. We heard of the various pathways on offer in our town, challenges within specific roles and got a better understanding of jobs we didn't know existed.



Year 12 Child Studies Multicultural Cooking

The Year 12 Child Studies class recently worked with students from Year 1 to teach the children more about food from other cultures. They created a Powerpoint which they shared with the class then helped them make passports for their trip all the way to the Home Ec room. The children gained a stamp in their passport when they tried the foods on offer, which included cold rolls, empanadas and gelato. The children were very excited to visit and try all the different foods.





CAREER ROADSHOW

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Tuesday 1.30pm - 3.00pm
Wednesday 9.00am - 10.30am

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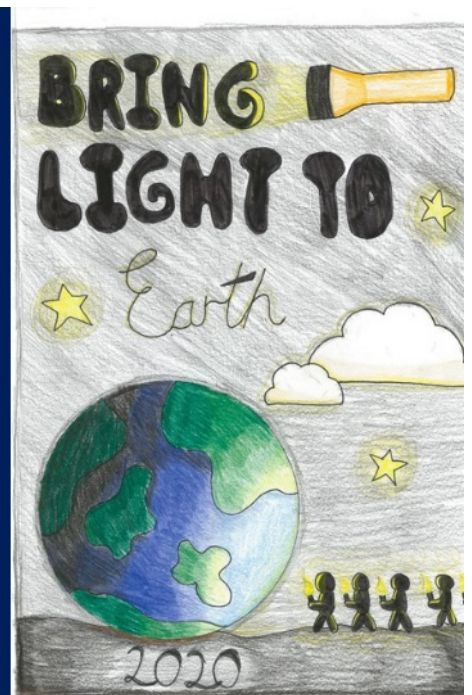
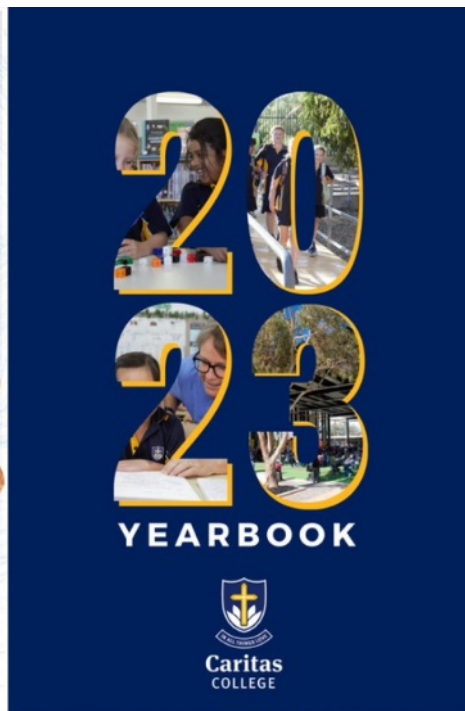
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Are you on the hunt for that missing yearbook to complete your collection? Head over to the 'Caritas College Memorabilia' section on the QKR! app and grab your MISSING YEARBOOK today!

But wait, there's more... While you're there, you'll find a heap of College Memorabilia for sale—perfect for old scholars, current students, or anyone looking to take a trip down memory lane.

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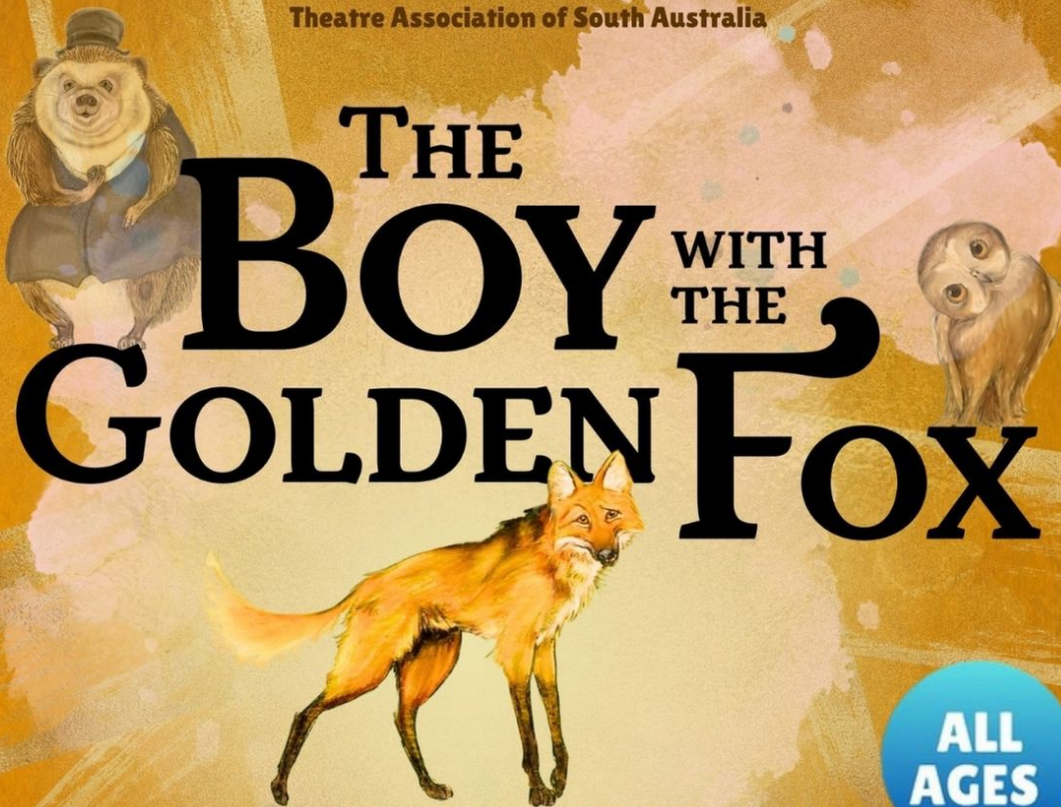
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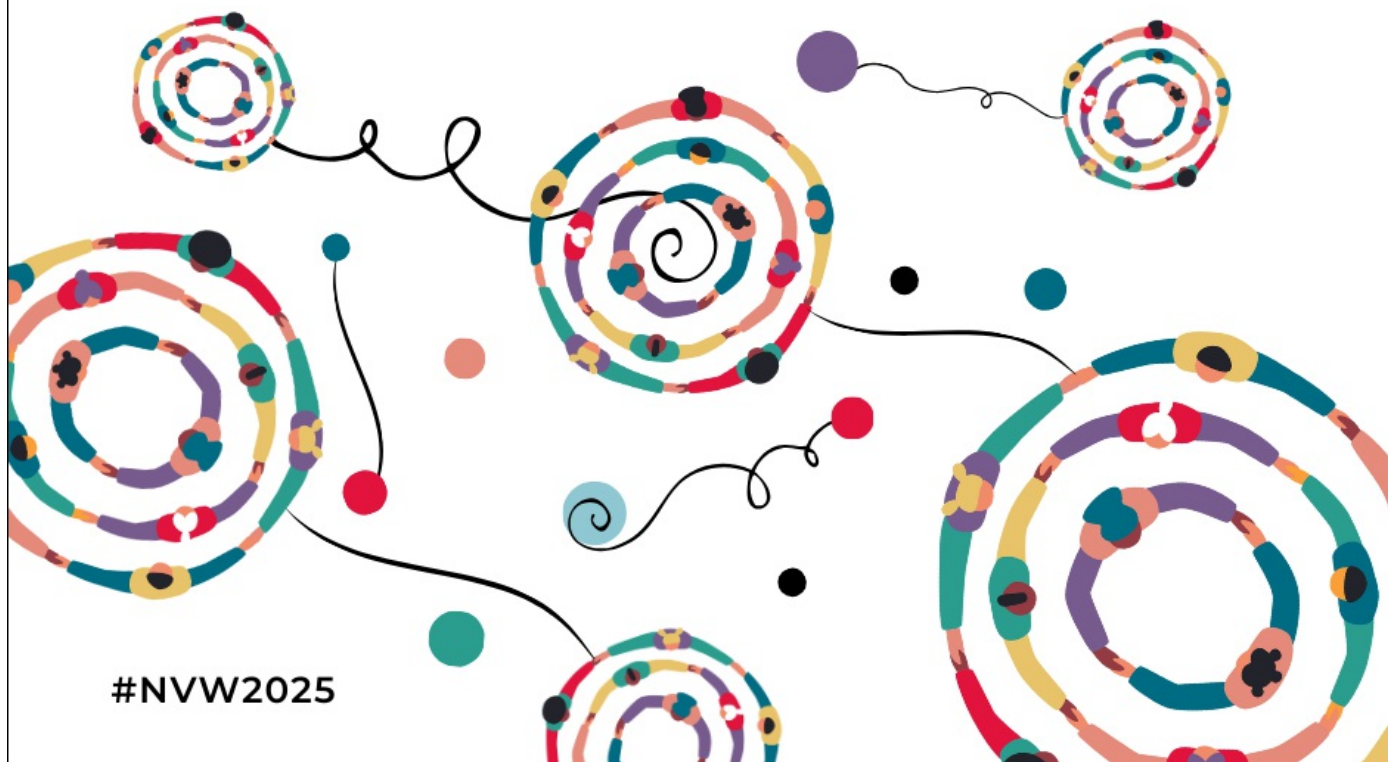
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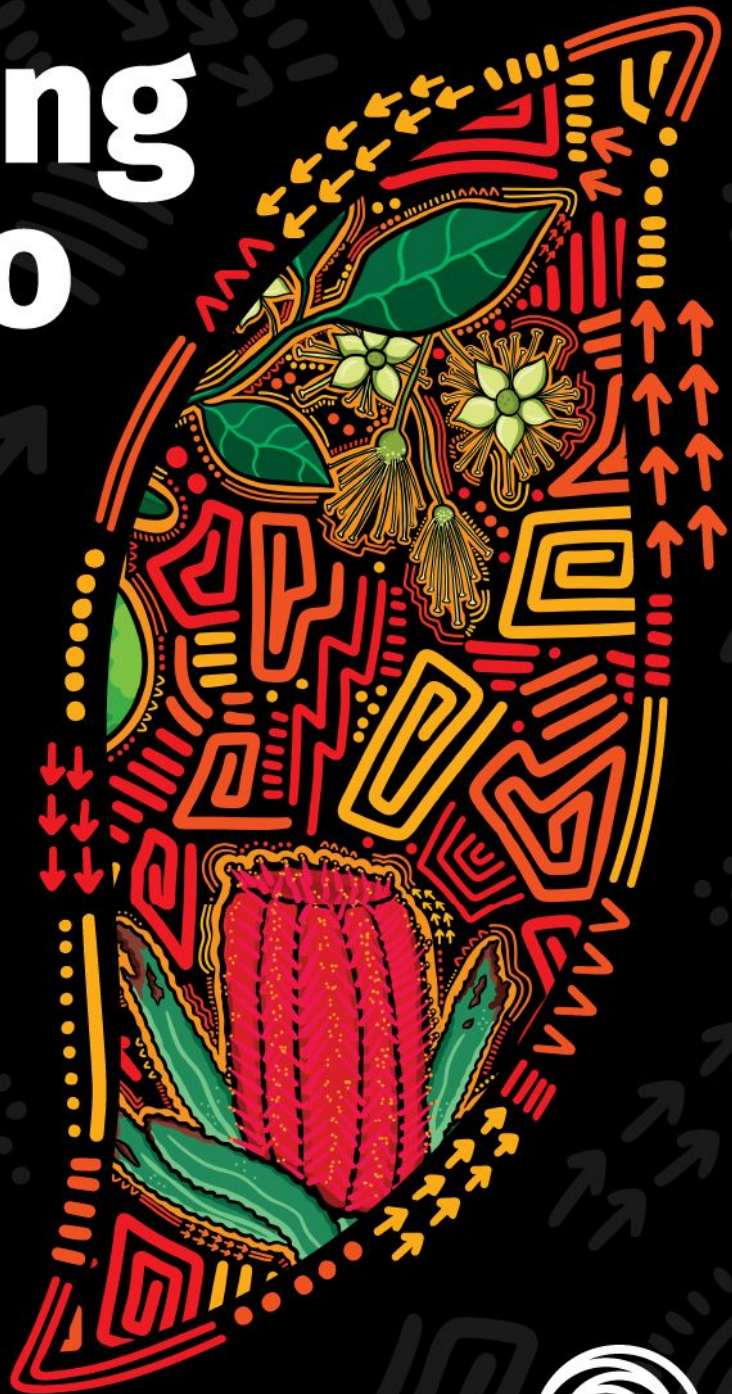
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