

## WINTER NEWSLETTER

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### Manager's message



CUC Cape York celebrated its official second birthday on July 10. We kept this year's birthday low key as it was NAIDOC week and there were already a lot of important events happening in the region. It's been a busy few months as you'll see on page 3 of this newsletter with community engagement activities from Weipa to Wujal Wujal, as well as conferences in Weipa and Cairns which were great for networking and learning.

We have recently welcomed two new board members. Nicky Perriman from Weipa and Sarah Lewis from Cooktown. It is great to have passionate board members with interests in our northern communities, and we look forward to working with Weipa and other communities to establish new services and outreach programs throughout the region.

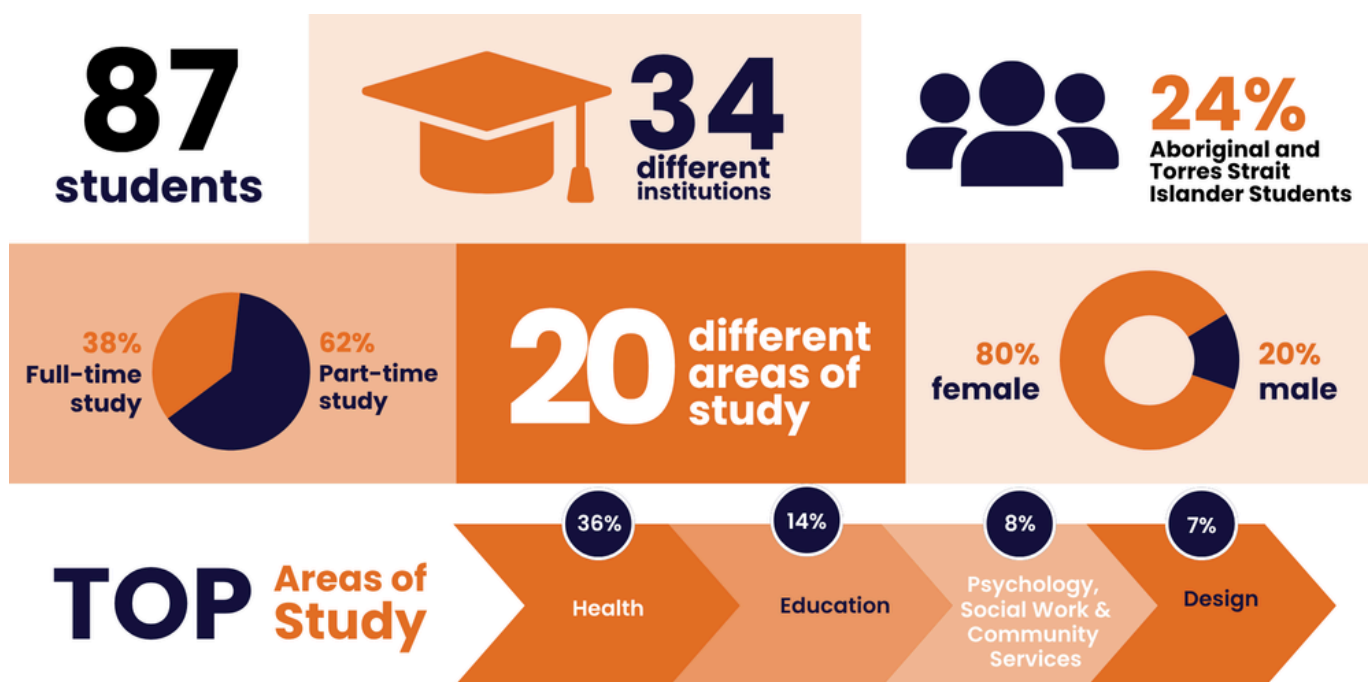
Our registrations remained strong for semester one 2025 and I would like to personally thank everyone who supports us for helping make the CUC a success. In June as part of the Cooktown Discovery Festival we were lucky to host students from CQU, Griffith and Dalarna University in Sweden for a study tour. These media and film students were here to help document local stories, and it was a pleasure to share our centre with them.

It's now re-registration time for semester 2 so keep an eye on those inboxes for the link to re-register. We have extended the deadline for re-registrations to 15 August. Students that have not re-registered by then may have their fobs cancelled so please reach out if you have not seen the email or are having any trouble.

If you know someone who is studying or thinking about studying, please encourage them to come in and see us. We love helping people explore and succeed in their own individual study journeys.

*Jenni*

# Student Snapshot: Semester 1



## Centre Refresh

We've made a few cosy updates around the centre to make your study experience even more comfortable. There's now a new sofa and some beanbags in the breakout room – a great spot to relax between study sessions. We've also upgraded to a bigger fridge, so there's more space for you to store your lunch or snacks while you're here. You'll also find our textbook shelf has moved into the breakout room – feel free to use any of the books to support your studies.





# Community Engagement

From careers expos to conferences, we've been out and about connecting with students, community, and education leaders across the Cape and beyond.



Our team attended the Futures Symposium in Weipa



Western Cape College Careers Expo



Kerry took part in the STARS Conference in Cairns, bringing back ideas to better support our students



We brought the laughs (and the bananas!) as we hosted the Discovery Festival's Banana Eating Competition



Tiannie at Hope Vale's NAIDOC with her Vision Tree activity



Kerry and Tiannie showcased our Cape Country Careers VR Program at the Cooktown Careers Expo



# Cooktown Students Explore Careers Virtually

Year 10 students from Cooktown State School recently took part in our Cape Country Careers program, gaining a unique opportunity to explore future career paths in an exciting and immersive way.

Using our Work Window Virtual Reality (VR) program, students were transported into real workplaces to experience what different jobs are really like. With over 35 career options to explore, the program helps students see the day-to-day realities of a variety of industries—from healthcare and construction to technology and trades—so they can make informed choices about their subjects and future qualifications.

A total of 15 students enthusiastically took part, donning VR headsets to virtually step into the careers of their choice. These sessions were held in the lead-up to the Cooktown Careers Expo on 23 July, helping students gain valuable insights before engaging with employers and training providers in person.

With the success of these sessions, we're excited to announce that more VR career experiences will be offered in partnership with local schools. These will form part of the lead-up to the Cooktown Student Futures Fair on 24 October, where students from across the region will continue exploring the many pathways to their future careers.

If you'd like to know more or book a session for your school or community, get in touch with Kerry, our Widening Participation Coordinator at [kerry.clough@cuccapeyork.edu.au](mailto:kerry.clough@cuccapeyork.edu.au)



# Student Resources

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Need to book a study room, lock in a session with your Learning Skills Advisor (LSA), or join our student community group? We've made it super easy.

Head to our Linktree for quick access to:

- Study room and LSA bookings
- Student community group
- Scholarship info
- Study tips
- Centre updates

📌 Tip: Bookmark the page so you've always got it handy!



<https://linktr.ee/cuccapeyork>

## Share Your Story

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No matter where you're at – starting your first subject, returning after a break, or studying while raising a family – your story has the power to inspire.

We'd love to hear it. With your permission, we will share it on our socials, in our newsletter, on our website, or on the Student Wall here at the Centre.

Keen to share? Have a chat with one of our team members next time you're in.