Christian Leadership

Dear Friends,

This year Nungalinya College is offering new courses at the Certificate III and Certificate IV level. When the accreditation of our previous courses expired, there was an opportunity to review what we were teaching and intentionally seek to address the needs expressed by Indigenous Board members and Church leaders. There has been a 12 month process of consultation, design, review and now finally we are seeing the fruit of these labours.

One of these identified key needs that was for training about leadership. Therefore, as we designed the two new courses, we have focussed the Certificate III on providing biblical basics with the Certificate IV building on this foundation to provide training in Christian leadership.

In Term 1, the first group of students studying the new Certificate IV came to the College. We received really encouraging feedback from them about the new course. There was universal appreciation for the more streamlined approach to assessment and the new subjects being offered.

Students said:

“We liked learning practical things we can use back in our churches and communities”

Many of the students are already church leaders and a number of them are preparing for ordination. The level of maturity and the benefit of the previous years of study at Certificate III level were evident in both their academic progress, but also in their leadership of other students also studying at the College. We had many fellowship evenings and chapel services led by the Certificate IV students. It was evident that even while still at College they were putting the skills they were learning into practice.

One highlight was a Communion Service led by the class studying the Sacraments subject. Rev Dr Helen Richmond (UCA) who was leading the class, invited visitors from the Anglican and Catholic churches to come and share in the class. Students appreciated learning both about their own denomination’s views, but also how other churches celebrate sacraments.

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In their feedback they said: “We liked learning about the differences but also that we are all one family of God.”

Strong Christian leadership is a key to bringing transformation to Aboriginal churches and communities. The skills learnt through the Certificate IV lead not just to ordination but seek to build capacity for ethical, consistent and responsible leadership in other areas as well.

While we receive government funding to support the travel and accommodation costs for our students, we don’t receive funding for the actual teaching of the courses, the purchase of educational resources, the maintenance of the classrooms, and also some of our teachers. Your help makes a difference!

Please support us as we seek to support and train the next generation of leaders for the Indigenous Church and communities.

With thanks for your help,

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