Bursting at the seams

One of the limiting factors in how many students come to the College is our accommodation capacity. The hostel has now been painted inside and out by volunteer teams over the last two years, and we plan to renovate the bathrooms at the end of this year. However, we will still struggle to fit in all our students.

Therefore we have applied for some government funding to upgrade our accommodation by building a new hostel and replacement units for those that cannot be certified, and extending our kitchen/dining and laundry facilities. We will need to contribute part of the finances for this project and are seeking large donations towards the new buildings. Please pray that this application is successful as it will make a huge difference both to the numbers of students who can come, and also to their comfort and safety while they are here.

We are seeking large donations to enable these repairs, over and above the normal support received. If you think you can help, please contact the Principal.

Getting involved

- Subscribe to the eNews and receive regular updates and prayer requests
- Visit the College and attend our public morning tea at 10.30 each Friday during term time
- Volunteer either as an individual or as part of a church team to do much needed maintenance, or a 4 week commitment to assist in Foundation Studies
- Support the College financially

The Nungalinya Board, Principal and Staff wish all our supporters a Merry Christmas.

We look forward to your partnership again in 2017.

"For today in the city of David there has been born to you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."

LUKE 2:11

First Certificate IV Graduates

From the Principal

This year has seen record numbers of students coming to study at Nungalinya. We are now offering 5 courses from Certificate I level through to Certificate IV. It also marked the first group of Certificate IV students ever to graduate from the College! Previously we did offer a Diploma of Theology with the last students finishing in 2008 but it was under a different accreditation system.

The graduates started last year with the Certificate IV in Theology, but this year we changed over to the Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology. This is intentionally designed to teach leadership. We see that one of the most important roles for Nungalinya is to be teaching, encouraging and supporting Indigenous Christian leaders for the church and for their communities. Many of the Certificate IV students are senior church leaders and provide wonderful role models to the other students and encourage them to use their gifts in chapel and in evening fellowship times. It is interesting to see them at times intentionally taking a back seat to allow space for younger leaders to do things.

Nungalinya College is an exciting place to be. It is clear that God is calling more and more Indigenous people to study and grow in faith and be equipped for ministry in their communities. The staff team have worked tirelessly to make this happen. We are also aware of the growing interest from the church across Australia and thank you for your prayers, volunteering and financial support. As we finish 2016 and plan for the year ahead, there is a sense of anticipation about what God will do next!

Dr Jude Long—Principal
Spotlight on the Dean Team

Nungalinya College has three Deans – Anglican, Catholic and Uniting, who work with students and their local churches. Wayne, Carol and Felicity are the bridge between the College and the church in communities. The Dean’s Den is always a hive of activity with the individual offices for the Deans as well as a meeting space for students and small groups. The Deans work very much as a team supporting each other, and covering for each other when one is absent. They work closely with church leaders and students back in communities. They have to arrange which intensives students will attend, request travel, notify students of their travel arrangements (and then handle the large number of last minute changes), provide pastoral care for the students while they are at College, and finally make sure they get home! This year we have had over 300 students attend the College. Thanks to the Deans for their great work! Sadly Felicity, the Uniting Church Dean has answered God’s call to serve as the Presbytery Minister for the Northern Synod and is leaving the team. We had a lovely farewell for her as part of the Certificate I graduation. The new Uniting Church Dean from 2017 will be Rev Tony Goodluck from Adelaide.

Social Media

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Student Profiles

Joaquin HUDDLESTON
Hello my name is Joaquin Huddleston. Most people call me Jojo. I live at Kewulyi with my wife Mandy Sammy and I speak Kriol.

Mandy MANGGURRA
My name is Mandy Manggurra.

Next Step for Assistant Teachers

Our Indigenous Assistant Teachers have continued to provide invaluable assistance in our Certificate II in Media and Discipleship and Certificate III in Christian Ministry and Theology classes. We started the year with a workshop where we had a great time of two-way learning for teachers and assistant teachers and will do the same next year. We also hope to extend this programme to include the Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology classes now we have Assistant Teachers who have completed the course. The next step for Assistant Teachers is for them to become trainee teachers where they continue to assist in classes, but start work on their Certificate IV in Training and Assessment which is the required qualification to become teachers. We are hoping at least one Assistant Teacher will be able to start this process next year.

Joaquin HUDDLESTON
Hello my name is Joaquin Huddleston. Most people call me Jojo. I live at Kewulyi with my wife Mandy Sammy and I speak Kriol. My experience is that Nungalinya is a good place to study, and we must follow the rules and make it a safe place because we all come to learn God’s word from the Bible. I have felt encouraged by the other students. I think God is calling me to keep walking with our Lord Jesus because He loves me no matter what happens. I would like to keep driving our bus to other communities and sharing the Good News of God’s love for everybody through our Lord Jesus.

Mandy MANGGURRA
My name is Mandy Manggurra. I am from Numbulwar Community. My language is Wubuy. But I speak Kriol. I am living in Darwin now.

At Nungalinya, we learn about God’s Word from the Bible. We go deep into the Word like using tools like a digging stick. We learn new things, building up our faith by learning from other students and sharing together in our walk with Christ. The teachers are great in not only how they teach but how they show we can help people in our communities in every need. It is like God’s word is light and healing. He can use us to take the message of love to the broken hearted and introduce Jesus to them.

God is calling me to share my gifts, encouraging people about our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I want to help people build their faith and to share God’s love. Finally, I want to do more teaching in the College.

Top: Assistant teacher Yurranydjil doing a drama with students. Above: Assistant teacher Wangarr (right) and students in chapel.