

ICSEI Virtual School Visit

Welcome to our wonderful school, founded and proudly based in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Culture. Hymba Yumba Independent School (HYIS) a Prep – Year 12 majority Indigenous school, was founded in 2011 by Uncle Albert Holt and has been built upon the traditions of Indigenous culture, spirituality and identity. Situated in Springfield, Queensland on the traditional land of the Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul people, the name of the school is from the Bidjara language group and was gifted to the school by founder, Uncle Albert Holt. **Hymba** meaning the development of skills in listening, reflecting, evaluating and planning and **Yumba** is the building and support for learning; the building of school and classroom routines and the building of community. Our teaching and learning excellence stems from a 21st century cultural and pedagogical approach, focused upon the whole jarjum and his/her journey in education.

Our school is developing not only a futuristic approach to education, but also developing and building 21st century facilities to create an environment that is engaging and stimulating to create the strongest outcomes for our jarjums. By the end of Year 12, our jarjums will be in a career pathway that is either 'learning or earning' and will be equipped with real life experience and skills. The vast opportunities provided here at Hymba Yumba are supported by passionate teachers and a strong network of partners with tertiary and vocational organisations. Although teaching excellence is at our forefront, we focus on the jarjum as a whole and therefore provide multiple wellbeing and sports programs to support the jarjums in their education journey as we recognise, good mental and physical health is just as important as academic education in today's society. Upon graduation, our jarjums will proudly be able to lead in both worlds equipped with skills, experience, education, cultural knowledge and strength. The school first opened its doors with only 50 students and 8 staff members, and today has over 280 students and 40 staff making up the school community.

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