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Walkabout Chef Steve Sunk



- TITEB hosted another cooking demonstration at Wurrumiyanga this month as part of the Money Management Program.
- Under the instruction of Steve “The Walkabout Chef” Sunk, ten Tiwi ladies cooked healthy, nutritious meals using the new Money Business Cookery Recipe Cards and a frying pan and rice cooker.
- Recipes prepared on the day included wallaby tail stew and vegetables, curried chicken, fish laksa, chilli con carne (wallaby mince), curried beef, sweet and sour fish, wallaby family bush pies and damper. All meals were served with steamed rice.
- All these recipes have extensive nutritional benefits, are low in salt and fats, use large components of vegetables, and use ingredients available in store and by hunting and gathering. Most importantly, these are easy to make with minimal equipment and can be produced for less than \$15 to feed a family of four to six people.

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Quote of the Month

“Today is a gift, that is why it is called the Present.”

Xavier develops new pathway for star students



Xavier Wurrumiyanga has officially launched a unique model for Indigenous secondary education aimed at ensuring its most promising students are given the best possible chance to succeed.

The successful launch of the *Japalinga Mob* on May 17 saw 12 students who have displayed excellence in the fields of leadership, art, music, study or sport welcomed by community leaders, politicians and dignitaries from the mainland.

The *Japalinga Mob* marks a conscious departure from previous programs and practices which have aimed at addressing truancy and poor educational performance.

While at school, the *Japalinga Mob* students are given extra one-on-one tuition in their field of excellence as well as extra classes as a group to develop their leadership capabilities.

Outside of the classroom, they will each have a mentor from the wider Australian community who keeps in regular contact with them to guide and encourage them.

In addition, the students will benefit from the work of the recently established *Japalinga Foundation*, which will annually fund a meaningful real world experience on the Australian mainland for each of the students.

Xavier Principal Kathryn vanEgmond said the *Japalinga* model deliberately aimed at developing the talents of the best students.



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“This program specifically targets those students who are performing and attending school,” she said. “Our experience at Xavier is that programs focused on those who are not regular attendees or actively engaged in their learning have limited success.

“We face similar challenges to other indigenous schools in regard to truancy and low levels of literacy and these will continue to be addressed but there are also students at Xavier who show great promise.

“We would be derelict in our responsibilities as educators not to give these students the best possible chance to succeed and that is why we have established the *Japalinga Mob*.”

“In the quest to close the gap between white and Indigenous Australia it is critical that individual talents of willing students do not go under developed due to isolation and lack of resources.”

Ms vanEgmond said the success of the program will be measured by the quality of the experience students can get through their training workshops on the Australian mainland, which will be funded through the *Japalinga Foundation*.

“We are confident the training workshops, whether they be in the field of art, sport, music or academia, will encourage each student to pursue their talent and build networks outside their own very small and isolated community on Bathurst Island,” she said.

“The main aim for this *Japalinga Mob* is to lead to higher retention rates to year 12 through students viewing the importance of education in the mainstream community. This could also lead to further study at TAFE or university.

“This can only be a good thing for the Tiwi Islands in general as it will open networks and expand the knowledge base of the next generation of community leaders.”



Northern Territory Government
media release

Honouring a Territory Hero

Together with Richmond football club, the Northern Territory Government will honour the memory of football legend and Territory hero, Maurice Rioli, with a scholarship for outstanding students from Tiwi College.

Acting Chief Minister Delia Lawrie said "Maurice is a hero right across the Territory, he paved the way for other Indigenous footballers and politicians. Throughout his life Maurice worked tirelessly to improve the lives of Indigenous Territorians, particularly inspiring young men on the Tiwi Islands to embrace football and education."

"It is a fitting tribute to this great Territorian that together with Richmond Football Club we have established a scholarship which will recognise and reward three young men from Tiwi College who excel in the Clontarf program each year."

The Tiwi College will select three students every year who excel in attendance and complete a Certificate 2 in sport and recreation to travel from the Tiwi Islands to Melbourne to join the Richmond team for one week of training and coaching. The winners of the scholarship will also attend a Richmond game and scheduled sessions with Richmond recruiting, coaching, health and fitness and welfare staff.

If young Tiwi men attend school regularly and put in the effort they will also have more opportunities to find meaningful employment which will provide for them and their families.

The Northern Territory Government wants every child in the Territory to attend school every day and we thank the Richmond Football Club and the Rioli family for their support in working towards this goal.

The Richmond Football Club is proud to be working with the Northern Territory Government to establish the Maurice Rioli scholarship," Richmond Football Club Chief executive Brendon Gale said.

"Maurice was an incredible footballer and outstanding community leader, and we are determined to honour his fantastic contribution to Richmond and the Northern Territory community."

Mr Rioli's father, Cyril Kilippa said the scholarship invested in the future of the Tiwi Islands.

"This is a fantastic initiative in recognition of Maurice and a great incentive for our Tiwi College students to come to school and achieve the best they can while they are here," Mr Kilippa said.

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