

Reconciliation in the North

“Don’t Keep History a Mystery” 27 May - 3 June

A proud group of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander students represented Golden Grove High School at the combined Salisbury and Tea Tree Gully Councils’ Reconciliation Morning Tea.

It was our good fortune to listen to the stories from all of the speakers who threaded the theme, “Don’t keep history a mystery” alongside the NAIDOC week theme of “Because of her I can”.

Both of these themes speak of the people and leaders, who through their actions, in the face of adversity built lasting and positive bridges amongst diverse cultures.

Our students spoke reflectively about how proud they are to be Aboriginal and that you don’t need to be aboriginal to connect to these stories. They shared that these stories spoke of strong values and principles of reconciling with the past to move into the future.

They appreciated the link with past generations through the power of shared stories.

We thank the Elders, the speakers, our local mayors and the Tea Tree Gully Youth Officer Mrs Carly Didcote for enabling our participation at the event and such a rich and powerful opportunity to connect.

Our students also presented the work from the 1 Heart girls group from 2017 and the art stall enterprise from the Thomas/ Bonney family.

Vikki Walkom and Janelle Saunders

