



TIWI LAND COUNCIL INFORMATION FOR TIWI LAND OWNERS

Community Flyer

Tiwi College is Educating Young Tiwi People

The Tiwi College at Pickertaramoor opened in February 2008 after two years of construction costing \$16 million. The construction built more than the school buildings – it built infrastructure such as water and sewerage systems, an air strip and even roads making the College quite a large facility.

The College is a live-in school which has almost 70 students staying there during the week mostly between the high school ages of 12 and 17. It provides Tiwi children with a secondary education without them having to leave their homeland.

The school is funded in the same way as non-government schools around Australia and is run by the Tiwi people. Staff and teachers have been recruited from all over Australia to help educate and create a positive learning environment for the Tiwi children.

Programs at the Tiwi College

There are many fantastic programs underway at the College with many more planned.

Several literacy programs including, **The Sound Way Program** of Reading, Writing, Spelling, Speaking and English Comprehension, are helping the students obtain a better understanding of the English language to fast track reading and writing skills.

The **Pathways to the Tiwi Workforce Program** will ensure Tiwi students are prepared for the employment opportunities either currently available on the Islands or predicted in the next 12 to 24 months.

Through the support of Australian cricketer Mathew Hayden and the Macquarie Sports Foundation, the College was recently pledged start up funding to commence its own **Agricultural Sustainability Program**.

Tiwi College has formed a partnership with **The Clontarf Football Academy**, whose programs capitalise on the passion the Tiwi have for football, to deliver programs which grow good values and life skills.





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Tiwi College is a skills-based College, with emphasis on developing working skills and habits that are relevant and beneficial when living and working on the Tiwi Islands. With this goal in mind Certificate Courses planned for 2011 including:

- Certificate I in Sport and Recreation with an AFL and Outdoor Education focus, with links to Sport and Recreation at all centres of the Tiwi Islands so that the students can assist in the delivery of programs during weekends and school holidays.
- Certificate I in Business, incorporating Certificate 1 in Information Technology.
- Certificate I in Hospitality, with a 'Bush Tucker' focus with students preparing their own meals and meals for other students and visitors including family.
- Certificate I in Conservation and Land Management, linking in with the work of the Tiwi Ranger Program and CSIRO through the Tiwi College Land Ranger Cadet program, preparing students to manage the land so that 'Culture' can work in harmony with economic development for the benefit of the whole Tiwi community.
- Certificate I in Forestry/Agriculture to give students understanding of the Tiwi Forestry Industry, linking in with the expertise of Tiwi Plantations Corporation and the Hayden Way/Tiwi College Sustainable Agriculture Program.
- Certificate I in General Construction
- Certificate I in training associated with the Port Melville Developments.

As funding becomes available the College has plans for additional programs in art, music, tourism, first aid and boat handling and safety.

