



Hymba Yumba Independent School
Inspiring jarjums to learn and lead in both worlds

The Hymba Yumba Story

Providing a launchpad for jarjums to walk tall in both worlds



“Education is the key to everything” Uncle Albert Holt

A launchpad to success

At Hymba Yumba, we pride ourselves on being an innovative school deeply committed to the traditions of Indigenous culture, spirituality and identity.

Our unique teaching philosophy is to instil in our jarjums (the word for children in the local Bidjara language) a sense of empowerment and cultural familiarity, providing them with a launchpad to successfully commence their lifelong journey of learning.

In the tradition of the oldest living culture in the world, jarjums are encouraged to focus on the four principles of respect:

- Respect myself as a learner and active citizen
- Respect family through positive relationships
- Respect community through genuine engagement and partnerships
- Respect Country through inclusion and restoration

“One of my favourites quotes is from Helen Keller who said ‘the only thing worse than being born blind, is to be born with sight but to have no vision’”

Uncle Albert Holt, Indigenous Elder and Founder of Hymba Yumba Independent School



Hymba Yumba by numbers

Founded
in 2010

Caters for
Prep to Year
12 students

250 jarjums
attend the
school

Recognised for being a
“standout school” in
The Educator’s 6th
Annual Innovative School
Awards in 2020

Shaping our jarjums futures

Community and culture is at the core of everything we do. Hymba Yumba strives to ensure our jarjums are equipped with the tools they need to find their identity and place in the wider community so they can walk tall in both worlds.



Meet Shaylana

A jarjum at Hymba Yumba

Shaylana, who is currently completing Grade 12, is excited about the opportunities that await her this year.

“The teachers at Hymba Yumba have allowed me to focus on my strengths and encouraged me to pursue subjects and extra-curricular activities that light me up and make me happy. Things like, painting a large mural with my teachers and classmates on the reception building,” she said.

Shaylana’s confidence has grown enormously thanks to the support she had received from her teachers. So much so, she applied and was awarded the school captaincy this year.



Meet Ziphoria

A jarjum at Hymba Yumba

Since coming to Hymba Yumba, Ziphoria’s sense of identity and connectedness to her culture has flourished.

“I love coming to school every day and being surrounded by people who share my cultural heritage. I feel at home here, a sense of belonging, that I have never felt at other schools I have attended,” she said.

“Jarjums believe within themselves that they need to understand their culture to create change and lead in both worlds. They have true desire to make a difference to humanity. This is why they want to come to Hymba Yumba.”

Peter Foster, Principal, Hymba Yumba

Revolutionising education



The Hymba Yumba experience is ingrained in the strong belief of empowering our jarjums to build proud Indigenous identities who are confident taking place in a diverse and multicultural society.

A host of unique facilities and experiences in a unique environment is what makes Hymba Yumba one of a kind and enables all jarjums to reach their goals and succeed in whatever path they choose post school.

The campus and facilities

Hymba Yumba provides a holistic education in an innovative environment by embedding Indigenous learning and concepts into everyday curriculum.

The newly constructed Science, Technology and Arts (STEAM) building is a great example of this, by not only taking advantage of and connecting to the natural school's surrounds but also by embracing a flexible and collaborative learning environment.

Connecting jarjums to culture

Hymba Yumba is deeply committed to the positive traditions of Indigenous culture spirituality and identity. Our aim is to provide our jarjums with a safe space centred around familiarity.

Unique learning experiences

Our teaching philosophy is based upon crafting a bespoke experience for each jarjum and encouraging their strengths and building their confidence. By creating a nurturing and inspiring learning environment, jarjums develop an appetite for education.

Hymba Yumba provides jarjums with the launchpad to walk tall in both worlds.



A typical day at Hymba Yumba begins with a morning yarning circle

Creating a shared journey

As Uncle Albert said, education is the key to everything. You hold that key. Your support sustains Hymba Yumba's vision to create endless possibilities and pathways for our jarjums to succeed beyond their schooling life.

Supporting investment in programs and infrastructure that deliver exceptional learning outcomes will open doors to futures shaped through education.

Current examples of programs that create difference and a unique experience at Hymba Yumba Independent School include:

Wellbeing meditation program

Your support would allow Hymba Yumba to invest in the professional development of its staff and to enrich learning experiences for jarjums through the continuation of daily yarning circles and meditation time.

Dog therapy program

This program not only teaches jarjums how to interact and train dogs but also develops their cross-curricular knowledge and important life skills such as responsibility, empathy and discipline.

Your support will enable additional programs to be created to expand the educational experience offered at Hymba Yumba for our jarjums.

As Hymba Yumba continues to respond to growing demand for places, the expansion of facilities is a priority. New developments planned to respond to this need include:

New multi-purpose school building

The construction of a modern, multi-purpose learning space connected to the school's natural surrounds will inspire jarjums to find their identity and be their best self in an inspiring learning environment.



By partnering with Hymba Yumba, you will help shape the future of our jarjums.

We invite you to walk with us to this future.



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