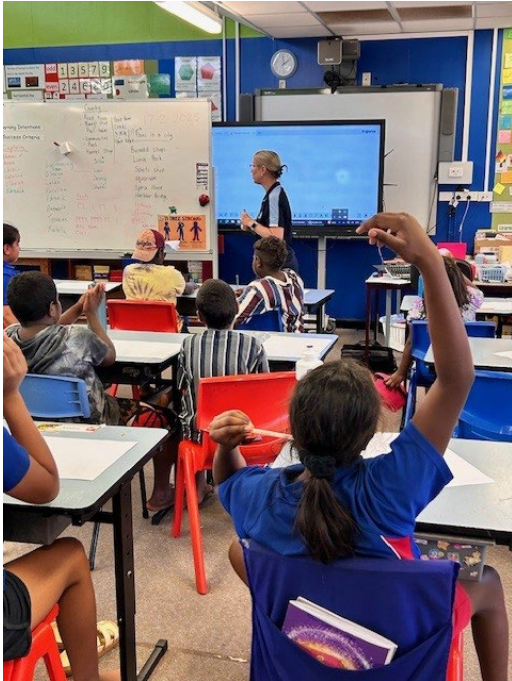


Teaching and learning alongside partner NT schools



Ms Jodie Spooner-Ryan teaching a music lesson

A group of Meriden teachers and staff travelled to visit our partner schools in the Northern Territory, Neutral Junction School and Ti Tree School, earlier this term. The visit marked a significant step in strengthening the relationship between our schools and saw Meriden staff teaching and learning alongside staff from these remote communities.

During the visit, the Meriden teachers delivered lessons across a range of subjects including Music, Literacy, Mathematics and Sport. The lessons were carefully designed to meet the needs of the students while fostering an engaging and collaborative learning environment.

Ms Jodie Spooner-Ryan and Miss Bridget Hann designed music lessons incorporating a recently donated keyboard to Ti Tree School. Restringing guitars and ukuleles meant more students could take instrumental lessons. Students also performed songs during assembly. This musical partnership will continue online, an opportunity our staff are excited to pursue.

Mrs Fiona McKinnon worked alongside the Ti Tree teachers observing and implementing professional learning on literacy. A highlight of working inside the classrooms is the cultural knowledge students share from time spent outside.

Ms Maria Taylor, Meriden's Lead Counsellor, was able to offer her professional skills in a variety of areas. As it is nearly impossible for remote schools to access a psychologist, her input was invaluable. Ms Taylor was able to build relationships with the students and community, helping grow a vital part of our partnership.

The visit also proved to be an enriching cultural experience for our staff, who immersed themselves in the diversity of the school and spending time with members of the communities.

The partnership between Meriden, Neutral Junction School, and Ti Tree School is strengthened through the power of collaboration and cross-cultural learning.

We look forward to exploring more opportunities through staff visits each term, and yearly student cultural immersion trips to Sydney and the Northern Territory for students from all three schools.

Thank you to all the staff involved for their dedication and passion in making this experience so meaningful for each school.

Mrs Jenny Greenhalgh

Coordinator of Learning Link – Cultural Connections



Mrs Jenny Greenhalgh with staff and students