

OUR 2024 GRADUATES

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK TO OUR GRADUATING CLASS OF 2024.

Your resilience, integrity and dedication have paid off and you're now at the end of your secondary school journeys. It has been a pleasure for the Education, Career Transition and Boarding teams to guide you through to graduation and help prepare you for your next adventure into the 'real world'. It's farewell for now but know you will always be part of our NRL Cowboys House family.

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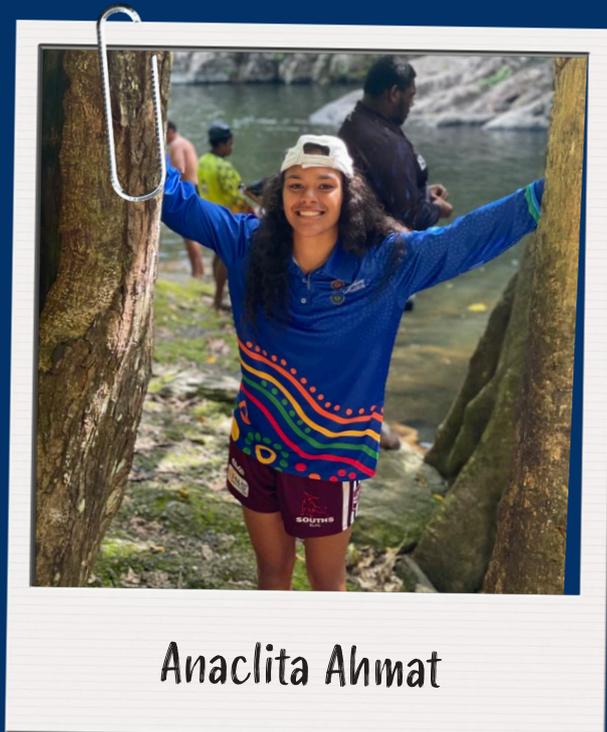
From Lockhart River, son to Serina and Ashley, Isaac is a quiet young man with a strong presence amongst his peers.

He is known for his running prowess and has achieved excellence in cross country and athletics winning age champion trophies and being named Senior Sports Person of the Year at Heatley Secondary College.

Isaac's natural leadership qualities shine through in everything he does including on the footy field, earning selection in the Queensland Clontarf Academy State of Origin team.

From kicking a 50 metre drop out to carrying out some harmless pranks on his House peers, Isaac has been a fun, inspiring and considerate student and friend.

Career goal: Mechanic



Ana's 'goofy' personality and flair has brightened the days at Cowboys House. Daughter to Solomon Ahmat and Nikita George, Ana's passion for life extends to dancing and playing footy, as well as going hunting while at home on Badu Island, in the Torres Strait. If Ana could pick her dream job it would be to "work in a crayfish factory and go free diving for crayfish every day" or "be a professional footy player and dancer".

Ana's proudest moments at the House have been those spent with the dance group, rugby 7s team and leadership camp. Her greatest highlight was winning the Confraternity Cup as part of her school's rugby league team. In a true display of her dedication and hard work, throughout 2024, Ana travelled to Sydney over 10 weekends to play club football whilst also completing her secondary education.

Career goal: NRLW player



Antwone Agie

In Antwone's own quiet way, he has made an impact on everyone at the House with his kindness and helpful attitude.

From Bamaga at the tip of Cape York, Antwone is the proud son of Steven Mairu and Latoyah Agie.

A self-confessed chill dude, Antwone also likes to play sport and follows the Cowboys.

He's completed his senior schooling while boarding at the House and graduates from Kirwan State High School.

For Antwone, getting to know new people from new places has been one of the best parts about his House journey.

He says his family is proud of what he has achieved and experienced and he's quietly confident stepping into the next stage of life – "I'm not scared to go into the big world."

Career goal: Mining industry



Bruce Baudu

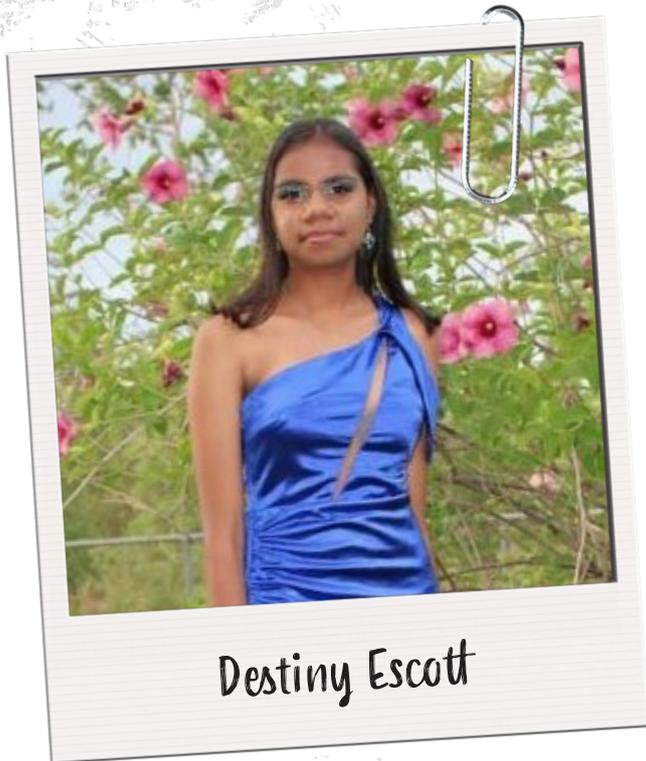
Leading by example, Bruce's kind manner combined with his work ethic has seen him grow into a role model for his younger family members and home community. He credits his parents, Mesella and Sabaka for helping him become the young man he is today.

From Yam Island in the centre of the Torres Strait Islands, Bruce holds his connection to culture and memories of growing up there close to his heart.

He is known for his footy skills and has excelled in rugby league through his school Ignatius Park College with the highlight winning the 2024 Confraternity Shield. His other passions include fishing, gardening and yarning, particularly with the Elders and hearing about the old stories.

"My goal is just to work hard in the years to come, to support my family and my siblings and show the younger generation to always push and just keep striving."

Career goal: Complete a trade (marine construction or auto electrician)



Destiny is known for her gentle spirit, kindness and her wonderful cultural artistry.

While at the House, she has embraced every opportunity to develop her talent as an artist and has had a few amazing opportunities to share her artwork on a national stage. Daughter to David Escott and Maria Mick, Destiny prides herself on her strong personal values and compassion which is at the heart of everything she does.

Destiny's incredible artistic talent and flair has brought so much pride to the House. Never one to say no to an opportunity, Destiny joined with another student to create a Reconciliation Action Plan artwork for a big business.

She was also involved in a fun creative project at the House, eventually gifting her artwork to an NRLW player to motivate them to succeed.

Career goal: Early Childcare



Makeilla's humble nature should not be mistaken for a lack of ability or ambition.

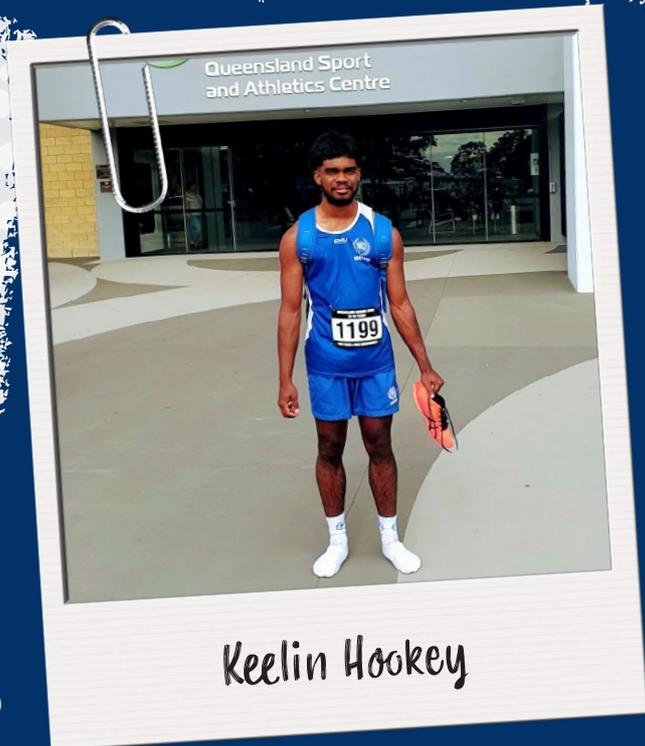
The daughter of Tegan Kulka and Oswald Gibson, Makeilla has shown an impeccable commitment to her studies and her sport has been a feature of her time at the House.

Those who know her best understand not to get between her and a can of Coca Cola and that she's a pocket rocket on the rugby league field.

Makeilla has become a leader and has often been seen hosting our House events including Awards Night.

We know Makeilla will achieve great things in the future, whichever path she chooses.

Career goal: University studies – physiotherapy or social work



If you want a slick new haircut Keelin is your man.

At any given time he could be found cutting his peers' hair in the boys bathroom, and makes sure to take his barber kit back home to Doomadgee too.

His flair for fashion extends beyond hair and one of his aspirations is to launch a clothing brand that represents his community.

The son of Cyantha and Bruce, Keelin is also known for his fast feet as a sprinter and on the rugby league field.

Always polite and respectful, quiet Keelin has grown in confidence over his time at the House.

We're excited to see the exciting and creative things Keelin crafts in his future.

Career goal: Barber apprenticeship



Rahu's easy-going and kind nature makes her popular and appreciated by her peers and the entire House community.

The daughter of Margaret and Harold Mara from Old Mapoon, Rahu's journey at the House started in year 7 and she remains a quiet and kind presence six years later.

She is known as a good friend who loves to spend time with friends.

"I like to get involved in whatever activity we're doing. Whether it's with the boys or the girls, as long as we're doing it together."

Rahu has also been involved in work experience in childcare, hospitality and landcare.

Career goal: Service industry (helping others)



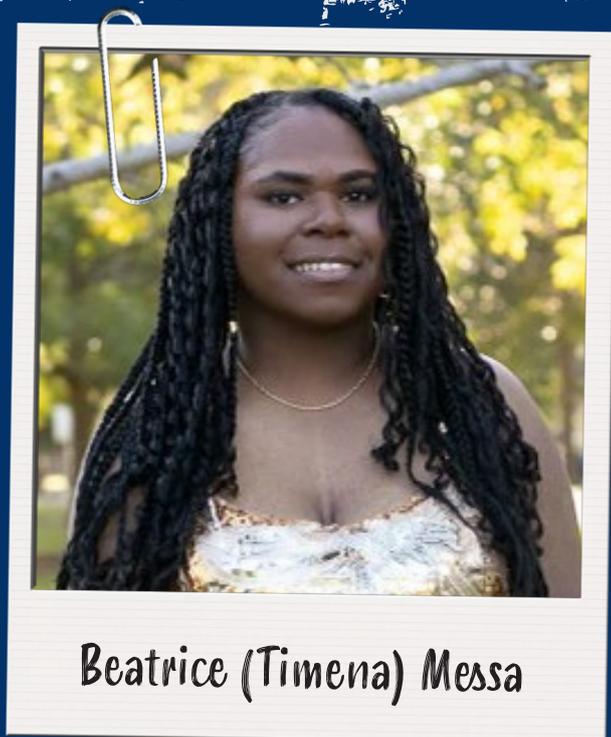
Funny, shy and quiet are some of the attributes that come to mind when we think of Irene Mari.

She is the proud daughter of Roy Auda and Ruth Thaiday from Yam Island, Torres Strait, and has a flair and talent for performing cultural dances from home.

While at the House, Irene overcame her shyness and embraced opportunities to showcase her dancing, going on tours and performing in front of huge crowds. Slightly less known talents are her ability for tummy and tongue rolls and doing a Stitch impression. "I just want to try new things out and see how far I can go."

Irene will graduate from Heatley Secondary College and her academic achievements reflect her commitment to study and her consistent hard work towards achieving her goals.

Career goals: University studies (marine biology); self-employment (beauty technician)



Don't be fooled if you see Timena looking a little serious! Underneath that straight face she's a happy and funny young lady – just as her bright smile suggests.

When she's not playing guitar, or working at Kmart, she's likely to be cleaning her room or making sure she has the neatest book work EVER!

Timena is from Yorke Island, Torres Strait, and while at the House she attended William Ross High School.

The daughter of Juen and Collin Messa, her connection to and love for her family shines through just as strongly as her glowing personality.

It's been such a pleasure having Timena at NRL Cowboys House, we'll miss that (very loud) laugh.

Career goal: Administration



Fredrick Mick

Son to Solomon and Shonae O'Keefe, Fred takes the cake for bringing smiles and laughter to those he meets. However, he is also a young man with many talents and dreams!

During his time at the House, Fred has emerged as a clever cookie in the kitchen which is ironic given he absolutely loves Subway and their cookies! The hospitality bug has led Fred to work experience at Nando's, in the Cowboys House Pie Van and as a kitchen hand.

Fred is a very talented cultural artist and was proud and honoured to team up with House graduate Destiny, also from his hometown of Doomadgee, to create a reconciliation artwork for a business in Sydney. Together they came up with the concept and story that is now shared proudly by CBRE.

Fred enjoys getting "lots of beauty sleep" and intends to keep working hard to achieve his dreams.

Career goals: Hospitality industry; creative arts



Zaleah Mosby-Nona

When we think about Zaleah, adjectives like sporty, kind and energetic are top of mind.

Rugby league is in her heart and soul with her list of achievements on the footy field long and impressive.

Daughter to Helen Moseby, Zaleah is from the community of Yorke Island in the Torres Strait. She attended Kirwan State High School.

Zaleah has displayed kindness to all and beautiful manners across her time at NRL Cowboys House and is known for her ability and commitment to supporting the new young girls who arrive at the House.

We're proud to have played a small role in the wonderful young woman she has become.

Career goal: Sports Science



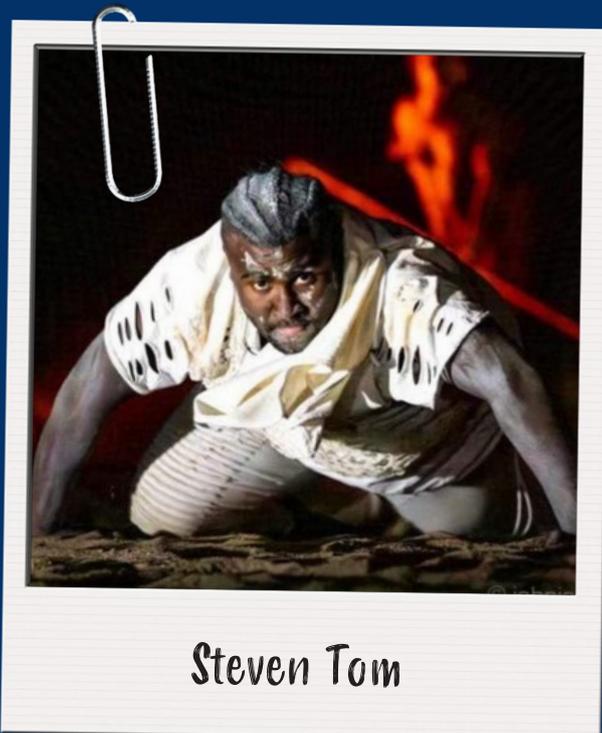
With a love for music, art and helping others Tanya exemplifies what it is to be a quiet achiever.

The daughter of Dane Toby and Christina Thomas, the girl from Mornington Island hopes to use her experience at the House to give back to her community.

She's worked hard, remained focused, organised and self-motivated to complete a Certificate III in Allied Health while also doing her senior schooling.

Always ready with a joke for our House Parents or a kind word for a friend, Tanya has been a pleasure to have on campus. We wish her every success in her next life adventure.

Career goals: Medical imaging; health worker at Mornington Island Hospital



Steven has made the most of his time at NRL Cowboys House by keeping busy and staying positive. From Boigu Island and son of Steven Senior and May, Steven has a great work ethic and a cheeky sense of humour.

Known as the 'Old Man' of the House, Steven arrived here as a year 7 student and has grown into a warm and funny young man.

Steven takes this energy to the sporting field with his love of rugby union, and to the stage as part of the cultural dance troupe. He hopes to bring his own humorous style and flair for problem-solving and de-escalating challenging situations to his working life.

He says the House has been a wonderful home-away-from-home. "We start out here as strangers but then we start bonding with each other and now we are family."

Steven will be sorely missed – we don't know what we will do without his help around the House!

Career goal: Security industry



Honest, kind and a good listener, Kunjurra is a young woman with big dreams.

From Yarrabah and proud daughter to Tiana Yeatman and Hilton Noble, Kunjurra is known around campus for loving to have a chat.

When asked to name a proud moment from her time at the House she said it was building strong friendships with her fellow boarders. Another of her claims to fame is naming the resident house cat – Jasper.

We've enjoyed all the chats with Kunjurra and look forward to hearing the stories about the great things she achieves in the future.

Career goal: Science field

