

# OUR 2025 GRADUATES

## CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK, OUR CLASS OF 2025!

Your resilience, integrity and dedication have paid off, and you now stand at the end of your secondary school journey. We've watched you grow, work in partnership with your families, celebrate the good times and navigate the more challenging moments with courage and grace.

You've worked through barriers and roadblocks, showing strength and determination every step of the way.

You've represented your families with pride, and we honour the journey you've taken. It has been a pleasure for the Education, Career Transitions and Boarding teams to guide you through to graduation and help prepare you for your next adventure into the 'real world'.

This may be the end of your time at NRL Cowboys House, but it's not the end of your connection. You will always carry a piece of this place with you. We're proud of you and will be here for wherever life takes you next.

## NRL Cowboys House Team



PETER



TSHAK



JONATHAN



NARZALIAH



LHERE



TY



TAHLIYAH



JAQLYN



LOUSH



ALEEAH



HEZEKIAH



KUDJARLI-J MARIE



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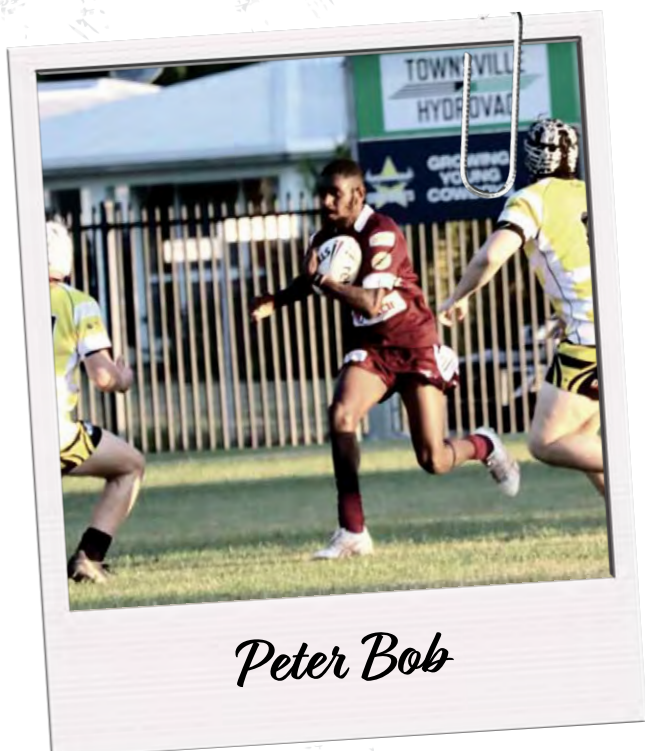
CARLEESHA



MUNGU



KALINA



*Peter Bob*

### **Peter – With the Heart of a Lion**

Peter has faced life's challenges with quiet strength and determination, working hard to stay on track and complete his studies. Though reserved, he listens deeply, speaks thoughtfully and earns the respect of peers through his authenticity and resilience.

Despite personal hardship this year, Peter showed courage and focus, returning to the House and finishing school with quiet dignity.

His consistent involvement with Clontarf strengthened his confidence and community connections.

A man of few words but great integrity, Peter's humility, perseverance and contagious smile have left a lasting impression – qualities that will serve him well beyond his time at the House.

**Career goal:** Working in the NT



*Tshak Daniels-Misi*

### **Tshak – Creative Leader, Joyful Spirit**

Over the past four years, Tshak has been a vibrant, influential presence at NRL Cowboys House.

A natural performer and leader, he's guided dance groups with enthusiasm, mentored younger students with care and brought energy and connection to every stage and gathering.

Known for his humour, warmth and charisma, Tshak's joy is infectious, lifting the spirit of those around him. His growth into a confident, expressive young man has inspired others to embrace creativity, culture and pride.

A true cultural leader, he's helped elevate student involvement, encouraging his peers to step up, take part and celebrate who they are.

**Career goal:** Performing arts





*Jonathan Dau*

### **Jon – Bold Spirit, Quiet Growth**

Since arriving at NRL Cowboys House in Year 10, Jon Dau has grown into a young man with quiet strength and a cheeky sense of humour.

A proud Saibai boy, Jon brought bold personality and a few challenges, but over time, he's shown remarkable maturity and growth.

Though he doesn't always show his full self to the world, those in his inner circle know the depth of his character. With a strong interest in hands-on work, Jon is aiming for a trade in tiling or painting.

His determination and evolving work ethic suggest a bright future ahead and we're proud of the journey he's taken so far.

**Career goal:** Trade



*Narzaliah (Narly)  
Doolah*

### **Narly – Fierce, Fast and Full of Heart**

Narzaliah is one of two young women who came into the House in year 7 and have successfully completed their six years of secondary school with us. Known for her gentle spirit and kind heart, Narly is the kind of person who lifts others up with her quiet strength.

But don't be fooled – on the footy field, she's a powerhouse! This year, she dominated in both rugby league and athletics, smashing six school records and representing North Queensland at the State Athletics Championships. Her talent and determination also earned her a spot on the NQ Open Girls' Rugby League team.

Off the field, Narly is just as impressive. She's completing her Certificate in Child Care and has already been offered a job at the centre where she does placement every Wednesday.

With her eyes set on becoming an NRLW player and a child care teacher, Narly's future is as bright as her smile. The world is truly at her fingertips.

**Career goal:** Child Care



### **Lhere – From Quiet Beginnings to Bold Ambitions**

Starting as a quiet Year 7 student, he has grown into a confident and strong-willed senior, sure of himself and his future.

His time at TAFE was a turning point, where he discovered a genuine passion for welding and a clear path forward.

This journey reflects his personal growth, resilience and readiness to take on the next chapter with purpose and achieve his dreams.

**Career goal:** Welder



### **Ty – Heart of Gold, Spirit of Steel**

From the moment Ty joined the House, he's been a standout. Honest, kind and hardworking, Ty is the kind of young man who makes a lasting impression.

Always ready to lend a hand, he's earned the respect of staff, students and teachers alike. He's striving to become independent and that drive shows in everything he does, whether it's helping around the House or pushing himself in sport.

He's played all sports, but his biggest commitment has been to rugby league, proudly representing the Central Tigers for five years. Even when things got tough, Ty stuck it out, showing loyalty, resilience and heart.

With big dreams and a heart full of purpose, Ty's journey is only just beginning.

**Career goal:** Youth worker





*Tahliyah (Tahl) Jawai*

#### **Tahliyah – Graceful, Grounded and Leading with Heart**

Tahliyah, known to us as TJ, is a gracious, grounded and thoughtful young woman whose radiant smile and calm confidence light up every room.

As First Nations Captain of her school, she led with integrity, pride and quiet strength, inspiring others through her example.

A loyal friend and role model to younger students, TJ has shown determination and focus in preparing for life beyond the House.

Her kind heart, maturity and unwavering commitment to her goals have left a lasting impression on everyone at NRL Cowboys House.

She departs ready to embrace a bright and successful future.

**Career goal:** Carpentry



*Jaqlyn Kepa*

#### **Jackie – Style, Strength and Heart**

When Jackie arrived at NRL Cowboys House in Year 10, she was quiet and unsure of what lay ahead. Before long, her confidence and creativity began to shine.

Known for her incredible hairstyling skills, Jackie became the go-to stylist in the House, helping others feel proud and confident.

This year, she completed her Certificate in Salon Training at TAFE and emerged as a leader in her hospitality class, showing teamwork and determination.

Deeply connected to family, culture, and Country, Jackie now prepares to call Townsville home again, carrying with her the strength, talent and spirit that define her journey with us.

**Career goal:** Braiding



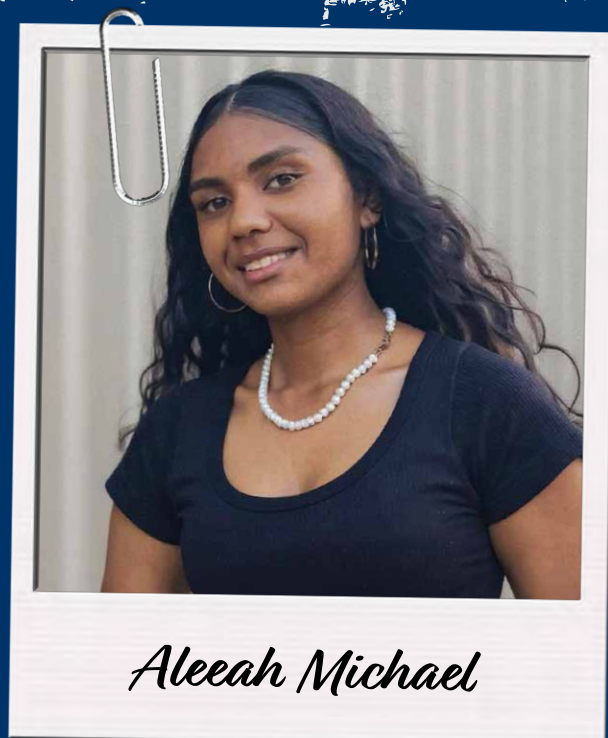
### **Louish – Quiet Strength, Creative Soul**

Louish is our quiet, nurturing big sister to our younger girls and cousins in the House. She has always displayed respect for our staff and fellow students and most of all has shown respect for herself and family in everything she does.

Though Louish may be shy on the outside, her strength and integrity shine through. She stands up for what's right and is a wonderful role model for the younger girls in the House. Her dedication to schoolwork has earned her consistent praise from teachers for her exceptional effort and behaviour.

Louish is deeply passionate about her culture, expressing it beautifully through her artwork and dancing. Her quiet confidence and creative spirit leave a lasting impression, and she'll be truly missed.

**Career goal:** Defence Force or Engineering



### **Aleeah – Bold, Loyal and Unapologetically Herself**

Aleeah, affectionately known as 'Chicko', joined the House as a young Year 7 student and has grown into a strong, confident young woman.

Known for her energy, resilience and authenticity, she's admired for her loyalty and determination, never afraid to stand her ground when it matters.

Creative and culturally proud, Aleeah expresses her love for culture through her art and connection to Country. Away from the canvas, she enjoys hunting and fishing with her dad.

Now working at Boost Juice, she's developed excellent customer service, multi-tasking and teamwork skills, thriving in a fast-paced environment with positivity and professionalism.

**Career goal:** Carpentry





*Hezekiah Nona*

**Hezekiah – Humble, Driven and Ready to Shine**

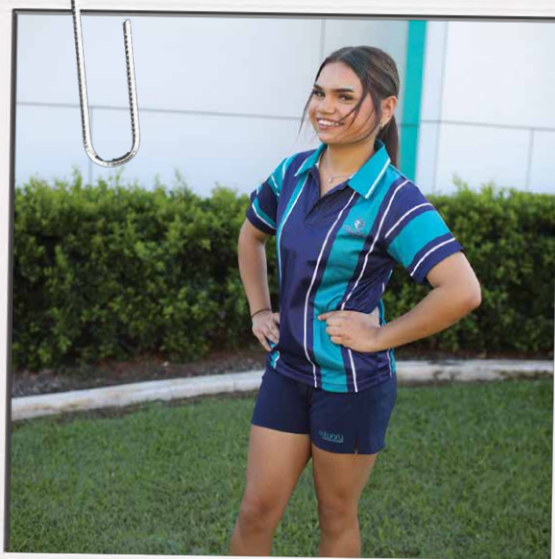
Hezekiah first arrived at NRL Cowboys House in 2020 as a quiet and humble Year 8 student.

Over the years, he has grown into a confident, independent young man with a strong sense of purpose and direction.

Deeply connected to his Torres Strait Islander culture, he leads with quiet strength, respect and pride, always striving to give back to his community. Known for his calm nature and steady determination, Hezekiah approaches every task with focus and heart.

Now set on becoming an electrician, he's ready to light up his future and inspire others to follow their own paths with courage.

**Career goal:** Electrician



*Kudjarli-J Marie  
Nuggins*

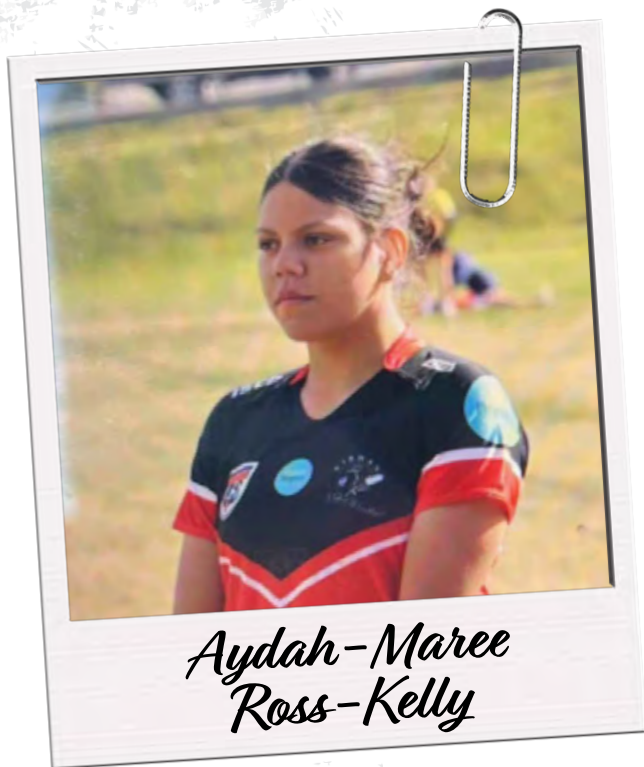
**Kudjarli – Independent, Energetic & Ready for More**

Kudjarli has brought bubbly energy, confidence and independence to the House over the past two years.

Balancing school and work with maturity and focus, she's demonstrated strong determination and a consistently positive attitude. Her friendly nature and ability to communicate with ease have made her a valued friend and respected role model.

As she prepares to remain in Townsville next year, Kudjarli is ready to embrace new opportunities with enthusiasm and purpose. Her warmth, laughter and vibrant spirit have left a lasting impression, and while she'll be greatly missed, her future shines bright.

**Career goal:** Lawyer



### **Aydah – Quiet Strength, True Leadership**

Aydah has been part of our House for several years, growing from a quiet and shy student into a confident, focused young woman.

Always respectful and driven, she's shown strong dedication to her education and personal goals. She leads by example – reliable, grounded and full of integrity – proving that leadership doesn't need the spotlight to shine.

A talented rugby league player, Aydah's quiet strength and no-nonsense attitude have earned admiration from peers and staff alike.

As she joins the Northern Pride Women's Rugby League team, we're incredibly proud and will be cheering her on every step of the way.

**Career goal:** Sports Medicine or Beauty



### **Kentaro – Calm, Committed and Leading with Purpose**

Kentaro has had an outstanding year as Indigenous School Captain, balancing leadership with cultural, sporting and community commitments.

Polite and quietly spoken, his calm presence and strong sense of responsibility have made him a respected role model in both the school and House communities. A passionate cultural leader, especially through dance, he's helped strengthen pride and connection among the boys.

Dedicated to rugby league and rugby union, Kentaro shows teamwork, reliability and humility in every game.

His travels to Dubai and Japan, along with his role in media and public events, reflect his confidence, pride and commitment to every opportunity.

**Career goal:** Continue working at Downer





### **Sincere – Grounded, Resilient and True**

Sincere is a free spirit, quietly confident and grounded in who he is. Though reserved, his fierce determination and quiet strength speak volumes. He faces challenges head-on, overcoming them without fuss or fanfare.

He's truly his own person, not easily influenced by those around him and always clear about what he stands for. Sincere has faced some setbacks, but his resilience has helped him push through. He doesn't let tough times define him; he just keeps moving forward.

Sincere has been heavily involved with Clontarf, showing up consistently and building strong relationships through the program. Resilient, authentic and full of heart, he is a remarkable young man with a bright future ahead.

**Career goal:** Defence Force



### **Carleesha – Compassionate, Committed and Inspiring**

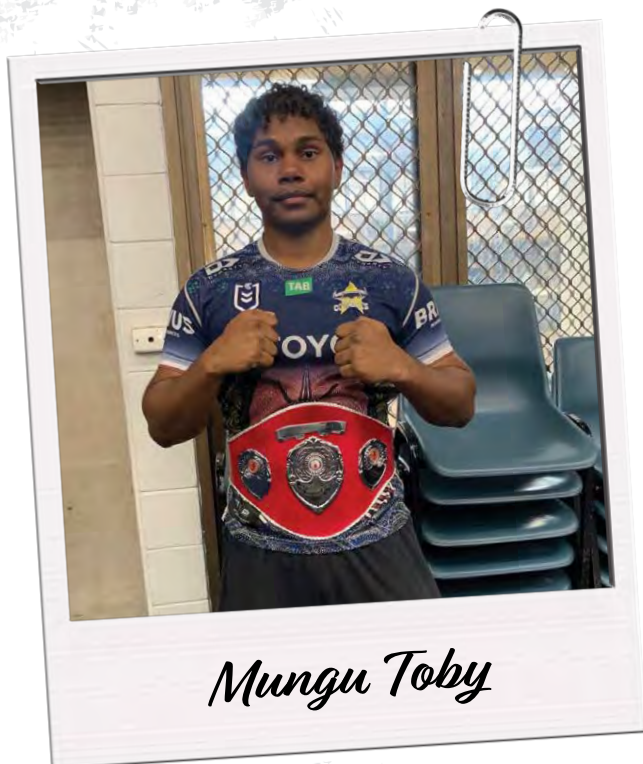
Carleesha lights up every room she enters. With her big smile and very contagious laugh, she brings warmth and positivity wherever she goes. Her caring nature and quiet strength make her a trusted friend and a role model to many.

Carleesha is very caring and has always shown respect to everyone in her life. Always ready to support others, she approaches every challenge with determination and integrity.

Whether in the classroom or in life, Carleesha's resilience and genuine heart shine through. She's admired for her strong work ethic and deeply appreciated by all who know her.

Never stop being the incredible person you are – the world is brighter because of you.

**Career goal:** Further study in health care



### **Mungu – Quiet Strength, Bold Leadership**

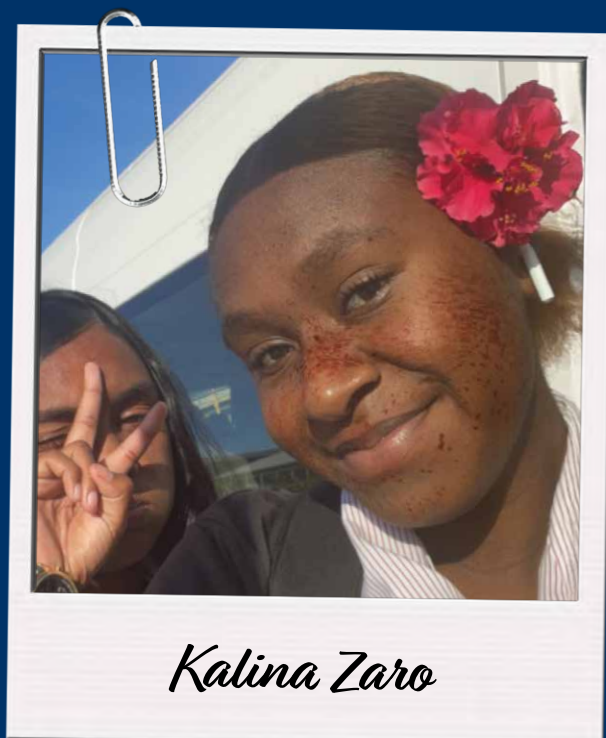
Although softly-spoken, Mungu's presence is powerful. As our first-ever school captain, he's made history – an achievement that fills his family and the House with pride.

Leading with humility and strength, he represents the House with integrity and always steps up when it matters most.

A talented boxer, youth ambassador and participant in the First Nations Australian Defence Force Work Experience program, Mungu has earned respect through discipline and drive.

Guided by the spirit of his Lardil ancestors, he leads with purpose, pride and cultural strength – a true role model whose quiet determination continues to inspire others.

**Career goal:** Defence Force



### **Kalina – Growing with Grace**

Kalina's journey reflects quiet determination and growing confidence. She's embraced challenges, found her rhythm in school and boarding life, and supported others with kindness and care.

A natural leader and dependable role model, she has earned Certificates II and III in Health Services, completed multiple placements, and holds a current First Aid qualification.

Known for her organisation, teamwork and strong communication skills, Kalina brings positivity and professionalism to every setting. Based in Kirwan and working towards her driving hours, she is ready to take the next step into local employment in the healthcare field.

**Career goal:** Health care