**INDIGENOUS SUPPORT**

The Indigenous Community will continue to celebrate the culture, history and achievements of the Indigenous people. It is about taking responsibility for the future.

“To control the change, we need to plan and take action to make it happen. It’s our future — **change: the next step is ours**.” (www.naidoc.org.au)

The Indigenous students at Pacific Pines State High School have the opportunity to make every lesson count. It is a government initiative to continue to support and mentor our students – Closing the Gap. With this in mind, Preston Campbell from the Titans has developed a plan for all Indigenous students residing on the Gold Coast. For students, the ‘**Titans Beyond Tomorrow**’ program has been developed.

**Aim**
- To have our Indigenous students earning or learning when they complete year 12
- To support our Indigenous students as much as we can.

**Overview of program**
- Indigenous students are encouraged to participate in activities and educational programs designed to keep Indigenous students engaged.
- Work with community groups; getting to know other Indigenous students and workers on the Gold Coast.
- Promote connections with their cultural heritage and develop relationships with the Indigenous community.

At Pacific Pines SHS, Julie Paul (part time Indigenous support teacher) AND an Indigenous teacher aide is available for in class and out of class support for Indigenous students. This support is not limited to completion of assignments, but also helping students in the process of attaining university or TAFE entry, traineeships, scholarships and interviews. Indigenous students, along with all students at Pacific Pines SHS have the opportunity and resources to be the best they can and make every lesson count.