

Celebrating The



ABORIGINAL



POWER CUP

and

SAASTA SHIELD

at

**PORT AUGUSTA
SECONDARY SCHOOL**



2009

2021

FOREWARD

Chris Warren, Aboriginal Education Teacher

We acknowledge our school is on the lands of traditional owners the Barnngarla. We respect their Elders of the past and present. Staff and students of PASS come from many different Aboriginal groups, and we acknowledge their identities and connections to Country. Please be aware that there are photos in this collection of people who have passed away.

Port Augusta Secondary School joined the Power Cup in 2009, which was the second year it was held. We have participated ever since. The state 10-12 curriculum developed to include not only a semester course to go with the Power Cup and one for the SAASTA Shield, but also vocational certificate studies, and elite sporting academies.

The program was re-badged as the South Australian Aboriginal Secondary Training Academy, rather than Sports, as it had first been named. It had always been about retention and achievement, through engagement in sports, but public perception was the emphasis on sport was too narrow.

Different staff have helped over the years, and we especially pay tribute to Aaron Struck, the first SAASTA Coordinator at PASS. He was highly respected by the students, and with his high expectations and focus, helped many students improve their grades, and achieve their SACE. When Aaron left to work in Adelaide, Sam Carter ably filled the role, even being Coordinator of the Year 2017, with ongoing assistance from Lucas Hill, and then Rebecca Curtis became Coordinator in 2021. Thanks also to the Power-ful support from Principal Paul Billows.

Over the years many different ASETOs have supported students and activities, and helped out on trips. Many a long night was had supervising at the carnivals or helping when students had a visit to hospital for an injury. Thanks to all of them!

This booklet is to honour the Guernsey designers, and to act as a memory of the teams over the years. Highlights include having Jason Dare-Ryan have his design chosen for the Carnival T-Shirt in 2014; Jake Strangways winning best Carnival Team Guernsey in 2017, the lads winning the shield in 2013, and the girls in 2017. These wins are based not only on the carnival, but attendance and school work. Several War-Cry words are included, and some of the Team banners. These were not required for all years. We won Academy of the Year in 2018, and Best War Cry in 2019. Most years there were cultural activities, employment workshops, and visits from Port Power players. The carnivals have been great times, with our community showing support to our young people, of students engaging with their family and mob from all over the state, and meeting inspirational Aboriginal role models. They sometimes even were able to catch up with PASS staff who had moved to other schools. We were often supported by ex-students, but sometimes found ourselves opposing them. Some years we have been combined with Port Pirie, or Far North schools, and at times we had spare players who filled in for other teams.

SAASTA has assisted Aboriginal students engage at school and achieve success. The Aboriginal Power Cup, held early Term 2, and SAASTA Shield mid Term 4, have provided great opportunities for students to connect with peers from around the state, and learn more about health, careers and their identity. Participation in the carnivals will remain a highly memorable secondary school experience for them. The SAASTA program will be regarded as supporting their life journey.

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*In some years, no team name was used.

Apologies to anyone who has missed out on featuring in photos from years you were in SAASTA. We chose not to list the many names of people in the photos, but these are available if needed. The SAASTA school guernsey design process changed for 2022 from being an individual's effort to being based on a collaborative painting – ours chosen to be one of six painted on Adelaide trams. This seemed like a good time to make this booklet. In 2023 however it reverted to being an individual task.

2009

Dale 'Yulla' Nelson

The Bears



Sometimes people say, 'Bears aren't even Australian'. True, but this was our first carnival, and we went for the fiercest creature possible. Unfortunately, our team mascot was a cute bear which said "Let's Party!"





2010

Lucas Bendessi

The Wakarlas





TEAM SONG – tune “Pride of SA – Crows”

We're the crossroads of Australia,
We have challenged all our fears.
We are fast and black and deadly
And respected by our peers.
Admiration, guts and drive to win,
Our persistence always shows.
We're at the very top of Spencer Gulf
And we have conquered all our foes.

Travelling around the nearby towns
We shout our cheers out loud.
As we take on all the other teams
Our players all stand proud.
Great strength and guts both rise above,
And we never need to boast.
We're the crossroads of Australia
And we're the best from coast to coast



2011

Harley Bodger





2012

Shaquille Likouresis



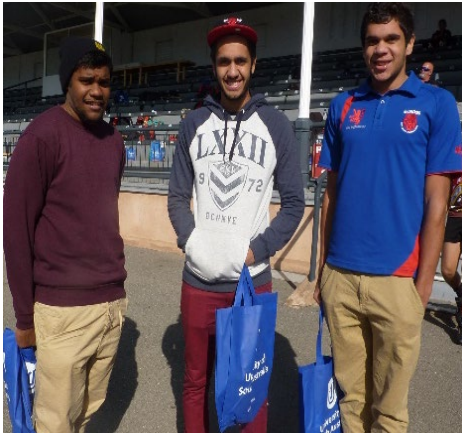


2013

Jason Dare-Ryan

The Wakalas





Carnival T-Shirt also by Jason Dare-Ryan



Some of our students chosen in combined Country Team vs City Final

Happy Winners



2014

Kaylyn Giles

The Wildus



Give me a W Give me an I Give me an L Give me a D Give me a U
What's that spell? WILDU What's that spell? WILDU What's that spell? WILDU
We're a deadly mob from Port Augusta We're the mighty fighting Wildus
We love our town and we came to win, moving as one, with a grin
So at the end of the day I still don't know.....Who are we? (Richie) WILDUS !! (everyone)
Who are we? (Lallie) WILDUS !! (everyone) Who are we? (Richie/Lallie) WILDUS !! (everyone)
So now it is all clear the Wildus are here Shouting Port Augusta WILDUS YEEEEAH!



2015

Trent Fazulla

The Mawarlas





2016 Shaelie Patterson (Leigh Creek) VARDNA



2016 WAR CRY (Adnyamathanha language)

Ngarlapanha Vardna Ikantha

(We are the Goannas.)

Urrunha mandaawi ngarlduwatya widnintyu (We are fast on our feet)

Ngapurla idni ngurni yangaangu (We come from far north)

Vardnaapinha Ngukaka!

(Go Goannas!)





2017

Jake Strangways

NGARAPANHA





2018

Tamika Reid The Boomers (Boomerangs)





PASS SAASTA SHIELD T-SHIRT designed by Jessica Allen



2019

Renessa Nelson

DJIDJI-DJIDJI





2020

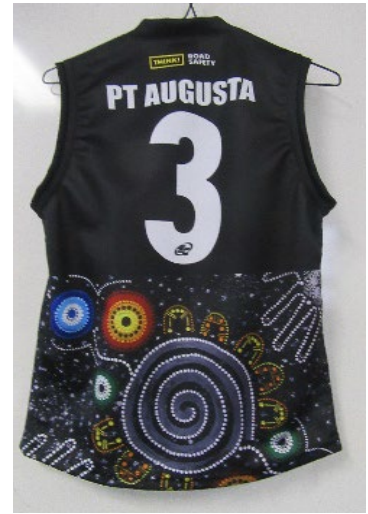
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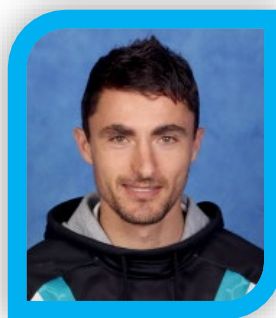


Sadly, due to COVID there was no Power Cup Carnival this year. The wood carving project was a highlight of the course. In 2022 Lucy's design was used to make a school top, achieved by Zoe Solomon (above) .

2021

Teraleynha Coulthard





In looking through the photos to produce this memoir, it felt important to honour the huge contribution the late **BRADLEY 'ANGKATA' AMOS** made to this community and all our lives. His great passion for football, love for all young people, and pride and strength in Aboriginal culture meant he was always going to be at the Power Cup.

Bradley, much loved and respected Community Constable passed away suddenly in 2021. The following few photos from our SAASTA collection show he was always there, supporting, smiling, having fun, and helping young people be the best they can be. Thankyou Bradley.
You are greatly missed.

Similar tributes apply to **DAVID 'JOCK' ANDERSON**, ASETO, who passed away at the start of 2023, before this memoir was finished. His photo features throughout these pages, and show his great relationships with staff and students. He was a passionate Power supporter also, and a great help to SAASTA. Well done mate in your school role, and with our SAASTA students.



