

# Ayr State School

## *Jabiru*

Ayr State School is in the Burdekin region. We are situated in the delta of the mighty Burdekin River. The river provides life to our region. Our ancestors lived in this area because of the amazing water and European people also settled here because of the amazing abundance of water. The water of the delta brings life to the area. The waterways are home to many animals. There are many birds that inhabit the waterholes and billabongs in the Burdekin Delta.

Our piece was inspired by the vast variety of birdlife in the area. Students designed and planned individual pieces and from there, parts from the individual designs were incorporated into the final piece. The final artwork is called Jabiru.

As you drive through our region the Jabiru is a cheeky bird often seen beside the roadside casually eating the animals in the waterholes. All students and staff involved in the

project became experts at spotting this amazing water bird. This was our inspiration for our piece, with his tall, graceful neck and long beak standing majestically, finding its next meal.

Jabiru is created from recycled packing materials, paint (acrylic, spray and chrome nail polish), sequins and beads. The piece was built onto tights, jumper and a football headgear. The students used many different techniques to make their artwork. They used painting, making templates to cut different styles of feathers, stapling and gluing to form feathers, sewing and multiple painting techniques (such as cross hatching). The markings on the white breast plate represents all the students at our school.

This year's artwork involved students from across Year 5 and Year 6.

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Packaging foam, bubble wrap, sequins, beads, acrylic paint, feathers, vinyl, pins, tape, nail polish, recycled/repurposed clothes, glitter, packaging materials.

