

# Bluewater State School & Rollingsstone State School

## *The Warrior Takes Flight*

Our beautiful area in the Northern Beaches of Townsville is surrounded by picturesque creeks, open bushland, and lush beaches, which makes a lovely home for many kookaburras. The kookaburra is the largest of the kingfishers, and we often see them nesting high up in the forks of gumtrees. We hear their famous laugh at dawn and dusk whilst we laugh and play with our friends.

Our artwork is inspired by the nature of the kookaburra, the environment that it lives in, and being known as a great hunter, the Bushman's Clock and an iconic Australian bird. *The Warrior Takes Flight* is a mixed media piece with the main pieces of clothing dyed with coffee. This earthy tone represents country and how grateful we are to live on this wonderful land. We carefully painted sheets of calico and

hessian, and cut feather-like shapes for the back, arms and ankles. A coffee-dyed layer of muslin is at the front of our artwork, creating extra depth.

Our model wears a headpiece wrapped in paperbark resembling the trees in which we often see kookaburras nesting in. The headpiece is host to a handcrafted nest and delicate baby kookaburra modelled with air dry clay. The artwork includes air dry clay leaves, worms and snakes, representing the kookaburra's diet and habitat.

Our students enjoyed learning new techniques while creating this contemporary kookaburra. Our model presents as a confident warrior, 'Blak, Loud and Proud,' embracing culture and tradition.

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Calico, hessian, muslin, acrylic paint, air dry clay, wire, cotton singlet, coffee, paperbark, hot glue and sticks



