Bluewater State School & Rollingstone State School

Jewel of the Ocean

Bluewater and Rollingstone State Schools are located in the beautiful northern beaches of Townsville on Wulgurukaba Country. The beaches provide the perfect landscape for families to come together, connect with one another and cherish and pay respect to the land.

Our piece is inspired by the marine life that we often see when visiting the beach with our families. Our statement piece, a large hessian turtle positioned on the front of the skirt, features hexagonal tiles designed by our students. Each tile tells a story belonging to our students. The bottom of the skirt represents the bottom of the ocean with rich colourful displays of coral, seaweed and marine life.

The top is marked with handprints belonging to our students and hosts six lively jellyfish. The layering of prints represents

Bluewater and Rollingstone State Schools coming together to collaborate on this artwork. The northern beaches are home to the jellyfish during the hotter months of November to May.

The headpiece features a stunning piece of coral made with a doily and painted with vibrant shades of blue and green. In the centre, a smaller piece of coral made from silicone beads and pipe cleaners. To complete the headpiece is a dusty pink turtle that complements the pink headband. Our piece is a mixed-media garment. We used a variety of textiles (woven fabrics, wool, hessian, calico), acrylic paints and silicone beads to create sea life in this warm and exciting creation.

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