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would be incorporated into the final garment. Their active participation ensured that the piece carries authenticity, creativity, and cultural meaning.

The garment's design elements highlight strength, unity, and sacrifice, while also celebrating identity and pride. Colours, motifs, and symbolic patterns draw from both cultural traditions and contemporary expression, creating a striking and meaningful piece that tells a shared story.

This project has given students the opportunity to not only develop their artistic skills but also connect more deeply with history, culture, and the service of Defence families past and present. *We Honour Them* stands proudly as a tribute, acknowledging First Nations Service Men and Women while honouring the sacrifices of our wider Defence community.

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