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MORE THAN 138 STUDENTS FROM ACROSS AUSTRALIA RECENTLY TRAVELLED TO PERTH FOR THE INDIGENOUS YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (IYLP) YEAR 10 GATHERING.

The Year 10 Gathering is an important step in IYLP participants' leadership journey and this was reflected in the theme of the 2013 Gathering, which was "Your Voice Does Matter".

The IYLP assists young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from disadvantaged areas to attend high performing schools and universities, access support and develop as future

leaders. The purpose of the annual Year 10 Gathering is to bring these students together to help them develop their leadership skills, build support networks and start thinking about their life goals.

Throughout the event, students had the opportunity to develop the skills needed to make their voices and opinions heard. Activities ranged from the serious to the silly, with students stepping up to share their ideas and experiences with the group through public speaking, drama and dance.

"It was a really good experience to hear other people's life stories, how they've struggled and the success they've made," said Kiahn Phillips of Wesley College, Perth.

Mikayla Saunders of Immanuel College in Adelaide spoke for the whole group when she said, "I got to meet new people and it put me out of my comfort zone

to become a stronger leader for my community and for my younger siblings who may look up to me in the future."

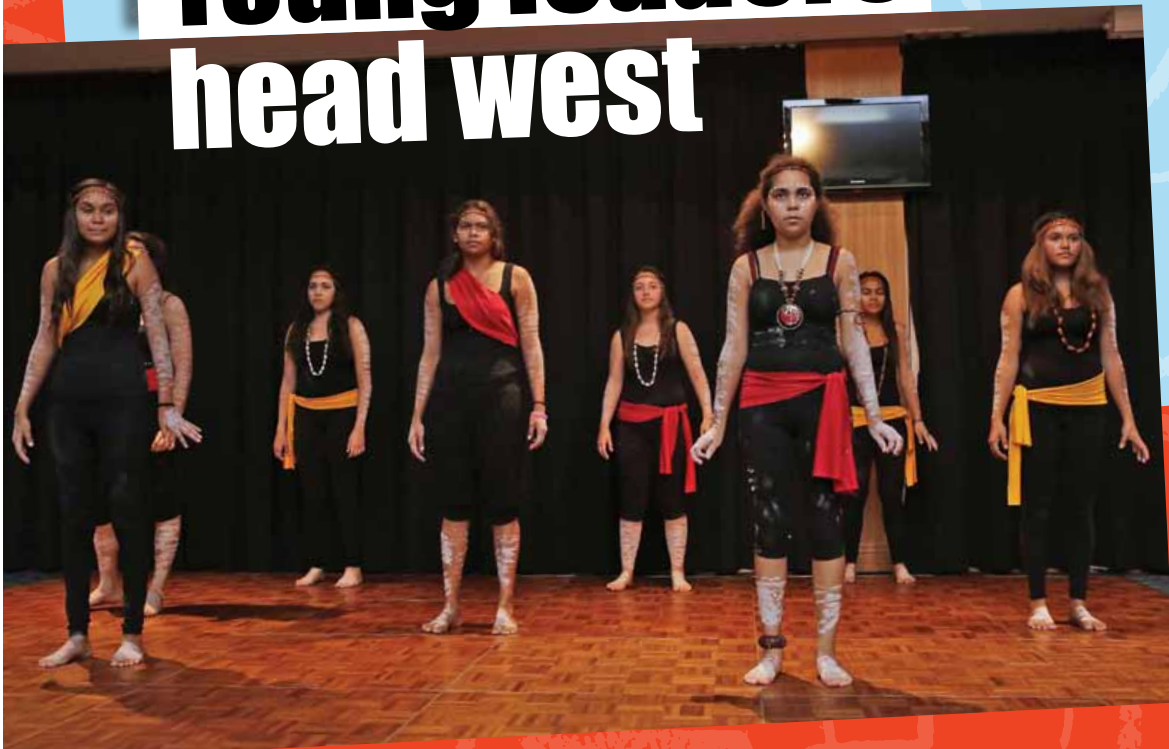
Numerous Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are leaders in their fields attended the event as speakers and facilitators, including Dr Megan Davis – Professor at Law at The University of New South Wales, Karen Mundine – Reconciliation Australia and Lilly Brown – Charlie Perkins Scholarship recipient. In addition to running activities, guest speakers took the time to share the stories of their personal journeys with IYLP participants.

Every student attending the Gathering is a success story. As a group, they arrived at the Gathering as strangers and left as lifelong friends, proving to themselves and everyone present that they are tomorrow's leaders and that their voice matters.

As keynote speaker Ruby Rose told the group after the Talent Quest, "I was hired to inspire you, but you have inspired me. You are all amazing."

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Almost 140 students from across Australia recently headed to Perth in Western Australia for the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (IYLP) Year 10 Gathering.

The IYLP assists young Indigenous people from disadvantaged areas to be mentored by high achieving schools and universities.



INDIGENOUS YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



ACTIVITY 1

1 Explain the purpose of the IYLP Year 10 Gathering.

Write your answer on the lines.

2 Explain one benefit of this program for the participants.

3 Identify three prominent leaders in their field who attended the gathering.



4 Why was Ruby Rose an appropriate keynote speaker at the gathering?



5 If you were to attend this gathering, what would you hope to get out of it?
