



## Media Release

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# CONFERENCE TO WELCOME EDUCATION LEADERS

Townsville will this week welcome more than 200 educators and school staff attending the 2019 Catholic Indigenous Education Conference at The Ville from Monday to Wednesday.

The conference has attracted school and community leaders from around Australia who work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Townsville Catholic Education Indigenous Education Advisor, Tammi Webber, said the delegates will be sharing their experiences and knowledge across four themes of education, health, community and spirituality.

“There are many people in our schools who are developing and implementing innovative and exciting programs and they will be sharing these contemporary strategies,” Tammi said. “A conference highlight will be the keynote address from Aboriginal activist and educator, Dr Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann.”

Dr Miriam-Rose served for many years as the Principal of the Catholic primary school in Nauiyu, located in the Daly River region of the Northern Territory. A recipient of the Order of Australia, Dr Miriam-Rose is renowned for her work with her education foundation, the Miriam-Rose Foundation.

Other speakers presenting are from Catholic Education, Western Australia, Education Queensland and James Cook University.

“There is a strong emphasis on students’ learning and community engagement and exploring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander spirituality, and we are fortunate to have a mix of community, academic and school-based teams sharing their expertise at this conference,” Tammi said.

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### **Opportunity for filming/interview:**

Dr Miriam-Rose will be speaking from 9.45am on Tuesday, 15 October at The Ville (Pavilion 2). Tammi Webber and conference delegates will be available for media interview at this time.

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