



# Problem addressed - one bite at a time

EVERY now and then an idea is born which seems so right, so logical, that it seems the way things were just meant to be.

I came across one of those “aha” ideas a few weeks ago when I had the pleasure of meeting Waverley Stanley.

Waverley was guest speaker at a breakfast during Naidoc week this year, and is a very impressive, dynamic and enthusiastic individual.

He has a strong sense of purpose and a commitment to helping other indigenous people to advance. And he knows the benefit of a good education.

Waverly was one of the first indigenous students to attend the Toowoomba Grammar School.

Waverly's company, Yalari, has an ambitious goal – it plans to raise

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\$12 million to place 250 indigenous children in high-achieving secondary schools around the country.

The program currently has 16 students enrolled in boarding schools such as Glennie and Toowoomba Grammar School Toowoomba, Scots College Sydney, PLC Armidale and Rockhampton Grammar School.

Three of these students are now in the second year of their scholarship with Yalari.

Think about it for a moment and the myriad reasons why this program is just so right will jump up and bite you.

I often tell my own children that the way to solve big problems is the same way you eat a hamburger - one bite at a time.

Yalari won't find solutions for all of the challenges facing our indigenous young people, but every bite helps.

The program is one response to the perennial question of “what can be done”. The related question “what can I do?” is also answered.

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