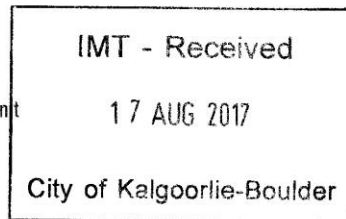


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Dear Tanya,

Thank you for your continued support for the Girls Academy. 2016 was another fantastic year for us. Our results are a tribute to the hard work that the girls and our dedicated staff put in to getting the best out of themselves.

The ongoing support of the City of Kalgoorlie makes it possible for the Girls Academy to have a big impact on the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander girls and their families. We are seeing great results, and with your help we will be able to continue - and expand - our work across Australia.

For 2016, Academy attendance rates sat 11.2% higher nationally than the all-Indigenous student cohort. In the Northern Territory, attendance rates for Girls Academy students was even more impressive, sitting 17.6% higher than the all-Indigenous cohort. Over the longer term, our five-year growth has seen year 12 enrolments increase by 276% and graduation rates increase by 76%.

Also, over this five-year period over 5,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander girls have participated in the program. Our work is empowering and developing girls through education and in the process changing communities.

We are now without question the leading provider of school-based programs to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander girls in Australia. This is all because of the faith the Federal Government and various state governments have shown investing in the long-term success of our program, based on our outstanding results, and also the support we have generously received from the corporate and philanthropic sector.

We thank you again for your contribution and involvement to date and look forward to your ongoing support for the Girls Academy.

Please find enclosed our 2016 Yearbook as a small token of our appreciation. There is also an extra copy for you to display in your office or to pass on to someone who may be interested in supporting us.

Yours sincerely,

Ricky Grace  
CEO and Founder  
The Girls Academy

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