Charters Towers State High School

Mother Earth

This wearable art piece is a profound visual narrative of Connection to Country, intertwining the raw elegance of the earth with the historic spirit of Charters Towers.

The foundation of the garment features deep, grounding tones applied through a traditional cold wax dye technique. This intricate process creates organic, cracked textures across the fabric, beautifully mirroring the ancient, weathered layers of the Australian landscape and the enduring resilience of the land. This fabric directly represents the earth—the sacred foundation that connects us all, anchors our identities, and unites our mobs across generations.

Contrasting against these deep, earthy tones are striking accents of brilliant gold. This metallic detailing pays direct homage to the rich gold mining history, enduring heritage, and unique cultural landscape of Charters Towers. By blending these elements, the garment captures how the wealth of the land extends far beyond precious metals to include our deep spiritual ties to the environment.

Together, these textures and colours celebrate the sacred bond between geography and history. This transforms the wearable art into a living, breathing testament of identity, place, and ancestral storytelling that honours both the past and our shared future.

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Cold wax, calico, procion dyes and metallic paint