Kelso State School

Guardian of Laughter

Our wearable artwork is inspired by the heart of Kelso State School, the kookaburra. Every day, we hear the sound of kookaburras laughing and it reminds us of our place here at our beautiful school. They are a familiar part of our lives and remind us of the beauty of the place where we learn, grow and belong.

We wanted to create a piece that reflects who we are as a school and celebrates the cultures that make up our community. We are surrounded by nature, and we drew inspiration from the bright colours, textures and shapes we see in the leaves, flowers and trees around us. Every part of our design represents the connection we share with Country and the environment that supports us.
To us, the kookaburra symbolises joy, laughter, family and connection. Its calls at dawn and dusk remind us to appreciate each moment, find perspective and welcome every new day with hope. These are values we strive to live by at Kelso State School, where kindness, happiness and belonging are at the centre of everything we do.

Through this wearable artwork, we celebrate our connection to Country, our school and one another. We hope our creation reminds others that, just like the laugh of the kookaburra, joy grows stronger when it is shared.

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Tulle, linen, rope, glitter, plastic flowers, felt, acrylic paint