Townview State School

Murrabai: Our Women, Our Country

Our Townview State School artwork *Murrabai: Our Women, Our Country* is inspired by the connection our First Nations people have to culture and Country. Students learnt the Kalkatungu language word for woman, which is Murrabai, and took inspiration from the strong women who shape our families and communities.

The materials chosen for our artwork have been carefully chosen throughout to create meaning and contribute to our students' connections to our shared learning and also their own culture.

The woven belt uses raffia to represent spinifex, a traditional First Nations material found throughout Kalkatungu lands. Spinifex has been used in culture for thousands of years with various uses, such as medicines, adhesives, shelter and ceremony.

The headband incorporates bush berries which is a food source.

The colours used to bring our artwork together represent the unique Kalkatungu lands: red for the never-ending red dust, orange for the brilliant sunsets, and black for the uninterrupted night skies full of clear, bright stars.

As we move into modern times while continuing to learn from our history, we strengthen and carry forward the enduring bonds and connections to Kalkatungu Country. Inspired by the strength and resilience of women, this artwork reflects the importance of caring for one another and remaining strong for our families and communities.

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Raffia, fabric paint, tulle, cotton dress, plastic leaves, paper mâché and spray paint