

Marist180 Staff NAIDOC Awards 2026

Congratulations Kristy Moran!

For Kristy, culture is not an addition to the care she provides. It is part of who she is, how she connects with people and how she leads. A proud Aboriginal woman and First Nations House Manager, Kristy generously shares her cultural knowledge and lived experience with young people, colleagues and the wider Marist180 community.

Walk into her house and you will see Aboriginal artwork and cultural designs throughout the home. Young people are encouraged to prepare traditional meals, attend cultural and community events and explore their heritage. For Kristy, these are everyday opportunities to nurture cultural identity, pride and belonging.

Her colleagues speak of her leadership as both gentle and strong. She is not afraid to take a stand for her young people, consistently ensuring that connection to culture, Country, family and community remains central to conversations about their wellbeing.

This gentle strength has also been evident in her leadership of staff supporting pregnant young women, creating a home where they feel safe, cared for and supported in their decisions.

Kristy's generosity in sharing her cultural knowledge has made a lasting impression on her colleagues. One recalled how Kristy welcomed them when they first joined Marist180, making herself available for their many questions and continuing to guide their understanding of Aboriginal culture and the impacts of intergenerational trauma.

Her commitment reaches beyond the home. Working alongside the Cultural Practice Lead, Kristy helps strengthen relationships with local Aboriginal organisations and communities, opening up opportunities for young people and Marist180.

What comes through so strongly in the nominations from her colleagues is their admiration not only for what Kristy does, but for the woman she is. She leads with cultural pride, courage, generosity and an enormous heart, reminding us what it truly means to keep culture at the heart of our work.

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