



Happy Chinese New Year! 2021 is the Year of the Ox, which is associated with the earthy branch of the five elements, and represents stability, honesty and strength. Venerable Master Chin Kung wishes all a happy and peaceful new year.

### Australia Day 2021

It is once again the annually celebrated holiday, Australia Day, on 26 January 2021. We would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, the First Nations people and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging. We thank the ancestors for nurturing and protecting the land on which we stand, and we are grateful for the stability and safety that we are provided with today.



On this day in 2021, the Pure Land Learning College Association was honoured to receive the 2020 Community Group of the Year Award. With deep appreciation, we hope to expand our efforts to continue helping our society and the community around us. It is our honour to support, benefit and contribute to the society in which we live safely, as an expression of our gratitude to our peaceful and harmonious community.



## Building Confidence Youth Conference



On 28 November 2020, the Toowoomba Youth Peace Group (TYP.G) organized a conference with the set theme of 'Building Confidence' for youth to participate.



The conference included an icebreaker, a variety of speakers, a 'Confidence in Communication' workshop, an interactive activity about overcoming fears and a discussion to help build youth's courage in daily life.

As a participant of the conference, it was beyond beneficial and listening to the speakers' personal stories of how they gained their confidence really inspired participants. What we also discovered was that the youth started to open up about their point of views on this topic and we received much positive and supportive feedback.

Following the conference, we received expressions of interest from partakers to join the group for future activities similar to this conference. The enthusiasm of the youth has sparked excitement in the groups' organization for upcoming projects in 2021 and left a great memory of the time we had together.



On 16 January 2021, TYP.G gathered together to have a lunch meeting for future projects in the New Year. We hope that you keep a lookout for information on these exciting events that we will be holding.



'Confidence in Communication' Activities conducted by (from left to right): Maryanne Walsh, Nicole Rangira, Uma Kumar, Yentle Rangira, Fatima Aria

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