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The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mathematics Alliance (ATSIMA) Highlights Key Initiatives for 2025

ATSIMA is proud to highlight its major achievements in 2025, demonstrating the continued impact of culturally responsive mathematics and STEM programs delivered in partnership with Communities, schools, universities, and industry across Australia. With the support of ATSIMA's partners, these initiatives continue to expand, meeting the growing demand for mathematics education that recognises and embeds Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledges, strengths, and aspirations. In addition to these major events, ATSIMA continues to facilitate ongoing professional learning, curriculum development, school partnerships, and Community-led mathematics initiatives that ensure long-term, sustainable impact across the country.

2025 ATSIMA Conference

From 1–3 October 2025, ATSIMA delivered its 5th Biennial Conference on Lunawuni (Bruny Island), Lutruwita (Tasmania), in partnership with Wayti Culture and Knowledge, Weetapooona Aboriginal Corporation and other local organisations. The conference theme, “palawa kani pumili waranta rrala – Our Language, Our Strength,” honoured the resilience of Palawa ancestors and celebrated the ongoing work of Elders in revitalising language and cultural knowledge. Delegates engaged in workshops and cultural experiences exploring how Palawa knowledge systems can inform and strengthen mathematics education. A key message was the importance of building strong, respectful, and enduring partnerships between education systems, schools and First Nations Communities to ensure meaningful, authentic learning for all learners.

ATSIMA acknowledges and thanks our ATSIMA 2025 partners: Wayti Culture and Knowledge, Weetapooona Aboriginal Corporation, BHP Foundation, The Mathematical Analysis of Cellular Systems (MACSYS), Catholic Education Tasmania, University of Adelaide CSER STEM Professional Learning, Mathematics Education Research Group of Australasia (MERGA), Mathematical Association Victoria (MAV), The Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers (AAMT), St Johns Ambulance, and SeaLink.

Conference Video (4 minutes): [ATSIMA 2025 conference video](#) **Conference Photo Gallery:** [photos](#).

2025 ATSIMA STEM Camp – Lombadina Community

ATSIMA also organised the 2025 STEM Camp in Lombadina Community, bringing together 80 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander learners from years 5–10. Over three days, participants engaged in a full range of hands-on STEM workshops led by Indigenous academics, industry leaders, role models, and Community members. Workshops included Deadly Coders digital technologies, Winyama mapping and geospatial skills, Murujuga Rock Art Monitoring Program marine science activities, animation and trigonometry.

Learners also took part in a full on-Country Day led by Elders from the Lombadina Community, who shared cultural knowledge, stories, and local histories that supported deep, place-based STEM learning.

ATSIMA acknowledges and thanks our STEM Camp partners, Schneider Electric Foundation, The Mathematical Analysis of Cellular Systems (MACSYS) and Catholic Education Western Australia, as well as the Lombadina Community for hosting the camp and contributing so significantly to its success.

STEM Camp Video (3 minutes): [STEM Camp video](#) **STEM Camp Photo Gallery:** [photos](#).

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