While it has been a fantastic year, we are still confronted by the difficulties Indigenous Christians face in their churches and communities. Despite having 360 students indicate they wished to come and study, only 267 actually attended, and of those only 162 attended for the full time expected. Many issues including health, funerals, ceremony business and other commitments including work, contribute to making it difficult for students to attend intensives.

However, we are constantly amazed by students’ resilience and hope in God in the midst of very difficult times. It is indeed a privilege to see what God is doing in the Indigenous church and to recognise the vital part Nungalinya College plays in empowering Indigenous Christians.

Dr Jude Long — PRINCIPAL
THE BOARD

The Board of the College consists of four representatives from each of the three partner churches, at least two of whom must be Indigenous, as well as two Associate Members.

The Board met four times during 2013.

The Executive comprises the Chair of the Board, and a representative of each of the member churches and includes the Treasurer and Secretary of the Board. They meet with the Principal on a monthly basis.

Key Decisions of the Board for 2013

- Approval of a College Strategic Plan for the next 5 years.
- Allocation of additional funds to build a new duplex unit on the campus to replace one that was not able to gain certification.
- To undertake 3 sessions of Governance Training by Matrix On Board
- Approved a policy outlining criteria for acceptance of student applications because too many students are applying for study.
- Approval to host a Resource Centre on campus to provide Bibles and Christian resources to students and Christians in Darwin.

THE STAFF

For most of 2013 we enjoyed having a good and stable staff team. Most teaching staff were using course materials they were familiar with and had used before. Staff were continuing to develop in their cultural knowledge and cross-cultural communication skills.

Admin staff roles were more clearly defined during the year enabling them to perform more efficiently and build a more cohesive team.

Sadly at the end of the year we did lose some key staff. Kerry Thompson had been the Foundations Studies Coordinator and was involved in the setting up of the literacy program at the College. Due to the appointment of her husband Greg as Bishop of Newcastle at the end of the year, she has now left Darwin.

It was a great joy that in her final week with us, we had our first graduates of the literacy course, Certificate I in Education and Skills Development.

We were very encouraged to have Yurranydjin Dhurrkay commence working as a part time Assistant Teacher in the Cert III in Theology for our last block of the year. She will continue to work with us again in 2014. We are grateful for the Uniting Church support in releasing her to assist in this way. This is part of a plan to develop and equip more Indigenous teaching staff for the future.
COURSES AND STUDENTS

In 2013 we offered three courses – Foundation Studies (Certificate I in Education and Skills Development), Certificate II in Media and Discipleship (Creative Industries) and the Certificate III in Theology and Ministry. We had a total of 267 students attend which was a significant increase on the previous year.

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Foundation Studies

The Foundation Studies course has been immensely popular. Students learn literacy and numeracy but in areas that are directly relevant to their life and faith. They are highly motivated to learn literacy in English because they want to learn how to read the Bible and also to go on to study in the Certificate III in Theology. In the numeracy area we are especially seeking to equip students to understand and be able to manage money.

We now have a class set of iPads which are mostly used in Foundation Studies. Through the iPads the students can learn basic computer concepts and skills such as typing and email, as well as use educational applications designed to assist in literacy and numeracy learning.

Students also enjoy using Google Earth where even if their communities are not listed, they can follow the roads until they can locate their communities. iPads are increasingly becoming available in communities and have proved to be much easier for students to use than desktop computers.

Graduates in Certificate I
Creative Industries (Media)

Certificate II in Media and Discipleship

This was a new course for 2013 made possible by the new Media Production Centre. We aimed to have two groups of students complete the course for this first year. Students learned how to film and edit using both professional equipment and iPods. Students were required to purchase an iPod Touch so they could complete filming requirements back in community and so the skills they learnt could continue to be used after the course finished.

Each student produced a film of their own life and faith journey. We had a wonderful graduation and film festival at the end of the year where we viewed the students’ films and these are now also available on YouTube and being screened on ICTV.

Certificate III in Theology and Ministry

This year we began to see the benefits of changes made to the delivery method of this course. More students are now undertaking the course in order starting with Old Testament, New Testament and then electives. One student in the Jesus Story class said, “Before it was all confusing, but now we can see how it fits together like a jigsaw – the Old Testament Roots, and the story of Jesus all fit together into one big story”.

We are very pleased to have 9 students now ready to graduate with their Certificate III.
THE PROPERTY

September 21 saw a large gathering of students, friends of Nungalinya and visitors join in for the opening of the new Media Production Centre. However, there was also a lot of other work taking place around the campus. We have completed a new duplex unit for our College hosts with an adjoining visitor’s unit. One of the problems we face with the increase in student numbers is the need for more accommodation to be built. We have plans for a new hostel wing and cyclone shelter for which we are seeking funding.

We were greatly blessed during the year to have a significant number of volunteers come from all over Australia to work at the College. Some came as Bush Church Aid Society Grey Nomads, others came as a team from their respective churches and some just as willing individuals. They did everything from painting and gardening through to organising the College archives. Without this voluntary help we could not make such great progress in the much needed refurbishment of the property.

FINANCE

Jacob Joseph has taken over as Chief Financial Officer. He is a qualified CPA and is continuing to improve our procedures and practices, in particular our government reporting systems.

For the year ended 31st December 2013, the College reported a net deficit of $269,335 compared to the surplus of $444,909 for the previous year. One reason for the deficit was the inclusion of depreciation (not previously included) as well as increased operational expenses due to the significant rise in power and water rates.

However, despite this result the College is in a good financial position with sufficient cash to cover all liabilities at a ratio of 4:1.

It was very encouraging that the College achieved the budgeted income of $451,442 in general donations and bequests because of the generous contributions made by the donors and churches.

* Audited financial statements are available on request.
The year ahead will continue the transformation that was referred to earlier. A new Certificate II in Music has started with 20 students coming to study how to write, perform and record Christian music in their own languages.

We were almost overwhelmed with the numbers of students wishing to study at Nungalinya – over 480 have put in applications, which is more than we can currently cope with. Teaching staff are stretched to the limit, the buildings are bulging and the admin team is barely keeping up – but it is a wonderful challenge for us to tackle!

We need your ongoing support to meet this great demand. God is indeed at work in the Indigenous church, raising up a new generation of leaders who are seeking to be empowered and trained through Nungalinya College.

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