

Engaging Effectively with Maori and Pasifika Students



QELi is delighted to partner with Stephen Talavave, founder of Talapasifika, and Maori and Pasifika Community Liaison Officer, Ipswich State High School to offer educators professional development programs designed to support effective engagement with Maori and Pasifika students.

Program Overview

Talapasifika programs and workshops are designed to assist non-Maori and Pasifika individuals to gain knowledge and understanding about cultural differences, values and beliefs, and provide a forum for discussion and collaboration, to enhance engagement with Maori and Pasifika communities.

Programs and workshops are designed, developed and facilitated by Stephen Talavave and can be customised to the suit the needs of your school, students and community.

Contact QELi on **+61 7 3007 5222** or **info@qeli.qld.edu.au** to find out more about Talapasifika's cultural programs and workshops and to discuss how your school community can work with Stephen in 2019.

About Stephen Talavave

Stephen is of Samoan and Tongan descent, arriving in Australia in 1996. After graduating from Redbank Plains State High in 2004, he pursued a career in Rugby League with the Penrith Panthers and has represented Queensland in both Rugby League and Rugby Union. Stephen is studying a Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Griffith University, in addition to working with Ipswich State High School as Maori and Pasifika Community Liaison Officer. He is a Youth Pastor at a local multicultural church and is a Senior Development Coordinator for a Rugby League Excellence Program.

Stephen has worked across many sectors including education, child safety, police, health, legal and churches to help them understand cultural barriers that exist when working with Maori and Pasifika people. Stephen also works with Maori and Pasifika people to build their capability in organisational management.

