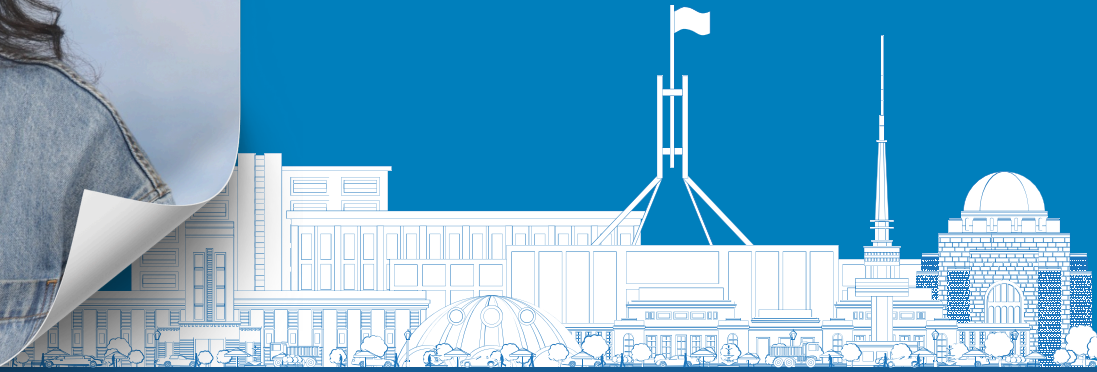




Building tomorrow's minds :

On the shoulders of teaching giants in the bush capital



Marina Leko, is a dedicated new educator at Kingsford Smith School, who has made a significant impact by establishing a formal wear op shop that embodies her commitment to community support, sustainability, and education. Her initiative addresses a crucial need by providing formal attire to families who might otherwise struggle with the costs associated with special events, such as graduations and formal. The op shop not only alleviates financial pressure on families but also ensures that every student has the opportunity to participate fully in school traditions.

Aside from its immediate practical benefits, Marina's op shop serves as an educational tool. It integrates lessons on sustainability and the importance of recycling clothing into the curriculum, engaging students in hands-on activities that promote environmental stewardship.

The op shop also plays a vital role in building respectful relationships and partnerships within the community. Marina has established a team at school, including our youth worker and students and they have collaborated with local charity shops and organisations to source donations and support, creating a network of goodwill and shared purpose.

This community involvement not only enriches the op shop's resources but also strengthens ties between the school and its broader community. Through her innovative approach, Marina has transformed a simple op shop into a multifaceted resource that supports families, educates students, and fosters community connections, demonstrating her profound commitment to both her students and the wider community.

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