The Cathedral College, Rockhampton, is one of a few schools in Queensland trialing the 'Inquiry for Indigenous Science Students' program before it is rolled out across the country. An initiative of CSIRO in partnership with the BHP Billiton Foundation, the program endeavours to bring Indigenous and Western Science knowledge together to engage students and help them excel.

CSIRO Project Officer, Mr Jesse King visited the college to induct TCC’s Academic Dean of Science, Mr Arthur Le Page in the program.

Mr King, himself a graduate of Catholic Education, said the program has developed Indigenous-themed, hands-on, inquiry-based science education resources that are linked to the Australian Curriculum.

The Cathedral College Principal, Mr Rob Alexander said the college was very keen to get on board with this initiative and sees the potential benefit of this approach.

“We are very hopeful the program will engage minds to achieve greater outcomes for all our students”

“It is very much in keeping with our Reconciliation Action Program which we launched last year and timely as we celebrated Catholic Education Week – Engaging Minds, Igniting Hearts, Serving Others” he said.

L-R: CSIRO Project Officer, Mr. Jesse King with The Cathedral College’s Academic Dean of Science, Mr. Arthur Le Page and Indigenous Liaison Officer Mrs. Stephanie Ketchup.