



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

Community Recognition Statement

19 May 2022

LAWSON GRIFFIN

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) :

Lawson Griffin is a proud young Awabakal man who has a remarkable and meaningful connection to his culture and to country.

Lawson educates and engages with other students at Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School at Tarro through his roles as cultural mentor and being in the leadership team, as well as being an authentic Aboriginal voice in the weekly Aboriginal Perspectives classes.

The school's native bush food garden and Culture Yarns program provides valuable opportunities for the entire school to learn about and connect with Aboriginal culture and hear from local cultural figures.

The garden is home to a statue of the Awabakal people's totem, the eagle. Principal, Cheryl Henderson, and Aboriginal Education Teacher, Belinda Huntriss, boast that Lawson is an extraordinary young man, how his culture is so important to him, that he shares his knowledge in such a powerful way and that he is a really good yidaki player.

Well done Lawson, your passion and enthusiasm for your culture is incredible.