Wontulp-Bi-Buya College based in Cairns provides leadership training for Indigenous people in Queensland and beyond in the fields of theology, mental health and community development. The College has grown substantially in recent years with five courses running.

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• 76 students graduated in 2014.
• 135 students are enrolled in 2015.

Wontulp-Bi-Buya College began in Townsville in 1983 as a partnership of four Churches: Anglican, Catholic, Lutheran and Uniting, and as a partner College to Nungalinya College, Darwin.

Many of the graduates of church leaders’ courses in the early decades are now key lay and ordained leaders in their churches.

A similar pattern is happening with health and community development courses.

We thank God for the support of the partner Churches, aid organisations and later government funding for student costs to make this possible. Sadly such support has not matched the growth and potential of the College and in 2015 the situation is reaching a critical point as the overall budget reaches 1.3 million dollars.

Government funding provides essential support for mounting block studies in Cairns for each course several times a year but in 2014 this funding fell short by $200,000. Government cutbacks in some areas are making this more difficult. Government does not fund staff positions and the College depends on church, agency and private support.

Several years ago, funding for a full-time Theology Course Coordinator was lost and the College has since depended on volunteers and casual teachers. This is inadequate to meet the core business of the College and also the strict VET registration and accreditation requirements. Key needs are:

• Funding of $70,000 for a full-time Theology Course Coordinator is urgently required from 2016.
• An additional $100,000 is needed to support the positions of Principal, Accounts Manager and Administration & VET Manager.
• Staff/student support projects (see over)

Please support the contribution of Wontulp-Bi-Buya College to the development of confident Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders in church and community throughout Queensland and in key centres in other States.

These emerging leaders are making a significant contribution to ‘Closing the Gap’ from within where it is the most effective.
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- [ ] $100 Provides study materials for 5 course units for a student
- [ ] $600 to rent office facilities for a fortnight
- [ ] $250 cost of College website for a year
- [ ] $50 contribution to cost of utilities / electricity and phone

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