

# Taminmin Girls Academy

## - Taminmin College -

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## Welcome to Taminmin Girls Academy

Taminmin College is a new location for Girls Academy for 2018. Staff have been appointed, with room set up, school staff, family and student relationship building underway.

### **Program Manager**

Lateesha Jeffrey has been appointed the Inaugural Program Manager for Taminmin Girls Academy. Lateesha, also known as 'Lala', has worked with Girls Academy as a Development Officer (DO) and Senior Development Officer (SDO) between 2011 & 2015, covering locations from Palmerston Senior College, Rosebery Middle and Centralian Middle School.

Lala moved interstate for 2 years from 2015-2017, where she worked as an Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer with Victoria Police. She has since moved back to the Northern Territory, did a Term as a DO with Girls Academy at Centralian Middle School before having her first baby (girl).

### **Development Officer**

Tayla Thorn has taken on the role as Development Officer for Taminmin Girls Academy. Tayla was a student who went through the Girls Academy (Rosebery and Palmerston) from 2012- 2015 and has since successfully finished school.

Following schooling, Tayla has had a very successful career in all aspects of her life, moving down to Melbourne to continue schooling at Swinburne University of technology and Playing with the Eastern Devils VFL side. She returned to the Northern Territory, commenced a Business Traineeship with AFL Northern Territory and has continued to thrive in AFL.

Tayla was the first indigenous woman to make:

- Under 18s all Australian side who travelled to New Zealand in 2012
- The first Indigenous captain to lead our first ever standalone NT Thunder under 18's side.

Since returning to the Northern Territory, Tayla was drafted as the youngest Adelaide Crows Player and was a part of the Inaugural 2017 AFLW premiership team. Tayla has continued to be the first to break down the barriers in women's football and Girls Academy are very lucky to have her as a mentor and Development Officer for GA Members.



L-R: Tayla Thorn , DO & Lateesha Jeffrey, PM