



TJ Krause

TJ (Tesema) is a Year 10 student at Tatachilla College. Born in Ethiopia, as a little boy TJ witnessed his Dad being killed by a charging bull. When TJ's mother could no longer care for TJ and little brother Abebaw (AJ), she brought them to an orphanage. The boys were adopted when they were 4 and 2, and lived in Alice Springs. TJ has always been a keen drummer – playing at church, at home, and even at a Brisbane Broncos game for Darren Lockyer's Farewell. In 2016, TJ appeared on *Australia's Got Talent* and received the 'Gold Buzzer' from Kelly Osbourne, putting him straight into the semi-finals. TJ is developing his music creating songs on Garageband, and exploring adding rap and vocals to his drumming. TJ will be performing at ACLE's Gala Dinner on the Thursday evening at the Adelaide's Convention Centre, sharing his story and talents. TJ's story and performance inspires us to think deeper about the purpose we have in Lutheran Education in nurturing the love for humanity and service to others.