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RIVERLAND SCHOOLGIRLS SET FOR STARDOM

Twin sisters and former Riverland schoolgirls Christine and Cassandra Glenn are on the verge of becoming the nation's next Aboriginal television stars.

The former Glossop High School students play the lead roles in a new 13-part children's television drama series called *Double Trouble*, produced for Channel 9 and the Disney Channel. The first episode premiered last weekend, 23 August.

The series was filmed in 2006 when Christine was in Year 12 and Cassandra, who had spent some time away from school working in Arnhem Land, was in Year 11. Filming took place in Sydney and Alice Springs, places neither girl had visited before.

Christine and Cassandra were encouraged to audition for the role by their school's Aboriginal Education Coordinator, Greg Albrecht. He encouraged them to send a photograph of themselves to the producers, from which they won an audition, despite not having any acting experience.

Double Trouble is about twin sisters who are separated at birth and grow up in the city and the bush respectively, unaware of each other until they meet by chance.

Filming took three months, during which Cassandra and Christine continued their studies, with support from tutors and Glossop High School staff.

Mr Albrecht says the girls are an inspiration to all of the school's current students and he is using the television series as a teaching tool for his Year 12 Aboriginal Studies and Year 11 Australian Studies classes.

The sisters now live in Adelaide, where Cassandra works and Christine studies Social Work at university. Neither has ruled out one day resuming their acting careers.

Meanwhile two current Glossop High School students are the recipients of this year's Dame Roma Mitchell Scholarships, to be presented on Thursday, 28 August.

Students Kieran Stone and Shelley Koolmatrie will each receive scholarships of \$2000, awarded annually to two Indigenous students to help them complete their South Australian Certificates of Education (SACE).

The presentation ceremony will be held at the Baramera Country Club at 5.30pm.

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