

ABOUT MI'KMA'KI STRONG'S ORANGE SHIRT

NSTU's partnership with Mi'kma'ki Strong: The NSTU is proud to work with Mi'kma'ki Strong with an Orange Shirt campaign that elevates awareness of the impact of residential schools in Nova Scotia. By partnering with Mi'kma'ki Strong, the NSTU can play a part in Truth and Reconciliation and engage teachers and students to be a part of the healing process. This project ties into Mi'kma'ki Strong's philosophy of creating awareness for the survivors and descendants affected by residential schools while sharing a message where peace and friendship are honoured.

Shirt design: The design of the shirt was created by Jonathan Beadle, a member of Pictou Landing First Nation and founder of Mi'kmaki Strong Clothing and Apparel. It reflects input from survivors of the Shubenacadie School. The shirt was printed locally at Pro Design Cresting in Truro



Jonathan Beadle explains his design: The children dancing into the community above the front logo says we are taking back our children and moving onto healing while the back reminds everyone this issue is never going away, the numbers in the shield protect that day of truth and reconciliation while the two lines represent the road to truth and reconciliation, the eight dots represent the 8 point star which represents all children in every direction and the caption in the shield at the bottom means Every Child Matters in Mi'kmaq. I want every child to matter every day, and I am hopeful this project will lead to many important discussions and teaching in Nova Scotia schools.

Where to find shirt: You can order this homegrown Orange Shirt through Mi'kma'ki Strong's online store at <https://mikmakistrong.com/>.

[HTTPS://MIKMAKISTRONG.COM/](https://mikmakistrong.com/)

A portion of shirt sales will go to support programs benefitting Shubenacadie School survivors delivered by Mi'kmaq providers.

