



ABORIGINAL PATHWAY PROGRAM

PROGRAM
GUIDE



University of
South Australia



L-R: Shanae Nielsen, Emily Venning (Regional Tutor), Hayley Sumner, Wyarta Miller and Jordan Trevorrow, Aboriginal Pathway Program Students, Whyalla
Cover image: Kashay Mahomed, Aboriginal Pathway Program Completer, 2017, Mount Gambier

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

UniSA respects the Traditional Owners on whose lands our campuses are built. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, their beliefs and spiritual relationship with their country. We also acknowledge the diversity of Aboriginal peoples, past and present.

Find out more about the University's commitment to reconciliation at unisa.edu.au/RAP

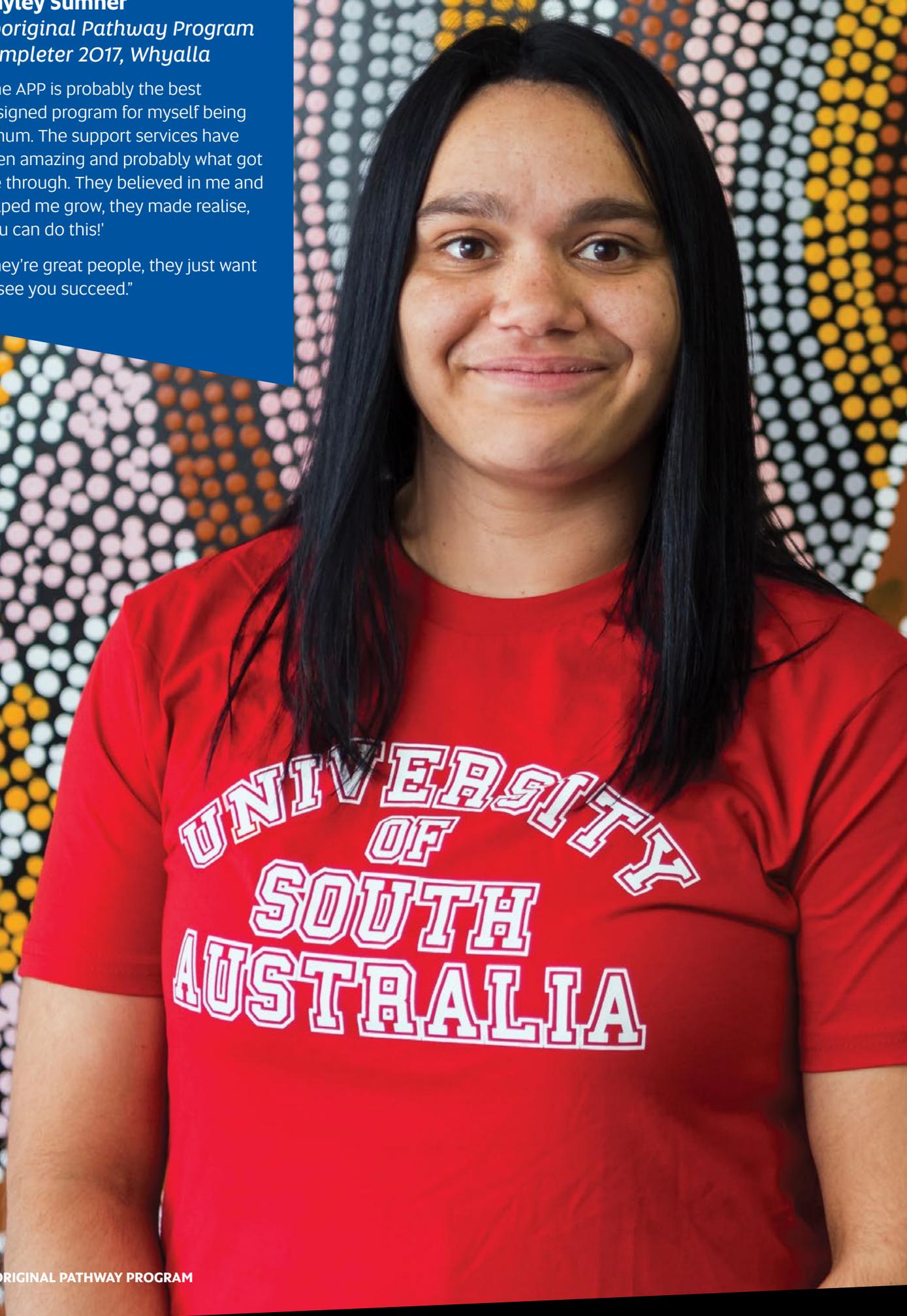


Hayley Sumner

*Aboriginal Pathway Program
completer 2017, Whyalla*

"The APP is probably the best designed program for myself being a mum. The support services have been amazing and probably what got me through. They believed in me and helped me grow, they made realise, 'you can do this!'

"They're great people, they just want to see you succeed."





MESSAGE FROM THE PRO VICE CHANCELLOR:

***Aboriginal Leadership and Strategy,
David Unaipon Chair, Professor of Law***

Welcome to the Aboriginal Pathway Program at UniSA College.

Offered across five regions and completed over 18 months, the Aboriginal Pathway Program is designed and tailored for Aboriginal students to develop the skills needed to successfully undertake university level (undergraduate) study.

The program is open to all people who identify as Aboriginal and can lead to entry into a university degree at the University of South Australia. In September 2017 we were delighted to welcome our first five graduates of the Aboriginal Pathway Program – all of whom are now going on to further university study.

If you are looking for a change in your life, I encourage you to read through the information in this booklet. I know it can be daunting thinking about making that change, especially if you are the first in your family to undertake such a journey.

When I graduated from university, I was not only the first in my family to graduate from university, but also the first Aboriginal to graduate from a law degree in South Australia.

As a woman proud to belong to Tanganekald, Meintangk Boandik First Nations Peoples, of the Coorong and the south east of South Australia, I wanted to use my law degree to fight for the land rights and self-determination of First Nations Aboriginal peoples.

Making a change to your life is a big step. At UniSA, we are committed to creating an environment where Aboriginal students and staff can learn, grow and define the future in a place that acknowledges, respects and learns from Aboriginal wisdoms.

I wish you all the best in deciding the path for your future. As one of the first graduates of the program said: "Take that first step. There's a whole world out there. Whatever you want to become or do, it's waiting for you".



*Irene Watson
Pro Vice Chancellor
Aboriginal Leadership
and Strategy, David
Unaipon Chair,
Professor of Law*

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Wyarta Miller
Aboriginal Pathway
Program Student,
2018, Whyalla



ABORIGINAL PATHWAY PROGRAM

WELCOME TO UNISA COLLEGE AND ITS ABORIGINAL PATHWAY PROGRAM.

Exclusively for Aboriginal students, the AP is an 18 month Foundation Studies program within UniSA College, with courses to develop literacy skills, digital and numerical literacy as well as building knowledge from areas such as Aboriginal Knowledges, Learning and Culture; Land Management; and Building Academic Success.

*Laura Long
Aboriginal Pathway
Program completer in 2017
who is currently studying
a Bachelor of Social Work.*



WHAT ARE THE FEATURES?

FEE FREE

There are no tuition fees for the Aboriginal Pathway Program. A compulsory student amenities fee can be deferred for students via HECS-HELP.

LOCATION

The Aboriginal Pathway Program is offered in Adelaide (City West campus), Ceduna, Mount Gambier, Port Lincoln and Whyalla.

DIRECT ENTRY

There are no requirements for entry into the Aboriginal Pathway Program. Applications are directly via UniSA College.

PREPARATION FOR UNIVERSITY STUDY

The courses in the Aboriginal Pathway Program build the skills needed for success at university. The supportive and layered design of the program allows for exploration into differing discipline areas, while developing the academic skills needed for any university degree.

PATHWAY

On completion of the Aboriginal Pathway Program, students can use their competitive Grade Point Average to transfer into any UniSA degree. Advice and support through this process is provided by UniSA College, and there is no fee for this transition.

TUTORING

Every student in the program is entitled to up to 270 hours of one-on-one tutoring. This individualised support will help students further develop the skills specific to their needs and intended future pathway.

FLEXIBILITY

The Aboriginal Pathway Program can be studied full-time or part-time. The full-time program can be completed in 18 months.

SCHOLARSHIPS

There are a range of scholarships available to Aboriginal Pathway Program students.

Some of the scholarships include:

- Participation Support;
- Commonwealth Accommodation Support (CAS);
- Commonwealth Education Costs (CECS);
- Aspiration Initiative; and
- Bendigo Bank.

More information about these and other scholarships is available at unisa.edu.au/scholarships

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation and travel support may be made available for students who live at a distance. This is arranged through UniSA College.



Tahnee Jackson (Aboriginal Student and Community Engagement Officer) and Jordan Trevorrow (Aboriginal Pathway Program Student 2018), Whyalla

OUR COMMUNITY

UNIVERSITY OF CHOICE

From its foundation, UniSA has been committed to improving the education and life opportunities of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

UniSA is dedicated to becoming the University of Choice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The Aboriginal Pathway Program is part of this commitment.

UniSA aims to create an environment where Aboriginal students and staff can learn, grow and define the future in a place that acknowledges, respects and learns from Aboriginal wisdoms, and celebrates the pursuit of knowledge in all its guises. UniSA understands that this requires

true partnerships with Aboriginal communities and organisations.

The University is continuously exploring what reconciliation means in a modern university, and is in the process of developing its second Reconciliation Action Plan.

This plan will commit the University to the objective of the new Universities Australia Indigenous Strategy, 2017-2020, and set clear targets for Aboriginal engagement including student recruitment and completion rates, employment numbers, and ensuring that Aboriginal cultural content is an integral part of the curriculum.

Find out more at unisa.edu.au/RAP

WIRRINGKA STUDENT SERVICES

Wurringka Student Services is located on all UniSA campuses to provide support to Aboriginal students.

Students undertaking the Aboriginal Pathway Program can talk to Wurringka staff when they are on campus or otherwise by phone, email and skype. Students who go onto further study at UniSA after completing the program can be assured that Aboriginal Student Engagement Officers continue to offer support.

Wurringka is a Kurna name that means 'together and in common with' and has been used with

permission of Kurna Warra Pintyanthi and its sister organisation Kurna Warra Karrpanth.

Services provided by Wurringka include familiarising new students into the university environment and providing supportive arrangements through Study Centres and the Aboriginal Tutorial Program.

For more information visit unisa.edu.au/wurringka

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

SKILLS THAT WILL HELP YOU SUCCEED

The Aboriginal Pathway Program is all about teaching you the skills that you will need to thrive in future study at university.



UNIVERSITY SKILLS COURSES

are the core courses of all programs at UniSA College, equipping you with the reading, writing and research skills needed for university study. These courses will build your understanding of the academic environment and the fundamentals of academic writing, argument and research.

> Courses: *University Studies, Building Academic Success*



THE LITERACY COURSES

teach writing and critical thinking skills that will be a key part of your success at university. These include writing for different audiences, purposes and areas of study.

> Courses: *Critical Thinking: Media and Academia'*



A NUMERACY COURSE

is included in the program as many university degrees require mathematic understanding. In this course you will revise existing knowledge and build new skills that are required for further study.

> Course: *Maths Fundamentals*



CULTURE AND COUNTRY COURSES

acknowledge the importance of your Aboriginal culture, personal well-being, the environment and our community. These courses allow you to focus on exploration, curiosity and furthering knowledge in environmental and cultural areas while encouraging you to ask questions about the world.

> Courses: *Introduction to Aboriginal Knowledges, Culture, Land Management & Human Behaviour, Learning.*



THE DIGITAL COURSE

sees students work with technology key to future study and employment. You will develop knowledge in the practical application of various software with a focus on skills that can be used at university and in the world beyond your study.

> Course: *Applied Computing Practices*



Aboriginal Pathway Program Students in 2017 at Port Lincoln.

HOW WILL YOU STUDY?

NINE COURSES

There are nine courses in the Aboriginal Pathway Program.

FLEXIBILITY

Study can be undertaken full-time over 18 months, or part-time equivalent.

BREAKS ARE IN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Classes are held from January to November, with study breaks aligning with school holidays.

TAILORED STUDY LOADS

Students who are unable to commit to a full-time study load can negotiate their study load with the Program Director.

HOURS OF STUDY

The Aboriginal Pathway Program uses a combination of 8 and 12 week courses with face-to-face classes and online engagement key to developing skills and

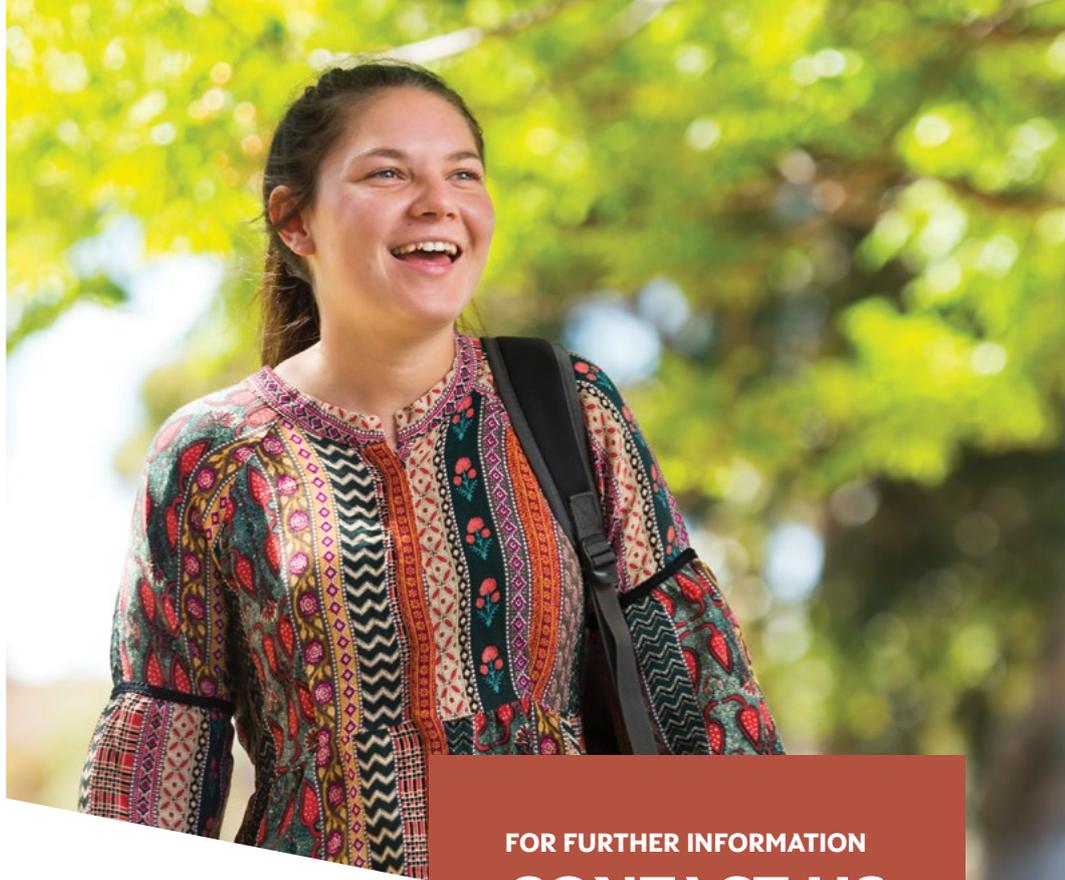
knowledge. Intensive classes are held between the hours of 9am-4pm.

EIGHT WEEK AND 12 WEEK OPTIONS

Eight week courses have intensive delivery of classes in week one, four and seven. Alternate weeks have a three-hour tutorial commitment. For 12 week courses, there is a three-hour weekly tutorial commitment.

INDEPENDENT STUDY

While courses run for a maximum of three days per week, students are expected to complete their own independent study and can do so with the support of their tutor from the Aboriginal Tutorial Program. Each course has an expected study load of seven to ten hours of independent study per week.



SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

COST

The Aboriginal Pathway Program is fee free. A compulsory student amenities fee can be deferred for students via the Federal Government's HECS-HELP loan scheme.

WHO CAN APPLY

There are no formal qualifications required for entry. The program is open to all people who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.

WHEN TO APPLY

Applications are open all year with programs commencing in January and February.

HOW TO APPLY

Fill in the application form on the opposite page and send it to:

UniSA College
160 Currie Street
Adelaide
South Australia 5000

APPLY ONLINE

Alternatively, you can submit your application through our online form:

unisa.edu.au/appform

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT US

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APPLICATION FORM

Online Application Form

If you wish to complete this application form online, please visit: unisa.edu.au/appform

Region I am applying for:

Ceduna Port Lincoln Mount Gambier Whyalla Adelaide (City West)

I would like to commence in:

SP1 – January SP2 – February Other

About you

Title: Mr Mrs Ms Miss

Last name:

First name:

Other name: Preferred First name:

Date of birth: Citizenship status:

Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander? Yes No

In which country were you born? Australia Other (please specify):

Is English your first language? Yes No (please specify):

Do you have a disability? Yes No

Contact details

Home Address:

Postal address (if different):

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Contact number:

Alternative contact number:

Email address:

High School information

Have you completed year 12? Yes No If yes, what year?

If no, what is your highest level of education?

Which year did you complete your highest level of education?

Where did you complete your highest level of schooling? Australia Other

Name of the school where you completed your highest level of schooling

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Application submission:

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided by me is true and complete in every way. I acknowledge that the University of South Australia may vary or reverse any decision regarding admission or enrolment, made on the basis of incorrect or incomplete information provided by me.

I authorise the University of South Australia to make enquiries about the details associated with this application, including but not limited to obtaining from the institutions concerned whatever details of my academic record it considers necessary.

I give authorisation

Signature _____ Date _____

I understand that:

- The University of South Australia is collecting information in this form for the purpose of assessing my entitlement to Commonwealth assistance under the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* and allocation of a *Commonwealth Higher Education Student Support Act 2003* and allocation of a Commonwealth Higher Education Student Support Number (CHESSN) to me;
- The University of South Australia will disclose this information the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) for those purposes;
- DEEWR will store the information securely in the Higher Education Information Management System;
- DEEWR May disclose the information to the Tax Office; and
- The University of South Australia and DEEWR will not otherwise disclose the information without my consent unless required or authorised by law

I understand

Signature _____ Date _____

Note: once you have submitted your application, changes may only be made by contacting UniSA. Please ensure that your application is fully completed before submitting.

Jordan Trevorrow
*Aboriginal Pathway Program
Student 2017, Whyalla*

“The Aboriginal Pathway Program was perfect for me. When it came to Whyalla, it meant I could stay in Whyalla and learn what uni would be like in a bachelor degree. I feel like I’ll have a lot of opportunities once I graduate from the program, for choosing whatever I want to do.”





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