2018 APP completers (L – R) — Wyarta Miller, Chloe Warren, Joyleen Warrior and Serena Gunter.
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
“Having been out of school for 15 years, the Aboriginal Pathway Program gave me the foundation to study again. I’m looking forward to my new career path of becoming a pilot.”

Raymond Richards
Completed APP in Adelaide and currently studying a Bachelor of Aviation (Pilot)

92% of Aboriginal Pathway Program students are studying from regional or remote areas
Welcome to the Aboriginal Pathway Program at UniSA College.

Offered across five regions and delivered over 18 months, the Aboriginal Pathway Program is designed for Aboriginal students to develop the skills they need to successfully complete university study.

The program is open to all people who identify as Aboriginal\(^1\) and can lead to entry into a bachelor’s degree at the University of South Australia (UniSA).

If you are looking for a change in your life, I encourage you to read through the information in this guide. I know it can be daunting when 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 do so, but also the first Aboriginal to graduate from a law degree in South Australia.

As a woman proud to belong to the 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.

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 knowledge.

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.”

\(^1\) Consistent with common usage now in many organisations, this publication uses the shorter form of reference to ‘ Aboriginal People’ but is intended, always, to be inclusive of both Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.
"I was working in a field that wasn’t for me, so I went travelling, became a mother and then decided I wanted to do something completely different. I joined the Aboriginal Pathway Program and it was one of the best decisions I’ve made."

Wyarta Miller
Completed APP in Whyalla and currently studying a Bachelor of Digital Media
To explore what degrees are available, visit unisaonline.edu.au

After successfully completing the Aboriginal Pathway Program, you can choose to study a 100% online bachelor's degree through UniSA Online, giving you full control and flexibility over your learning.

Serena Gunter
Completed APP in Ceduna and currently studying a Bachelor of Business (Tourism and Event Management)
Amie Brant
Completed APP in Mount Gambier and currently studying a Bachelor of Nursing
From its foundation, UniSA has been committed to improving the education and life opportunities of Aboriginal people.

UniSA is the University of Choice for Aboriginal people and we continue to demonstrate our ongoing commitment to Aboriginal engagement through a range of important initiatives, including our Aboriginal Pathway Program.

In 2018, we released our Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), which is centred on supporting Aboriginal students to achieve success.

The Stretch RAP sets out a range of actions, from enhancing student outcomes and Aboriginal research, to building cultural awareness with staff and students.

This is a whole-of-university approach that is fundamental to providing a culturally safe space in which our students can thrive.

UniSA is committed to strengthening our position as the University of Choice for Aboriginal people. We aim to create an environment where Aboriginal students and staff can learn, teach, research and engage with each other in a place that acknowledges, respects and learns from Aboriginal people and their knowledge.

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Wirringka is a Kaurna name that means ‘together and in common with’, and has been used with permission from Kaurna Warra Pintyanthi and its sister organisation Kaurna Warra Karrpanthi.

As an Aboriginal Pathway Program student, you will have full access to all of the support services available. You can meet Wirringka staff face-to-face on campus, or make contact by phone, email or Skype.

If you then choose to go on to further studies with UniSA, you will continue to be supported by Aboriginal Student Engagement Officers from Wirringka.

The dedicated staff will help you navigate with the university environment and provide supportive arrangements through culturally-safe study centres and access to the Aboriginal Tutorial Program.

For more information, visit:

unisa.edu.au/wirringka
The Aboriginal Pathway Program delivers the skills and knowledge you will need to thrive in future university study.

**WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?**

**UNIVERSITY SKILLS COURSES** are at the core of all programs at UniSA College, providing you with the reading, writing and research skills required for university study. These courses will build your understanding of the academic environment and the fundamentals of academic writing, debate and research.

Courses:
> University Studies
> Building Academic Success

**LITERACY COURSES** teach writing and critical thinking skills that will be vital to your success at university. These include writing for different audiences, purposes and areas of study.

Courses:
> Communication for Academic Purposes
> Critical Thinking
> Media and Academia

**A NUMERACY COURSE** is included because many university degrees require an understanding of mathematics. In this course, you will revise existing knowledge and build new skills that are required for tertiary study.

Course:
> Maths Fundamentals

**CULTURE AND COUNTRY COURSES** acknowledge the importance of your Aboriginal culture and personal wellbeing, as well as the environment and the community. These courses allow you to explore topics of interest and further your knowledge in environmental and cultural areas, while encouraging you to ask questions about the world.

Courses:
> Aboriginal Knowledges
> Learning and Cultures
> Land Management
> Introduction to Human Behaviour

**A DIGITAL COURSE** will allow you to work with technology that is key to future study and employment. You will develop knowledge in the practical application of various software programs, with a focus on skills that can be used at university and beyond your studies.

Course:
> Applied Computing Practices
HOW WILL YOU STUDY?

PROGRAM DELIVERY
There are nine courses in the Aboriginal Pathway Program. Classes are held from February to November, with study breaks in the first phase of the program aligning with school holidays. In the second phase of the program, classes may be combined with UniSA College’s Foundation Studies classes.

TAILORED STUDY LOADS
The Aboriginal Pathway Program uses a combination of 8-week and 13-week courses, incorporating both face-to-face classes and online engagement.

The 8-week courses have an intensive delivery of classes held between 9:00am – 4:00pm during weeks one, four and seven. Alternate weeks have a 3-hour tutorial commitment. The 13-week courses follow the standard university schedule.

FLEXIBILITY
Study can be undertaken full-time over 18 months, or the part-time equivalent. Students who are unable to commit to full-time study can negotiate their study load with the Program Director.

INDEPENDENT STUDY
While courses run for a maximum of three days per week, students are expected to complete their own independent study and can also get support from the Aboriginal Tutorial Program. Each course has an expected study load of 7–10 hours of independent study per week.

PROGRAM DELIVERY EXPLAINED...
18 months full-time study, or equivalent, available in both Adelaide and regional locations.

Study foundation courses and participate in intensives and weekly tutorials that will prepare you for university study.

Use your competitive Grade Point Average (GPA) to apply for a UniSA bachelor’s degree of your choice.

Start the first year of your UniSA bachelor’s degree (competitive entry criteria apply).
COST
There are no tuition fees. Students can defer the compulsory student amenities fee via the Federal Government’s HECS-HELP loan scheme.

WHO CAN APPLY
The program is open to all people who identify as Aboriginal. There are no formal qualifications required for entry into this program.

WHEN TO APPLY
Enquiries are welcome all year. Applications open from August to January, with the program commencing in 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

"If I hadn’t completed the Aboriginal Pathway Program, I think I would have struggled in my degree. Study can be overwhelming, but I felt prepared."
Danielle Hirschausen
Completed APP in Port Lincoln and currently studying a Bachelor of Early Childhood Education (Honours)

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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)

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):
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 ____________________________

Other education? ________________________________________________

*Please continue on next page
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 to the Department of Education and Training (DET) for those purposes;
• DET will store the information securely in the Higher Education Information Management System;
• DET may disclose the information to the Tax Office; and
• The University of South Australia and DET 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.