

# TOO DEADLY

**ABORIGINAL EDUCATION CENTRE NEWSLETTER  
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Aboriginal  
Education  
Centre



# **WE PAY OUR RESPECTS**

The Aboriginal Education Centre would like to acknowledge and pay our respects to all Victorian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities across the state. That respect is extended particularly to the Gunaikurnai nations, Boonwurrung, Wadawurrung, Wotjobaluk, Jadwaa, Jadwadjali, Wergaia, Jupagalk, Eastern Maar peoples, whose countries Federation campuses reside. We acknowledge and support Elders past, present and future, in working towards further enhancing our communities through education and career pathways. We walk in unison to maintaining culture, kinship and spirituality that are crucial to the strength of our people, the land, and waters we work and live daily; for sovereignty was never ceded.

**ALWAYS WAS. ALWAYS WILL BE.**

**WITH LOVE AND UNITY  
THE ABORIGINAL EDUCATION CENTRE STAFF**





# Aboriginal Education Centre

The Aboriginal Education Centre (AEC) is a welcoming place to meet and study

All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are welcome. We offer a range of support services for TAFE and Higher Education students.

Enquire about our services or join us for a cuppa and a yarn

Ph: (03) 5327 9005

Email: [aec@federation.edu.au](mailto:aec@federation.edu.au)  
or just drop in!



## AEC Support Services For Students

The Aboriginal Education Centre offers a range of support services for Higher Education and TAFE students with centres located at Ballarat - Mt Helen, SMB, Wimmera, Berwick and Gippsland campuses

### **Our Services Include:**

- Deadly scholarships and grants information
- Dedicated computer lounge
- Kitchen facilities including food and drinks
- Stationery, printing and other equipment
- Access to free tutorial support
- Cultural wellbeing support
- Events throughout the year
- Community Engagement

### **Deadly Scholarships and Grants**

Our staff members in the AEC are able to provide guidance to any Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student applying for scholarships or grants during their application process.

### **Dedicated Computer Lounge**

At every campus, the AEC has its own dedicated computer lab for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Come in and use these computers to study or for your own leisure.

### **Kitchen Facilities Including Food and Drinks**

Our kitchen is open for all of our staff and students in the AEC. Whether you're in the mood for a tea, coffee or to make yourself a snack, the door is always open. We offer free food, snacks and drinks for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students only.

### **Stationary, Printing and Other Equipment**

Within our centre, we provide all stationary and equipment to help you complete your studies, from pens and pencils, to laminators and printers.



## AEC Support Services For Students

### Access To Free Tutorial Support

The AEC offers tutorial support to current Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students upon completion of an Individual Success Plan. Tutoring is available to all eligible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students located across all campuses; inclusive of Ballarat, Gippsland, Berwick, Wimmera, Online and Partner Provider. Please speak with the staff from the AEC to discuss your eligibility.

### Cultural Wellbeing Support

The AEC has a dedicated Aboriginal Wellbeing support officer specialising in cultural wellbeing and the organisation of lunch sessions that include cultural activities. If you would like more information or to make an appointment please email [aec@federation.edu.au](mailto:aec@federation.edu.au).

### Cultural Wellbeing Sessions

As often as we can at each campus, our Aboriginal Wellbeing Coordinator will hold a free lunch session that will also include fun cultural activities. If you would like to know more about an upcoming lunch session, please email [aec@federation.edu.au](mailto:aec@federation.edu.au).

### Events Throughout The Year

The AEC celebrates and promotes all Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander national, state and local events. We host Junior Uni Camps and participate in a range of Federation University events such as Indigenous Nationals. See our AEC pin boards for all of our upcoming events.

### Community Engagement

The AEC is focused on developing relationships with the wider Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, Koori Educators and the Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (LAECG). Our goals are to encourage greater participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in TAFE and Higher Education courses at Federation University.

Our staff also offer a wide range of skills and experience to non-Indigenous staff members and students of the university who are wanting to understand Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and histories.



## Aboriginal Education Centres & Contacts

**Wimmera Campus | Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia, Jupagulk  
- C Building | Room C38 Student Lounge | Room C39 AEC Office**

### **Katrina Beer**

Manager of the Aboriginal Education Centre | All Campuses (located in Horsham) | 5327 9244 |  
k.beer@federation.edu.au

My name is Katrina Beer, I am a proud Wotjobaluk woman from the Wimmera and also the Aboriginal Education Centre's Manager, I support all campuses but based at the Wimmera Campus. I work closely with our Senior Heads of Campus and our Team sit under the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Global and Engagement). At the AEC we assist with Course enquiries, student support, cultural and spiritual connections and training for the prisons and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Organisations. I'm always open for a yarn, so pop in and say hello.

### **Tracey-Lee Beer**

TAFE - Aboriginal Student Success Officer | Horsham Campus | 5362 2655 |  
traceylee.beer@federation.edu.au

Dalk (Hello) my Name is Tracey-Lee Beer, and I am a proud Strong Wotjobaluk Women from the Wimmera Region. I am based part-time at the Federation University Wimmera TAFE Campus in Horsham as the Aboriginal Student Success Officer. I have 30 years' experience in all sectors of Education. Please don't hesitate to give me a call or text on my phone numbers or email, if you need assistance with enrolling or want to have a chat about what courses are available.

**Ballarat Mt Helen Campus | Wadawurrung - D Building | Room D010  
Student Lounge & Office**

### **Luke Bosworth**

Higher Education - Aboriginal Student Success | Mt Helen Campus | 5327 6248 or 0417 785 860 |  
l.bosworth@federation.edu.au

I am proudly Gunditjmara. My role is to support the Higher Education students to ensure the best possible transition from enrollment to graduation and everything in between. I have a passion in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education and truly want to see all mob succeed.

### **Thomas Bosworth**

Administration Officer | Mt Helen Campus | 5327 9941 | t.bosworth@federation.edu.au

I am a proud Gunditjmara man, and my role within the AEC is as the Administration Officer.



## Aboriginal Education Centres & Contacts

### **Ballarat SMB Campus | Wadawurrung - B Building | Ground Floor**

#### **Chris Britten**

TAFE - Aboriginal Student Success Officer | SMB Campus | 5327 6963 | [c.britten@federation.edu.au](mailto:c.britten@federation.edu.au)

I am a proud Torres Strait Island man. My role in the Aboriginal Education Centre is to support all Indigenous TAFE students to succeed with their studies.

#### **Keiah Cooper**

TAFE Team Leader - Aboriginal Student Success Officer | SMB Campus | 5327 6000 | [k.meddings-cooper@federation.edu.au](mailto:k.meddings-cooper@federation.edu.au)

Te (Hello) My name is Keiah Cooper, I am a very proud Yorta-Yorta Mutthi Mutthi Woman, and I am the new TAFE Team Leader at the Aboriginal Education Centre.

I have recently come back to the University after spending 9 months trying something new and exploring other options, I had previously worked at Fed for almost 8 years in various roles, I have a passion for education and have dedicated the last 15+ years to encouraging mob to study. I am looking forward to catching up with the community and students, feel free to come into either the SMB or the Mt Helen campus and say hello and have a cuppa with me and the team.

### **Gippsland Campus | Gunaikurnai Nations - Building 1S | Room 1S108**

#### **Nicholas Johnson**

Higher Education - Aboriginal Student Success Officer | Gippsland Campus | 5122 8075 | [n.johnson@federation.edu.au](mailto:n.johnson@federation.edu.au)

I'm a Gunaikurnai, Monero Ngarigo, and Gunditjmara man based at our Gippsland campus in Churchill. I support higher education students alongside my fellow Aboriginal Student Success Officers and AEC staff by providing scholarship advice, tutoring, and assistance with personal concerns, while connecting students to campus and community services.

At the AEC, we collaboratively support all students—whether on-campus, online, blended, or flexible—regardless of their level of study. We encourage current students to participate in cultural and social events, especially the Indigenous Nationals, and invite Indigenous high school students in years 9 to 11 to our annual Junior University Camp. Our team enthusiastically welcomes students to these and other culturally significant events.

In my free time, I enjoy sports, especially footy, studying, visiting family and friends, attending events, traveling, hiking, reading, and gaming.

### **Berwick Campus | Boonwurrung - Building 901 | Room G40**

#### **Phillip Vaiagina-Egan**

Higher Education - Aboriginal Student Success Officer | Berwick Campus | 4313 7985 | [p.vaiaginaegan@federation.edu.au](mailto:p.vaiaginaegan@federation.edu.au)

I am a proud Mutthi Mutthi/Yorta Yorta Man and also proud of my Tongan Heritage. I was born in a small country town called Robinvale, Victoria. I love sports, I'm easy going, and love a laugh. My other profession is dancing!



# Welcome to the team!

## Ballarat SMB Campus | Wadawurrung - B Building | Ground Floor

### Renee Bosworth

Mumgu-dhal Instructional Designer | SMB Campus | 5327 8493 | [r.bosworth@federation.edu.au](mailto:r.bosworth@federation.edu.au)

Ngata (Hello) My name is Renee Bosworth, I am a proud Gunditjmara woman. I am currently working within the TAFE team developing the Mumgu-Dhal program, I am also undertaking my Certificate IV in Training and Assessment so I will be able to deliver the course. I have a background in Health, Community Services and retail. Always happy for a yarn! Reach out anytime.

### Kylie Kennedy

Aboriginal Languages Instructional Designer | SMB Campus | 5327 8508 | [k.kennedy@federation.edu.au](mailto:k.kennedy@federation.edu.au)

Dalk muwil, nyarringek Kylie Kennedy, dyilgua laiurruki Wutyubalukan, ba giyangan dyalinggi Wergaia. Hello all, my name is Kylie Kennedy, I am a proud Wutyubaluk woman and I speak the Wergaia language. I've been reviving my own language with my family and community for the past 17 years. I'm passionate about our mobs learning, reviving and speaking our own languages and I'm here at the SMB campus developing the study design and preparing to teach some Aboriginal Languages courses.

## Ballarat Mt Helen Campus | Wadawurrung - D Building | Room D010 Student Lounge & Office

### Azlan Harris

Aboriginal Wellbeing Coordinator | Mt Helen Campus | 5327 9431 | [azlan.harris@federation.edu.au](mailto:azlan.harris@federation.edu.au)

I am a proud Noongar man. As the Aboriginal Wellbeing Coordinator, I believe it is very important to remain culturally connected within the environments and communities around us. I engage with students and staff in a range of activities and events that are designed to reconnect us to Culture, Community and Support. I am available to all students, future students and staff to discuss any barriers you may face while studying. Always keen for a yarn! Also, I will be running events at each campus monthly.

### Shannen Mennen

Aboriginal Community and Industry Partnership Broker | Mt Helen Campus | 5327 6005 | [shannen.mennen@federation.edu.au](mailto:shannen.mennen@federation.edu.au)

Nyoora (hello) everyone! I'm Shannen, and I work as an Aboriginal Community and Industry Partnership Broker here at Federation University. I am a proud Wadawurrung woman. My background is quite diverse—I've been involved in various roles across education, tourism, and within land councils. When I'm not at work, you'll probably find me out on Country, enjoying a bushwalk or gardening. I'm looking forward to connecting with you all and sharing more about the projects and initiatives I'm working on!

### Eva Orr

Aboriginal Counselor | Mt Helen Campus | 5122 6363 | [eva.orr@federation.edu.au](mailto:eva.orr@federation.edu.au)

I am a proud Aboriginal/ Irish woman who comes with lived experience and have worked over 30 years in the human service field. Working in areas of family support, family violence, drug and alcohol including Reconciliation and lobbying government.

I am also currently working with the Aboriginal Education centre in well-being and in the School of Social Work, Community and Human Services lecturing in social work.



# All TAFE is FREE for MOB

## VCE - Victorian Certification of Education

### Literary and Numeracy Support

Certificate II in Agriculture

Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation

Certificate II in General Education for Adults

Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Career Start)

Certificate II in Engineering Studies

Certificate II in Salon Assistant

Certificate III in Agriculture

Certificate III in Baking

Certificate III in Beauty Services

Certificate III in Bread Baking

Certificate III in Bricklaying and Blocklaying

Certificate III in Business

Certificate III in Cabinet Making and Timber Technology

Certificate III in Carpentry

Certificate III in Conservation and Ecosystem Management

Certificate III in Commercial Cookery

Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care

Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician

Certificate III in Engineering - Composites Trade

Certificate III in Engineering - Fabrication Trade

Certificate III in Engineering - Mechanical Trade

Certificate III in Hairdressing

Certificate III in Horticulture

Certificate III in Hospitality

Certificate III in Individual Support

Certificate III in Information Technology

Certificate III in Landscape Construction

Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology

Certificate III in Parks and Gardens

Certificate III in Plumbing

Certificate III in School Based Education Support



Certificate IV in Accounting and Bookkeeping  
Certificate IV in Agriculture  
Certificate IV in Community Services  
Certificate IV in Cyber Security  
Certificate IV in Disability Support  
Certificate IV in Engineering  
Certificate IV in Engineering Drafting  
Certificate IV in Mental Health  
Certificate IV in School Based Education Support  
Certificate IV in Training and Assessment

Diploma of Beauty Therapy  
Diploma of Building and Construction (Building)  
Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care  
Diploma of Conservation and Ecosystem Management  
Diploma of Engineering - Technical  
Diploma of Nursing  
Diploma of Mental Health

Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural)  
Advanced Diploma of Building Surveying

**Renewable Energy (scholarships available):**

Global Wind Organisation - Basic Safety Training (BST)  
Global Wind Organisation - Basic Safety Refresher Training (BSTR)  
Global Wind Organisation - Basic Technical Training (BTT)

**Short courses:**

Agricultural Chemical Skill Set  
Apply Eyelash Extensions  
Construction Induction White Card (White Card)  
Licensed Vehicle (Motorcycle) Refresher Program (Non award)  
Licensed Vehicle Tester (LVT) Program (Non award)  
Licensed Vehicle Tester (LVT) Motorcycle Program (Non award)  
Malting and Brewing  
Operate and Maintain Chainsaws  
Operate Quad Bikes  
Responsible Service of Alcohol



# Aboriginal Education Centre TAFE Scholarships and Grants

## AEC Scholarships available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students

**Each Scholarship and Grant will have specific conditions for eligibility. It is recommended to read through each criteria via the Scholarships portal online.**

Got to **www.federation.edu.au** - click on the search bar and type 'scholarships'. Click on the first **Scholarships** link. Scroll down to **Types of scholarships** and click on the **Foundation** tile. Use the **search filters** to find the Scholarship or Grant that may apply to you.

There are over 100+ Scholarships any new/commencing or continuing Federation student can access in both Higher Education and TAFE.

In 2024 we have handed out 10 Deadly TAFE Education Grants worth \$1,000 to some of our Indigenous students as a reward for their studies. Below is an example of one of our Deadly Grants in the Aboriginal Education Centre.

### **2024 Deadly TAFE Education Grant**

**Study field:** Any

**Location:** Ballarat, Wimmera

**Opens:** 08/01/2024

**Closes** 06/12/2024

**Value:** Up to \$1,000

**Conditions:** Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples are eligible to apply.

If you have any questions about the scholarships and grants we have to offer, please contact:

The Aboriginal Education Centre

Ph: 5327 9005

E: AEC@federation.edu.au



# Aboriginal Education Centre Higher Education Scholarships

The Aboriginal Education Centre provides scholarships to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Higher Education students to enhance their success at Federation University.

## How to Apply

- Apply via the Scholarships and Grants portal.
- **Required Documents:**
  - Centrelink Authorisation Form
  - Confirmation of Aboriginality
    - **Or:** A Statutory Declaration stating Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, identification, and community acceptance.

**Note:** All submissions will be reviewed and monitored by the Aboriginal Education Centre.

**For more information:** <https://federation.edu.au/current-students/starting-at-federation/scholarships/indigenous-scholarships>

## Deadly Education Scholarship

**Amount:** \$2,000 per semester

**Eligibility:** Enrolled in an enabling, undergraduate, honours, or postgraduate unit. Part-time students paid pro rata. Not receiving a Start-Up Loan from Centrelink.

## Deadly Accommodation Scholarship

**Amount:** \$3,500 per semester for the first year; \$2,500 thereafter

**Eligibility:** Enrolled in an enabling, undergraduate, honours, or postgraduate unit, and relocated for studies. Part-time students paid pro rata. Cannot have received a Relocation Scholarship from Centrelink.

If you have any questions about the scholarships and grants we have to offer, please contact:

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FRIDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2024

# FEDERATION TAFE WINS WURREKER AWARD FOR INNOVATIVE KOORIE LEARNER PATHWAYS

Federation TAFE has won the 2024 Wurreker Award for Innovative Koorie Learner Pathways – TAFE institute category at the 19th annual Wurreker Awards hosted by the Victorian Aboriginal Education Association (VAEAI).

The award is for new and innovative community driven or led programs and initiatives that have improved pathways and career or employment outcomes for Koorie learners in Victoria.



Federation was nominated for Koling Wada Ngal Kurrung or “Let us walk together” junior university camp, and the “Deadly As Day” aspirations day, initiatives aimed at Years 9 to 12 Koorie students.

Koling Wada Ngal Kurrung is a five-day camp open to students from across Victoria. The 2023 camp attracted a record number of participants and was held on Wadawurrung country at Federation’s Mt Helen Campus in Ballarat.

The camp focuses on exploring Federation University courses, possible future careers, and pathways into post-secondary education, as well as cultural learning and activities including visits to sites of significance and meeting with Indigenous elders.

In 2024 the camp will be delivered at Federation’s Churchill Campus on Gunaikurnai Country and has been named Werna Ngalu Wannik meaning “we walk together”. Federation will partner with the CSIRO to deliver sessions on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

Federation was also recognised for the ‘Deadly As Day’, a Koorie aspirations day for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from across the Central Highlands region.

“Deadly As Day” is held in partnership with the Department of Education and Training and is an opportunity for Indigenous students to find out more about apprenticeships and trades careers, and post-secondary educational pathways.

Koorie youth also hear from young Indigenous role models who have achieved success in their chosen fields, and come together to connect, celebrate culture, and be empowered.

Federation has also embedded culture throughout university campuses by naming buildings and rooms in local language and creating Places of Being sites to provide a place for cultural and spiritual connection. Koorie culture, knowledge and perspective is embedded throughout the curriculum, and Federation has implemented the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Workforce Strategy to increase Koorie employment above the national average and provide an Indigenous staff traineeship program. Compulsory Cultural Competency Training is provided for all University staff, and the National Centre for Reconciliation, Truth and Justice works to drive national and regional transformational change in reconciliation.



The Wurreker Awards celebrate the people and organisations that passionately contribute to Koorie training, education and employment and highlight how high-quality learning and experience can open new pathways for Koorie people. Awards were presented at a special event on Thursday 19 September.

**Quote attributable to Federation University Australia Provost, Liam Sloan**

*"We are so proud to have Federation recognised with a Wurreker Award. Thank you to the Aboriginal Education Centre staff for your passion, determination, and hard work in developing these innovative programs. Improving access and aspiration for First Nations students is a top priority for Federation University. We celebrate diversity, champion equity, access, and equal opportunity for all, and strive to ensure all voices are heard."*

**Quote attributable to Federation University Australia Aboriginal Education Centre Manager, Katrina Beer**

*"It is an honour to have Federation University formally recognised as a leader in providing Koorie learner pathways. Federation's Aboriginal Education Centre strives to make a difference through developing strong working partnerships with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to deliver programs based on self-determination which support and inspire Koorie youth to take their next steps."*



Chris Noonan, Katrina Beer, Keiah Cooper, Sharyn Wright



# Refurbishment for SMB and Mt Helen

The Aboriginal Education Centre has officially moved at the SMB and Mt Helen campus.

The centre is undergoing an exciting transformation, with ongoing refurbishments at both the SMB and Mt Helen campuses. These upgrades are part of a broader initiative to establish a safe and inclusive environment for Indigenous students to connect, relax, and thrive.



Mt Helen campus map



SMB campus map

Our team will be working closely with Kinaway approved Indigenous organisation Winya, to incorporate Indigenous designed furnishings, artwork and decor that reflect culture.

**For students:** Each student lounge is adding gaming areas with Xbox's PlayStations, TVs, and pool/table tennis tables. Along with couches, stocked pantries with snacks, stationary and art supplies. Both centres will have kitchen facilities with coffee, tea, and fridge/freezer access for all Indigenous students. And a wellness room to take a break and shut off from all the outside noise. These student lounge spaces aim to build a sense of community during their time on campus.

## For Community:

SMB - B Building is in the early stages of operating as a K-Hub. Plans to house other Aboriginal organisations into this space are currently being discussed. With Central Highlands VAEAI (Victoria Aboriginal Education Association Inc) already occupying a few offices, we welcome Uncle Pete Lovett and Jasmine McCaw to the campus.

## Indigenous designed furniture coming soon!



# 2024 Indigenous Nationals

The 28th Indigenous Nationals was held on June 23rd - 27th at the University Of Wollongong in NSW. The event was contested in a mixed competition across four sports: touch football, basketball, netball, and volleyball. The annual event aims to bring together Indigenous student-athletes from universities across Australia to celebrate the rich sporting culture of Indigenous Australia, to develop lifelong connections and acknowledge the heritage and history of the participants.

The opening ceremony was culturally empowering. Elders spoke their stories, and Indigenous Nationals participants had the opportunity to sing and dance, others were encouraged to join if they knew the dance, which ended up with mob from other universities join.

This year on the court, we tripled our win ratio. Our team was a force to be reckoned with. While Dallas Hurren took out first place for FedUni for the best dressed at the Nationals social event, with the theme for the night 'get wiggy with it'.



Every year the Aboriginal Education Centre takes a team of our athletic Indigenous students to Nationals to compete, all expenses paid for.

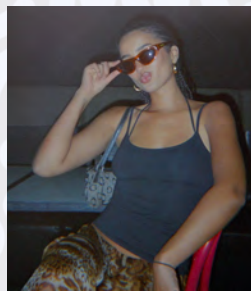
**In 2025, the 29th Indigenous Nationals will be held from the 7th - 11th of July at the University of Western Australia in Perth, WA.**

**We are currently recruiting for next years games. Contact our team to secure your spot and make this a part of your journey!**

Participants must be studying TAFE or Higher Education at Federation University in 2025.



# Indigenous Nationals Photos





# Werna Ngalu Wannik (We walk together)

## 2024 Junior Uni Camp

Every year the AEC hosts a camp for Indigenous high school students (year 9 - 11) from across the state of Victoria. This year our Werna Ngalu Wannik (We walk together) - Indigenous Junior Uni Camp was held at the Federation University Gippsland campus on Gunaikurnai lands.

The Indigenous Outreach Project crew started the camp off with a bang, teaching the young mob through Hip Hop and traditional dances about 'No Shame'. This theme is the ice breaker that shifts our inner worries into not caring about what others think, to be proud of who we are, and to never be afraid of being Deadly.

Each morning we started with a yarning circle for the students to have their say, and to talk about what they were expecting to get out of each day. During the school hours of each day, our camp members learned about what we have to offer at Federation University, along with career opportunities that exist through studying different courses in both Higher Education and TAFE. Each day we would go from classrooms, to workshops, to labs, and offices around the University learning about all the different institutes and their purpose. With most of these short sessions having hands-on activities to keep the young ones engaged.

We visited the GLaWAC (Gunaikurnai Lands and Waters Aboriginal Corporation) Morwell Office and also spent a day touring the Yallourn coal mine learning about the rehabilitation project of the land and waters once the coal mine shuts down.

Our camp members also had the privilege of attending the launch of the Place of Being - Warulung at the FedUni Gippsland campus.

After filling our brains all day with university knowledge, students and staff had hours of free time playing console games, table tennis and pool, shooting hoops, watching movies, designing deadly artwork, swimming or just hanging out with their new friends. A Mario Kart tournament was held over two consecutive nights, with one lucky student winning a brand new PlayStation 5.

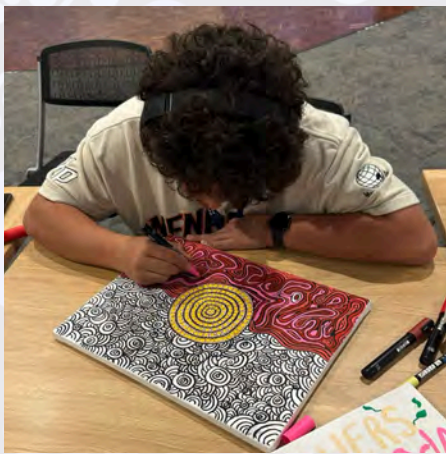
Life time friendships have been made, memories were captured and we will hopefully their faces soon achieving greatness at our campuses.

**The 2025 Junior Uni Camp will be held at the Ballarat Mt Helen campus in the term 3 holidays for any year 9-11 Indigenous student across Victoria.**

**Stay on the lookout for our promotional material closer to the date, or contact our team for more information!**



# Junior Uni Camp Photos





# AEC Wellbeing Sessions

**LUNCH PROVIDED EVERY SESSION**



Organised by Azlan Harris

Aboriginal Wellbeing Coordinator

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**Bringing everyone together to connect through culture is what it's all about!**

At least once a month on each campus.

Get in contact with Azlan – with the above details – or anyone from the AEC to find out more.

*\*Let us know if you wish to be added to our AEC Wellbeing events emailing list and be the first to know about all upcoming events.*



**ABORIGINAL WELLBEING TEAM INVITES  
YOU TO:**

# **COME YARN WITH US**

Wellbeing team members are available for:

Student wellbeing

Student check-ins

Referrals

Counselling

or just a yarn

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# Expression of Interest

## Certificate IV Training and Assessment

**This program will prepare you for a career in the National Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector with excellent routes for future professional development.**

The Certificate IV in Training and Assessment will give you the ability to pass on your knowledge and educate others.

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**Register your interest today by contacting Keiah Cooper:**

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Phone: 5327 6000



# Unlock your potential with the Bachelor of Biomedical Science

(Gippsland Partnership Program) at Federation University.

Designed to empower and support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in pursuing a rewarding medical career in the community.

Gippsland-origin Indigenous students can qualify to train as a doctor in the region with Monash University's School of Rural Health.

**Financial support available: Deadly Education Scholarships (\$2000 per semester) and Deadly Accommodation Scholarship (\$3500 in 1st year, \$2500 per semester).**

Please visit [study.federation.edu.au/course/DSB5.GPP](https://study.federation.edu.au/course/DSB5.GPP) for more information

## Don't miss this Deadly opportunity!

To apply for our Deadly scholarships, apply through the Scholarships and Grants portal.

For more information, please contact the Aboriginal Education Centre (AEC) on (03) 5122 8075, or email [aec@federation.edu.au](mailto:aec@federation.edu.au)

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# 29th Indigenous Nationals (2025)

7 - 11 July 2025 - University of Western Australia

## Be part of something extraordinary and join FedUni's Indigenous Nationals Team for 2025

The Indigenous Nationals is an annual week-long multisport competition that brings together students from universities across Australia.

Compete in a hotly contested mixed team competition across four sports:

- Touch football
- Netball
- Basketball
- Volleyball

So, whether you have participated before, or new to the team, this is your chance to make history!

**Participation in the Indigenous Nationals offers full expense coverage and is entirely FREE for Indigenous students.**

### Express your interest by email:

[aec@federation.edu.au](mailto:aec@federation.edu.au)

Or drop in to your local **Aboriginal Education Centre** and sign up today!

**Berwick Campus** - ph. 03 4313 7985  
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# Advance to University: Unlock your potential

## Study first-year university units as part of your VCE!

For students aspiring to attain an ATAR of 60 and above.

### Complete your Advance to University unit pair and:

- **Results become part of your VCE.**
- You'll be eligible for our **Early Offer Program**.
- **No HECS debt** for the ATU units.
- **Get credit for two first year units** when you enrol at Federation University
- **Boost your ATAR!** Successful completion may boost your ATAR\*.

### How it works

- **Select your university unit pair** - business, health, education, maths, physiology, biology or IT - VCE pre-reqs may apply.
- **Complete FedReady** (academic prep program) and start studying in March.
- **Get started with flexible online learning** with on-campus orientation and enriching experiences each semester.

### Chat with us!

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### How to apply

Complete the Direct Application form online - step-by-step instructions are available at the website below.

Please scan the  
QR code for  
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\*Note: VCE allows only one higher education study for ATAR increment.

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## Hey Mob!

At Federation University we are passionate about supporting the dreams and goals of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in employment and research.

We value diversity and inclusion in our workforce and have made a strong commitment to create real and meaningful opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff through our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Workforce Strategy and Reconciliation Action Plan.

Our plans focus on creating a work culture where staff feel valued, respected and empowered to grow and lead.

### How will we do this?

- by building respectful relationships and fostering a sense of community among our staff
- showing respect for the diverse Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, culture, land and history, and
- promoting opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and communities to engage with us.

### Keen to know more?

**Deadly!** Contact our  
Senior Consultant,  
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**Prefer us to call you?** If you're interested in hearing from us about employment opportunities, leave your details and we'll call you:

Your  
name

Contact  
number

Email

We keep your details confidential and on file for 12 months, and will only contact you to discuss potential employment opportunities, or to ask your permission to share your details for the same reason.



## Hey Mob! Interested in a traineeship?

Federation University has a strong commitment to provide opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to undertake a traineeship.

The skills and education you will receive can **change lives** and your traineeship will open doors to incredible career opportunities.

Your traineeship will provide you with a **nationally recognised qualification** and the experience needed to succeed when first starting or relaunching your career.

Traineeships provide a good opportunity to **make connections, better your skills and start a career.**

You will be supported to **achieve and learn** throughout your work and study with flexible hours of work.

There is a lot of cultural support for our Indigenous staff including our Indigenous Staff Network and opportunities to be a part of events such as NAIDOC week and Indigenous Nationals.

Keen to know more?  
**Deadly!**



Student Jay Van Nus' winning MuralFest entry, Mt Helen Campus

We'd love  
to hear from you

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