



What's Next ...

Information for future Aboriginal
and Torres Strait Islander Students





Womin djeka

I am N'Arweet Carolyn Briggs a Boon Wurrung Elder and I am the Elder in Residence at RMIT University (RMIT). I am dedicated to ensuring young people understand their heritage, culture and identity. I work endlessly to recover and share cultural knowledge with the present and future generations.

Womin djeka means *“To come with a purpose”* in the Victorian Aboriginal language of the Boon Wurrung and Woi Wurrung of the Eastern Kulin. As an Elder of the land of which RMIT stands I ask, *“What is your purpose for coming?”*

I hope you come to RMIT with the purpose to succeed, change the future and to be future leaders.

About Ngarara Willim

“Ngarara” means gathering and “Willim” means home in the Boon Wurrung and Woi Wurrung language. Ngarara Willim is the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student support space at RMIT. There is permanent location at all three of RMIT’s Melbourne campuses, in the City, Brunswick and Bundoora.

We encourage all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people interested in pursuing education to make contact with us and visit our Community.

This booklet provides information for future Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students on the supports and services we offer here at Ngarara Willim and RMIT.



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Applying to study at RMIT

RMIT offers a number of Vocational Education and Higher Education programs in:

- Art, Design and Architecture
- Business and Law
- Science and Health
- Education
- Engineering
- Fashion and Textiles
- Information Technology and Game Design
- Community Services, Social and Youth work
- Building, Trades and many more

Indigenous Access Program

Ngarara Willim are here to support the entry and application process of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through the Indigenous Access Program. This program supports your entry into RMIT programs through an interview with Ngarara Willim staff and the chosen program selection officer. Under this program, consideration is given to your relevant life, work, educational and training experience as preparation for study, in addition to any formal qualifications.

If you have any questions or would like support with your application, visit our website or send us an email.

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To find out if you are eligible, visit:

rmit.edu.au/students/support-and-facilities/student-support/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-students/eligibility



Scholarships

RMIT University and Ngarara Willim offer a wide range of scholarships to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to further their personal and academic success.

Scholarships are available for:

- Students relocating to study in Melbourne who require accommodation
- Assistance with living expenses
- Technology and book support for commencing students
- Professional development activities relating to your area of study

For a comprehensive list of available scholarships visit: rmit.edu.au/Students/work-study-opportunities/scholarships

There are also external scholarships through government departments and independent agencies that you can also apply for to support you while you study.

To find out if you are eligible, visit: rmit.edu.au/students/support-and-facilities/student-support/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-students/eligibility



Gama-dji Orientation Program

Gama-dji Orientation helps you get off to a great start at RMIT University! Gama-dji, pronounced “Gama-gee”, means emerge in the local Woi Wurrung and Boon Wurrung language of the Kulin Nations.

Ngarara Willim have developed a specific Orientation Program designed to provide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students the opportunity to become familiar with RMIT, support staff, Ngarara Willim and other commencing and continuing students. It’s to give you a head start and is a great way to meet other students, learn study skills, explore your culture and get to know RMIT and Melbourne. We run Gamadji a week before the RMIT University Orientation to ensure you will be comfortable and less stressed for the beginning of your academic journey and your experience with us here at RMIT and Ngarara will be positive.

Ngarara Willim staff will be in contact with you once are enrolled to confirm your attendance.

By attending you will know

- You know where to get help when you need it!
- That your enrolment is finalised
- That you have a tutor who will be able to help you from week 1
- That you can log into your emails
- That you know where classes are
- That you know how to budget for the semester
- That you are connected to wifi, and know how to use, MyRMIT and Canvas

Student Life

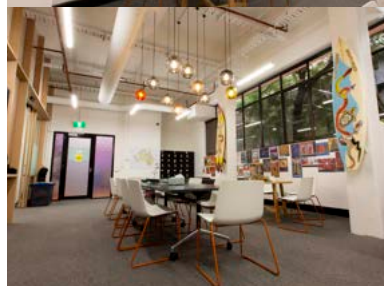
Students will find that Ngarara Willim study spaces become a home away from home. As a student you will be provided with access to our study space via your student card and you can drop in and use the spaces at any time, including after hours.

Students not only use our spaces to study, but also to build connections and friendships, participate in social and cultural enrichment activities, seek support or just to hang out!

As an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander student within Ngarara Willim and RMIT you have access to many opportunities that enrich and build on your University experience.

Some of the opportunities you can engage in within Ngarara Willim are:

- Cultural workshops
- Social enrichment activities
- Indigenous Nationals participation
- Professional development opportunities, including workshops and conference attendance
- Networking





Careers and employability

The Careers team work closely with Ngarara Willim to support the Careers and employment aspirations of all students. They manage relationships and engage with employees and stakeholders. The Careers team will support you to update your resume and interview skills, they will assist you to find part-time employment while you study, they support you to access internship and WIL opportunities and engage you in Graduate employment.

rmit.edu.au/careers



CareerTrackers

CareerTrackers is a national non profit organisation that creates pathways and support systems for Indigenous young adults to graduate from University. The program provides paid internship opportunities for Indigenous Undergraduate students. Their aim is that students complete multiple internships year after year and build career pathways, in order to transition from an Intern into a full-time employee when they complete their studies. The program's success has seen over 1000 interns graduate to become part of the CareerTrackers Alumni community, contributing to our network of Indigenous professionals who are changing the face of corporate Australia.

www.careertrackers.org.au





Global experiences and study tours

The Global Experiences team support Ngarara Willim students with Short term study tours, long term International study exchange programs, global workshops and professional development. The Ngarara Willim Centre has an Indigenous Student Exchange program in partnership with the University of Victoria, Canada and we also aim to provide short-term study tour/s annually.

rmit.edu.au/students/work-study-opportunities/global-study-and-work

Equitable Learning Services

The Equitable Learning Service provide support and equal opportunity for students with a disability, long-term illness and/or mental health condition and primary carers of individuals with a disability. We are here to ensure that all students are included in all aspects of university life. The Equitable Learning Service help with anything related to disability.

rmit.edu.au/students/support-and-facilities/student-support/equitable-learning-services



Leadership and Mentoring

RMIT has many leadership and mentoring programs that our students can engage in. throughout their study. RMIT Mentoring program and Peer Mentoring are two programs that we encourage our students to explore.

mentoring.rmit.edu.au
rmit.edu.au/students/study-support/peer-mentoring

RMIT University Student Union (RUSU)

RUSU are RMIT's only 100% student-run organisation and are run by annually elected student representatives for students. An Indigenous officer is elected annually and is voice for our mob on campus. RUSU has many departments including activities and events, student rights. Clubs and societies, Welfare and education, postgraduate, Queer, women, Sustainability, Indigenous, RMITV and Catalyst Magazine.

rusu.rmit.edu.au

Academic Excellence

RMIT and Ngarara Willim deliver programs to support the academic success and the journey of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, including:

Ngarara Willim Tutoring

Ngarara Willim Tutoring is a program delivered through Ngarara Willim which assists you with one-on-one tutoring from a qualified tutor, providing you with up to two hours tutoring per subject, per week.

Find out more: rmit.edu.au/students/support-and-facilities/student-support/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-students/indigenous-tutorial-assistance-scheme-itas

Study Support

The RMIT Study Support team provides free study and learning advice to all RMIT students. Throughout each semester, you can drop in to the Centre to get help with your studies, coursework and assignments, you don't need an appointment. Study Support provide Study know How workshops and other workshops to develop your skills in Academic writing, English, Maths and Science. Study Support also provide a variety of online learning resources for you to utilise throughout your study.

For further information visit: rmit.edu.au/students/study-support





— Postgraduate Support

RMIT University, in partnership with the Ngarara Willim, prides itself on creating opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander postgraduate students to succeed in their chosen field.

Postgraduate students are supported through Ngarara Willim services as mentioned in the student life section and other services across RMIT including access to:

- The Learning Lab
- Drop in Learning Centres
- Academic Skills workshops
- Online assignment feedback

There are also specialised resources for higher degree by research students. Some of the services are:

- PhD Up!
- Research Writing groups
- Training and development offered through the School of Graduate Research.

There are a range of RMIT and externally funded scholarships available to advance your personal and academic success. Postgraduate scholarships available at RMIT can be found at:


rmit.edu.au/Students/work-study-opportunities/scholarships

For further information, talk to one of our staff members about your postgraduate study options and what support is available to you.





Deadly Alumni



Your RMIT University experience doesn't need to end when you graduate. When you graduate from RMIT, you will be part of the University's alumni community. Ngarara Willim strives to stay connected to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Alumni Community through networking, mentoring opportunities and social events.

We also have a Facebook page for RMIT Deadly Alumni:

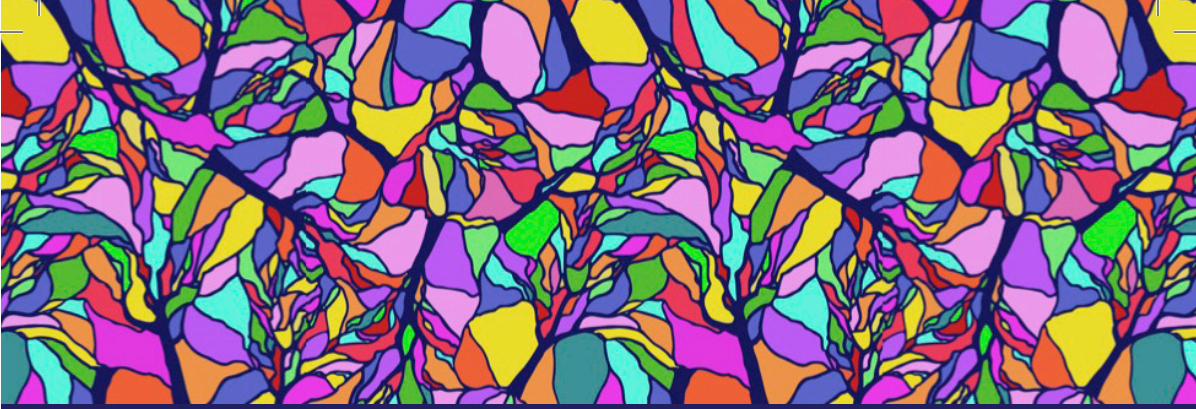
facebook.com/DeadlyAlumni

For further information or to register visit:

rmit.edu.au/alumni-and-giving/alumni

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Deadly Alumni

As Aboriginal people, we are people of community and take care of one another. I love our ability to look out for one another.



**We look forward to connecting with you
and supporting your education aspirations
and making them your reality.**

Contact Us!

Ngarara Willim Centre for Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander Peoples

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Bowen Street, Melbourne, VIC, 3001

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225- 245 Plenty Road, Bundoora, VIC, 3083

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