



Our reconciliation

Wirltu Yarlū is a place of belonging for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students with dedicated services that encourage students to soar to new heights.

Wirltu Yarlū Aboriginal Education takes its name from the Kurna language. 'Wirltu Yarlū' is the name given to the sea eagle who, according to Kurna storytelling, is always striving to soar higher than before. The name reflects our vision for an institution that makes an enduring contribution to our First Nations peoples through the transformative impact of education.

Embodying this ethos of determination and aspiration, Wirltu Yarlū Aboriginal Education provides support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and, through innovative programs, ensures that they have every opportunity to succeed in their studies.

Wirltu Yarlū Aboriginal Education is located at the North Terrace campus, and we support students at all three campuses.

Wirltu Yarlū is responsible for:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Access Pathway
- University Preparatory Program
- Indigenous Employment Program

- Indigenous Knowledges and Society
- Karnkanthi Indigenous Education Program
- Cadetships and employment.

History of Aboriginal Education at the University of Adelaide

The University of Adelaide was established in 1874 and is the oldest university in South Australia. In 1987 the Aboriginal Access Program was launched with the appointment of an Aboriginal Liaison Officer to support the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students studying in Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music (CASM) and degree programs. The aim was to also recruit more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to undertake tertiary study.

With the development of Aboriginal programs in the late 1980s and the growth in Aboriginal student numbers it became important to establish a dedicated centre for Aboriginal Education and so Wirltu Yarlū came into being in 1996.

Wirltu Yarlū has moved through several name changes and has now settled on its original essence of Wirltu Yarlū Aboriginal Education.

Karnkanthi Indigenous Education Program

Meaning 'lifting up' in Kurna language



The Karnkanthi Indigenous Education Program is a university pathway that ensures the success of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students as they transition through their senior years and into university by supporting their unique personal, academic and cultural strengths.

The Karnkanthi Indigenous Education Program offers two distinct streams; the Karnkanthi Full Program and the Karnkanthi Associate Program.

Key benefits	Full program	Associate program
Access to private mentoring for school studies		
Opportunities to participate in academic, personal, cultural and career development activities		
Financial support for travel and accommodation		
Access to student development scholarships		

Who can apply?

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students in years 10, 11, and 12/13 who:

- have the aspiration toward furthering their education
- have a passion for learning
- want to improve their chances of achieving a higher ATAR
- aspire to go to the University of Adelaide.

Cost

The Karnkanthi program is completely funded and runs at no cost to students or their families.

When to apply

- Year 9s can apply in Semester 2, ready to start in the program the following year.
- Students in Years 10 and 11 can apply at any time.
- Students in Year 12 must apply by 30 June to ensure that they can get the most out of the program during this critical period.



Before Karnkanthi I wasn't achieving to the level that I wanted to, but now I feel like I could learn anything and I have learnt to enjoy learning. I know now that if I wanted to do anything, I could. I am looking really forward to coming to university and I feel really prepared now.

Originally, I had trouble accepting all the support because I didn't think I deserved it, but it's just so nice to have all of this support. I then realised that I have been given this amazing opportunity and it has made me want to do better.

The Wirritu Yarlus have helped me with everything, the minute I become stressed with something, they help me through it. I love how they don't view you as 'just another one'; they look at you like the next leaders. I am so grateful for everything that Karnkanthi has done for me."

Grace Mayor Karnkanthi alumna

Your Karnkanthi journey

Enrol in Karnkanthi in high school (years 10 to 12/13)

Exclusive access to Karnkanthi only activities:

- Leadership camps
- University visits
- Career development
- Academic tutoring
- Karnkanthi Scholarship*

University applications. Receive assistance from our support team with your university application.

Your University journey begins

Karnkanthi Scholarship*

Graduation

Congratulations! You get to enjoy your time, after all of your hard work and perseverance!

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Access Pathway

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Wirltu Yarlu runs the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Access Pathway in partnership with the three faculties of the University to offer an alternative method of entry into university where needed.

The Access Pathway considers applicants' educational background and employment experience alongside a standard literacy and numeracy assessment. Applicants are asked to an interview as part of this process.*

* Cultural Support is available for interview panel should applicants require.

Eligibility

- Be 17 years of age or older.
- Be able to provide a Confirmation of Aboriginality, or complete a Declaration of Descent form.

Please note that you cannot apply for the following programs using the Access Pathway: Music/Musical Theatre programs, Medicine, Dental Surgery, Oral Health, and Allied Health programs.

For more information please speak to Wirltu Yarlu's Admissions Officer or visit adelaide.edu.au/wirltu-yarlu/study-with-us/access-pathway

Application information

Semester 1 Applications open in August for study in the following year.

Semester 2 Semester 2 begins in July and applications are open in August the previous year. Please note that not all programs have mid-year entry.

If you are applying for entry directly to a Bachelors degree, you'll need to submit a SATAC application as well as an Access Pathway application. Wirltu Yarlu's Admission Officer can assist you through this process.

University Preparatory Program (UPP)

The UPP is a free
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It will help you to improve your skills in numeracy, literacy, and research, while providing an introduction to university culture. The program aims to give you the tools to become a successful university student.

What will I study?

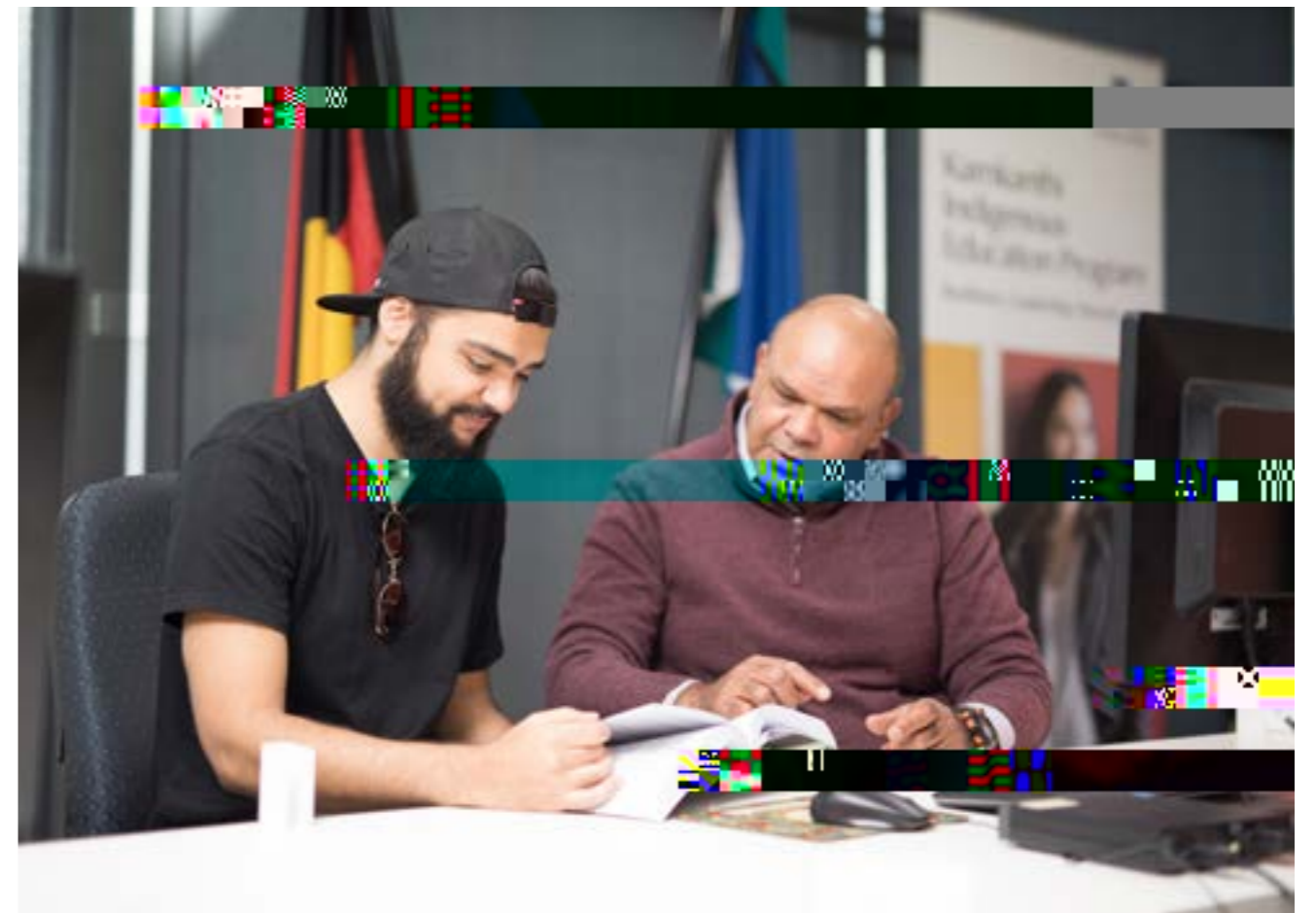
The UPP offers foundation modules for a range of disciplines and can be tailored to your educational aspirations. Upon satisfactory completion of the UPP, students can gain entry to a number of undergraduate degree programs, including:

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Economics
- Bachelor of Finance and Banking
- Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences

- Bachelor of Nursing
- Bachelor of Psychological Science
- Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Teaching/Bachelor of Arts

How to apply

You can apply through the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Access Pathway for the UPP. Please speak to Wirltu Yarlu's Admissions Officer for further assistance.





Postgraduate study

Student services

Student life

The Student Support team at Wirltu Yarlur are dedicated to providing students with resources, information and individually tailored support to enhance your study journey at the University of Adelaide.

University learning is independently driven which can be challenging for some people when they first start studying. Our aim is to provide the support to enable students to succeed at university.

Wirltu Yarlur encourages an on-campus community for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students by holding events, seminars and cultural experiences as well as offering student study spaces, computer suites and kitchen area.

Student Support Officers

The Student Support team at Wirltu Yarlur work alongside each faculty and the broader services at the University to enhance and support the study experiences of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Student Support Officers provide assistance with:

- advocacy
- accommodation and housing
- individual and cultural concerns
- referral to Education and Welfare Officers (EWOs) and Disability Advisors
- information and referral to other internal and external services

Cultural Advisors

Wirltu Yarlur offers the support of Cultural Advisors who, as Elders of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community of South Australia, provide ongoing cultural advice and guidance to the students and staff of Wirltu Yarlur and the wider University community.

Our Cultural Advisors ensure the continuation of cultural protocols through the delivery of Welcome to Country for events. These services can be booked.

Our Cultural Advisor is available 24/7.



Accommodation

The Accommodation Service at the University of Adelaide understands that it is important to be living in an environment that supports both study priorities and lifestyle. Finding the right accommodation is closely tied to student academic success. There are a number of accommodation options available, including:

- Student housing (Housing SA)
- Subsidised housing
- Tika Tirka
- Independent residential colleges
- The University of Adelaide Village
- Mattanya Student Residences
- Roseworthy Residential College
- Private rentals

For further tailored assistance and information please speak to one of our helpful Student Support Officers.

Wirltu Yarlur Academic Mentoring Program (WYAMP)

The Wirltu Yarlur Academic Mentoring Program (WYAMP) is a free support that provides students with online or face-to-face mentoring and tutoring. Wirltu Yarlur students are eligible for up to two hours of mentoring per week in each course they are enrolled in. The amount and frequency of tutoring provided is based on the student's own educational needs and may be held in individual or group sessions. Our highly experienced mentors can assist with coursework, referencing, exam revision and broader study and research skills.

Our program is delivered through the peer mentoring app, Vygo. This means that sessions can be done online or in person, and at any time.

Financial support

Wirltu Yarlur knows the financial stress that can come with undertaking study, and we provide advice on the financial supports available, including scholarships, government payments, bequests or trusts, or paid cadetships.

Study costs can vary depending on the program of study chosen. All University of Adelaide degrees are ABSTUDY approved.

Cadetships

Wirltu Yarlur's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cadetships Program is a key feature linking engagement, research and employment across the University. Cadets are placed within a working environment aligned with their career aspirations. This immersive experience engrosses students in their chosen field, and provides a stable income while studying.

Our program is flexible and can be tailored to the student's individual career or research goals. To make an appointment or to discuss your needs please contact Wirltu Yarlur and we'll put you in touch with the right people.

Outreach and engagement

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Whether we connect with you at Open Day, a community event, at your school, or through family, Wirltu Yarlur are here to answer all your questions and get you on the right track.

Schools

Wirltu Yarlur offer a suite of activities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, listed below. Please feel free to contact us for more information about any of these activities.

Enquiries

For all enquiries, including interstate and regional please contact:

Wirltu Yarlur Aboriginal Education
phone +61 8 8313 3623
free-call 1800 651 763
email wirltu.yarlur@adelaide.edu.au

Activity	Description	Target group	Delivery
Campus tours	Intro talk and walking tour with our own student ambassadors, at North Terrace, Waite and Roseworthy campuses.	All high school students	On-campus, all year
School visits	Outreach and Engagement Officers from Wirltu Yarlur regularly visit schools in the metropolitan area as well as regional and rural South Australia, the Northern Territory and Western Australia, New South Wales and Victoria. Our school visits are tailored to meet the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and generally comprise of a motivational presentation about university pathways, options for all year 11 and 12 students, and a tour of the University of Adelaide campus.	All high school students	On-campus, all year

Community and corporate partnerships

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Wirltu Yarlur understands the importance of the local community and the vital part they play in Aboriginal Education success.

Community and corporate partnerships

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are built on relationships, and through our community and corporate

partnerships we're connecting with young people in their own spaces.

Our different partnerships, which cover sporting bodies, community groups and industry leaders, allow us to increase the opportunities we offer not only to our students, but to the broader South Australian community.

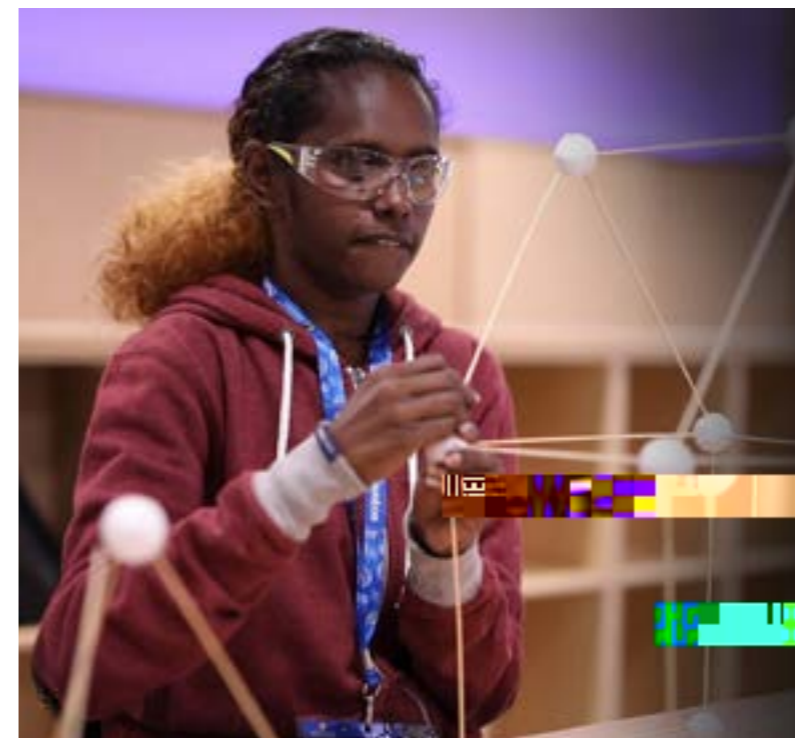
Aboriginal research priorities

The University of Adelaide delivers tangible research benefits to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. Ongoing collaboration and meaningful engagement with First Nations

researchers, community groups and stakeholders is paramount to sustaining our Indigenous research capability.

We will continue increasing production of relevant, rigorous, quality research that contributes to 'Closing the Gap' in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander disadvantage and upholding Indigenous Australians' intrinsic rights to self-determination.

Our Indigenous-led research prioritises Indigenous knowledges and knowledge systems; develops long-term sustainability; enhances inclusion and growth for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander society and economy; and delivers social, health and economic benefits for all Australians.



Marni Wingku

'Good Spirit/Breath' in Kaurua

Marni Wingku is a free one-day program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students. Students and teachers participate in an on-campus university environment, showcasing a range of subject specific experiences to build participants confidence. This immersive experience is designed to inspire and enrich students attitudes and spirits towards learning in a university setting.

Students undertake practical activities that showcase what they can study at the University of Adelaide. Check out our website for further details.





Uni success checklist

Utilise the checklist and useful links to prepare yourself for the transition from school to university.

Getting prepared



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Kaurna acknowledgement

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Kaurna people, the original custodians of the Adelaide Plains and the land on which the University of Adelaide's campuses at North Terrace, Waite, and Roseworthy are built. We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of the Kaurna people to country and we respect and value their past, present and ongoing connection to the land and cultural beliefs. The University continues to develop respectful and reciprocal relationships with all Indigenous peoples in Australia, and with other Indigenous peoples throughout the world.