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ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDENT GUIDE





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Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music (CASM)

“ I was born in Alice Springs and I moved to Adelaide in 2000 to complete high school. I have been studying and playing music for over ten years now and I am currently in a band called *Smells Like September* with three other friends who are also from Alice Springs, you can check us out on *triple j unearthed* or on our MySpace which is www.myspace.com/SmellsLikeSeptember

After I finished high school in 2004 I worked for a few years in various jobs from factory work to working with earthmoving equipment until 2009 when I came to the University of Adelaide to study sound engineering at the Elder Conservatorium of Music.

My main goal right now is to record an EP with my band and hopefully get signed to a record label. If this fails I plan on working in the music industry preferably in the sound engineering and recording side of things and possibly a bit of teaching as well. ”



The University acknowledges that the Kaurna People are the original inhabitants of the land where the first campus

of the University was built and further recognises that the colonisation of Australia in the past two centuries has led to the dispossession, alienation and impoverishment of the Indigenous peoples...

The University of Adelaide is committed to the process of reconciliation and the elimination of injustice and disadvantage in respect of the rights of Australia's Indigenous peoples and to their self-determination within the life of the nation.

Excerpt from the University of Adelaide Statement of Reconciliation, July 2003

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN, ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER EDUCATION: WILTO YERLO

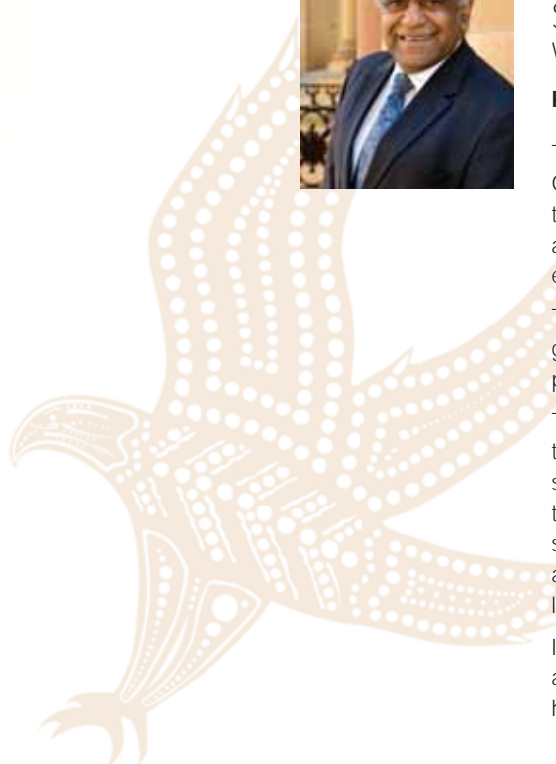
Professor Roger Thomas

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Guide has been designed by staff at Wilto Yerlo and the Prospective Students Office to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to access tertiary education through the University of Adelaide.

This guide provides practical information on how to gain entry to this University and the support services provided to ease your transition to university study.

The University of Adelaide is committed to ensuring that your desire to undertake tertiary studies is supported through the Aboriginal Access Scheme and that any additional support required, such as study skills and preparation, are met through the Foundation and Bridging programs, designed to meet your specific learning needs.

I wish you all the success in your chosen field of study at the University of Adelaide and trust that this guide will help you achieve your dreams for the future.



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WHY STUDY AT UNIVERSITY?

If you're reading this guide, chances are you're already considering coming to university. There are lots of benefits in getting a university education; here are just a few:

Graduates find employment

The market for skilled labour is competitive and having a university qualification gives you an advantage, as many jobs require you to have some level of tertiary training.

- Almost 80% of university graduates gain full-time employment within four months of graduating*.
- The median salary for graduates from all degree levels in all fields of education was \$52,000.

Employability skills

A university degree not only provides you with the specialist knowledge or skills you need for a particular career but also develops your employability skills—valuable skills that can be applied to a variety of jobs and life situations.

The eight most highly employer-valued skills* are:

Communication: good listening and writing skills; the ability to communicate with people at various levels of education; intercultural communication; excellent customer service; and effective use of technology to communicate

Teamwork: working effectively with people of different ages, gender, race, religious and political beliefs to foster strong working relationships

Problem solving: identifying and finding creative, innovative and practical solutions to job-specific and workplace problems

Initiative and enterprise: adapting to new situations; working without supervision to identify new opportunities; and translating ideas into action

Planning and organisation: managing time and priorities; project management skills

Self-management: taking responsibility for your actions/work; having confidence in, and being able to convey, your ideas; a personal vision and goals

Learning: proactive skill development through a range of mediums (mentoring, networking, IT, training etc); keeping abreast of change

Technology: basic information technology skills and a willingness and aptitude for learning new technologies when required.

With most people changing careers several times throughout their working lives, these employability skills will serve you no matter what job you do.

* Source: *Employment Skills for the Future report, 2002*

Career satisfaction

At school, the subjects we are good at are often those we enjoy the most. The same theory applies to any kind of work you do, whether it be at university or in the workplace. In the right university degree you'll get to study in an area (or areas) of interest and develop the skills and knowledge you can apply to a satisfying and rewarding career.

Earning potential

While enjoying your time at work is important, getting paid for your hard work is pretty important too! University graduates are amongst the highest paid in society. The average graduate starting salary—that is, what graduates under 25 years get paid in their first job out of uni—is around \$48,000 per year!*

* Source: *Graduate Destination Survey, 2009*

Graduate resources

Find out about labour market trends, research graduate salaries, read career profiles and search for graduate jobs at the following websites.

- **www.gradcareers.com.au**
Graduate Careers Australia publishes information on employment issues, salaries and general labour market trends—the kind of information that can help you make informed decisions about which career path to choose. This website also features career profiles and resources on how to find a job.
- **www.graduateopportunities.com**
Graduate Opportunities is a directory of graduate jobs, work experience and graduate employers.
- **www.gradcareers.com.au**
Grad Connection allows you to search for jobs by industry and location.

The University is in the heart of traditional Kaurna country. In the language of the Kaurna people, Wilto Yerlo means 'Sea Eagle', and is the totem of the late Gladys Elphick.



ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER EDUCATION: WILTO YERLO



Wilto Yerlo is responsible for:

- recruiting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to the University's foundation and degree programs
- administering the Aboriginal Access Scheme
- delivery of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation and Bridging Program
- overseeing the Indigenous Employment Strategy
- providing support services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and staff in the University.

Some of the services we offer our students:

- Aboriginal Access Scheme
- ABSTUDY advice
- accommodation advice
- course advice
- financial assistance
- computer labs and study areas
- common room
- learning and teaching support
- Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS)
- mentoring
- scholarships and cadetships.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Degree programs

If the program you wish to study is not a Wilto Yerlo preparatory program or a program offered through CASM, it is considered to be a University of Adelaide degree program.

Entry into these programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants is still accessed through Wilto Yerlo, though you are also required to submit a SATAC application.

For more information, please contact Wilto Yerlo (see details on back cover).

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Foundation and Bridging program

This program is designed to introduce you to the University environment: to develop your study skills, increase confidence,

and provide specific program prerequisite knowledge, so that you can proceed into any undergraduate degree program at the University of Adelaide.

This program consists of foundation studies comprised of either a Humanities and Social Sciences stream, or a Maths and Sciences stream, depending on your undergraduate degree aspirations.

The foundation program may be supplemented by further studies through a Pre-Professional Preparation program for degrees requiring more advanced prerequisites (e.g. Medicine, Nursing, Engineering etc). Multiple, or 'flexible', entry and exit points have been built in to the program so that you may complete one, two or three semesters of study before commencing a degree, depending on their individual learning requirements.

CASM programs

The Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music (CASM) offers a unique and exciting program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander musicians, leading to the Associate Diploma in Aboriginal Studies in Music or the Advanced Certificate of Aboriginal Studies in Music.

Program structure

Programs offered consist of a Foundation year, a one-year Advanced Certificate and a two-year Associate Diploma in Aboriginal Studies in Music.

You are encouraged to develop your:

- music, knowledge and skills to a high level
- creative talents through individual and group work
- individual music interests.

Career opportunities include:

- performance
- composition and arranging
- music teaching
- sound engineering and production
- community development
- arts administration.

CASM Foundation program

The CASM foundation program is a one-year program that provides intensive practical, performance, theoretical, cultural, communication and study skills development as preparation for tertiary level music studies, and entry to the Associate Diploma in Aboriginal Studies in Music. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander musicians wishing to study at CASM normally enrol first in the Foundation program.

Learning takes place in a supportive 'community' environment in which students are encouraged to their highest potential.

Advanced Certificate and Associate Diploma

The Advanced Certificate and Associate Diploma programs prepare students for ongoing professional involvement and development, and include studies in:



- music and dance performance
- instrumental and/or voice technique
- composition and arranging
- music technology
- theoretical and cultural areas.

Students regularly participate in community performance events and learn about the music industry and develop skills useful for community development activities involving music.

These CASM programs prepare students for further academic studies. Students who satisfactorily complete all courses at Level 1 of the Associate Diploma, and who do not wish to proceed to Level 2, may upon written application, receive the Advanced Certificate of Aboriginal Studies in Music.

Course areas for the program include:

- Music and dance performance
- Practical studies
- Traditional studies
- Aural development
- Communication and study skills
- Music theory
- Community and cultural studies
- Research studies
- The study of musical styles
- Music industry skills and sound production.

Electives may include:

- Choir
- Traditional dance
- Yidaki (didgeridoo)
- Studio techniques and sound production
- Song writing, composition
- Radio presentation
- Computing for musicians.

Instruments taught may include:

- Guitar
- Voice
- Bass
- Drums and percussion
- Keyboard
- Saxophone
- Flute
- Violin
- Yidaki (didgeridoo)
- Other instruments as negotiated.

FACULTY AREAS

Faculty of Engineering, Computer & Mathematical Sciences

Programs include:

- Bachelor of Computer Science
- Bachelor of Engineering (Chemical)
- Bachelor of Engineering (Civil and Environmental)
- Bachelor of Engineering (Mining)
- Bachelor of Mathematical Sciences

Students who successfully completed a degree in this Faculty have careers as:

- Civil engineers
- Mining engineers
- Power station engineers
- Software engineer creating visual effects for Hollywood blockbusters

Faculty of Health Sciences

Programs include:

- Bachelor of Dental Surgery
- Bachelor of Health Sciences
- Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery
- Bachelor of Nursing
- Bachelor of Psychological Science

Students who successfully completed a degree in this Faculty have careers as:

- Doctors
- Nurses
- Dentists
- Researchers

Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences

Programs include:

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Environmental Policy and Management
- Bachelor of Media
- Bachelor of Music Studies
- Bachelor of Social Sciences

Students who successfully completed a degree in this Faculty have careers as:

- Musicians
- Authors
- Environmental scientists
- Anthropologists
- Social workers

Faculty of the Professions

Programs include:

- Bachelor of Design Studies
- Bachelor of Business Information Technology
- Bachelor of Commerce
- Bachelor of Economics
- Bachelor of Teaching with Bachelor of Arts

Students who successfully completed a degree in this Faculty have careers as:

- Teachers
- Lawyers
- Accountants
- Architects
- Designers
- United Nations intern

Faculty of Sciences

Programs include:

- Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Science (Biomedical Science)
- Bachelor of Science (Marine Biology) B.Sc.
- Bachelor of Science (Mineral Geoscience)
- Bachelor of Science (Pre-Veterinary)

Students who successfully completed a degree in this Faculty have careers as:

- Vets
- Wine makers
- Laboratory managers
- Marine biologists
- Forensic scientists

PATHWAYS TO UNIVERSITY

Aboriginal Access Scheme

Because traditional methods of university entry don't acknowledge the social and educational disadvantage that many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians face, the University of Adelaide offers an alternative in the form of the Aboriginal Access Scheme.

The scheme provides an alternative entry pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians who have either not completed secondary school or whose Year 12 result was not high enough to gain university entry.

The Aboriginal Access Scheme is administered through Wilto Yerlo and currently offers Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people the opportunity to apply for entry into the following:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation and Bridging Program (see page 4)
- CASM: the Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music programs (see page 4)
- All undergraduate award programs offered at the University of Adelaide.

Eligibility

To apply for the Aboriginal Access Scheme you must be at least 17 years of age and of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin, that is you must:

- be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent
- identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- be accepted as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander by the community in which you live, or have lived.

Applicants do not need to have undertaken or successfully completed Year 12.

Applying

If you are interested in applying through the Aboriginal Access Scheme you'll need to complete a Wilto Yerlo application form. The closing date to submit your application is mid-November, with late applications considered up until two weeks before second round selections.

Contact Wilto Yerlo for exact dates (refer to contact details back cover).

Assessing your application

Aboriginal Access Scheme applicants are assessed on the basis of several factors, including:

- your educational history
- any employment experience
- the results of your Wilto Yerlo Selection Program assessments
- your understanding of what is required to successfully complete your chosen program of study
- any other factors that indicate you have the skills required to successfully complete your studies.

Selection Program

Attendance at the Wilto Yerlo Selection Program is compulsory for applicants seeking entry through the Aboriginal Access Scheme.

All applicants attend an introductory welcome session and a literacy assessment.

The Selection Program also involves:

- mathematics and science assessments for all maths and science based program applicants
- an information session for CASM applicants
- an interview with Faculty representatives, Wilto Yerlo staff and student representatives for all undergraduate award programs
- an interview with your course coordinator, Wilto Yerlo staff and student representatives for all applicants to the Foundation Program or CASM
- auditions for all CASM applicants.

You may also be required to meet Faculty specific requirements such as special tests or auditions. For more information about these, please contact:

Daniel Turner

Wilto Yerlo Selection Coordinator

Ph: 8313 4535

Email: daniel.turner@adelaide.edu.au

Degree programs

If you are seeking entry into a program other than the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation and Bridging program or a CASM program you will also need to apply to SATAC, which includes a processing fee.

Because Wilto Yerlo traditionally completes the selection process after the SATAC application due date in late November/December, Wilto Yerlo will request the waiver of any late fees due to SATAC.

Medicine and Dentistry

Medicine and Dentistry applicants must also apply to sit the University Medication Assessment Test (UMAT). Applications to sit UMAT close in mid-June and the test is held in July.

Refer to the UMAT website for exact dates: umat.acer.edu.au

MORE INFO

To obtain an Aboriginal Access Scheme application form download it from: www.adelaide.edu.au/wilto_yerlo/future/atsi or contact Wilto Yerlo (see details on back cover).

To find out closing dates please refer to the *'Important dates and deadlines'* section in this Guide or contact Wilto Yerlo (see details on back cover).

For any other enquiries please contact Wilto Yerlo (see details on back cover).

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

WILTO YERLO

First selection round dates:

Application deadline	End second week November
Assessment and interviews	First week in December

Second selection round:

Application deadline	End second week in January
Assessment and interviews	First week in February

MID-YEAR ENTRY SELECTION ROUND

Application deadline	Mid June (late applications may be accepted)
Assessment and interviews	Last week in June

SATAC (SOUTH AUSTRALIAN TERTIARY ADMISSIONS CENTRE)

Medicine and Dentistry programs	31 August (see also UMAT dates following)
All other award programs except Medicine and Dentistry	30 September

UMAT (UNIVERSITY MEDICAL ASSESSMENT TEST)

For actual dates check the website at umat.acer.edu.au

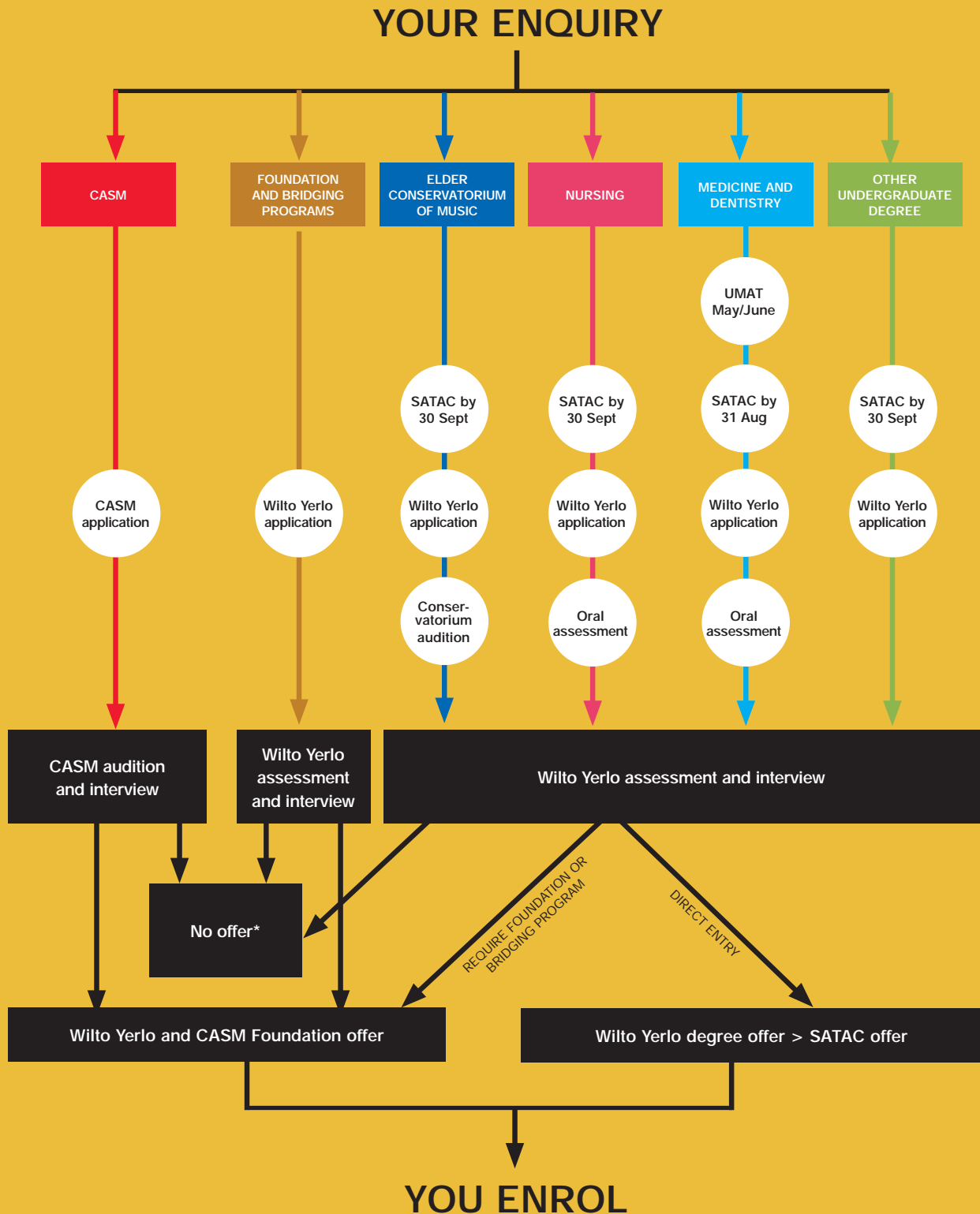
Applications	Early June
Assessment	July

ORIENTATION

Wilto Yerlo Orientation	Third week of February
University Orientation	Last week of February
Mid-year Orientation	Wednesday before start of Semester 2



APPLICATION PATHWAYS



**If you don't receive an offer, please talk to Wilto Yerlo staff about future applications.*

AASHANA BULNER

Bachelor of Nursing

Having a mother, grandmother and great aunts who all worked in the field, Aashana Bulner always had an interest in nursing.

“ From a young age I was surrounded by passionate people working to help Indigenous people faced with common health issues within their communities. ”

Upon beginning her Bachelor of Nursing studies, Aashana knew she was on the right career path and found attending the hospitals in first-year to witness the everyday job of a nurse a great educational experience.

With support from Wilto Yerlo and her lecturers, Aashana is excelling in her studies and eager to successfully complete her degree so she can start work as a registered nurse in both hospital and community settings.



SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

With the excitement of university life comes the challenge of managing its demands. At the University of Adelaide we have a range of services that can help you successfully complete your degree.

You can get help with managing your timetable, attending classes, studying, researching and completing assignments to finding a part-time job, accommodation and dealing with other personal issues you may have.

Being at university for the first time will be an exciting period in your life as you take advantage of the many educational and social opportunities on offer at the University of Adelaide.

Student Support Officers

At Wilto Yerlo there are two Student Support Officers dedicated to the wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. They are able to provide you with assistance on any personal or academic problems you might encounter while at University.

The Student Support Officers provide advice on issues such as:

- information and referral
- advice and advocacy
- accommodation and housing
- personal finances
- budgeting and coping on a low income
- Abstudy, Youth Allowance or other Centrelink benefits
- personal issues, e.g. family, relationships, child care, bereavement and home-sickness.

Student Care Education and Welfare Officers (EWOs)

The Education and Welfare Officers (EWOs) at the Student Care office are also able to provide vital confidential assistance to students experiencing problems surrounding the complexities of student life.

The EWOs can help you with:

- advice and advocacy
- Centrelink enquiries
- free legal service
- financial assistance
- information and referral
- tax forms.

The EWOs have wide experience in University culture, systems and policy as well as dealing with external agencies (e.g. Centrelink, Residential Tribunal, welfare and rights bodies, utilities providers).

Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS)

Managed by Wilto Yerlo, the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS) is a program that can provide you with extra tuition.

Most students are eligible for up to two hours extra tuition per week in each subject they are enrolled in. In addition, you can access a total of five hours of tuition each semester for exam preparation.

The amount and frequency of tuition provided is based on your personal educational needs and can be held in individual or group sessions.

Get a SmoothStart to your studies at uni

The SmoothStart networking program is another one of the on-campus services available to you. We understand that the transition from high school to university can be daunting as well as exciting, especially if none of your high school friends are coming to university with you!

SmoothStart is a free program designed to help first-year students from country or interstate schools, or from metropolitan schools that have few students going on to university, experience an easier and more enjoyable transition from high school to university.

It runs for the first semester and is a great way to get to know other students who have come to uni and dealt with moving away from home, going to a place where they know nobody, or only a few people, and many of our mentors have gone through the SmoothStart program themselves so they know how much it can help!

Here are just a couple of comments from our participants:

“ It made the transition to uni much less daunting and was a good opportunity to get familiar with the campus and new people. ”

“ Just knowing that there was a group of people I could turn to for help who knew what I was going through (starting uni), and had all the right answers to my questions, was great. ”

University orientation

The Wilto Yerlo Orientation Program is a two-day event, carried out on the Wednesday and Thursday two weeks prior to the commencement of classes each year. The Program is compulsory for all students accepting their offers made through the Aboriginal Access Program.

The Program has three main aims:

1. To ensure that you are enrolled correctly into your chosen program, and that your Confirmation of Aboriginality requirement has been completed
2. To provide you with relevant information on services and facilities offered by Wilto Yerlo, and the University generally. The Program also provides information on services offered in the wider community for those not familiar with Adelaide

3. To provide a chance for you to get to know other students and to become more familiar with the staff of Wilto Yerlo and CASM.

The program runs the week before the University Orientation Week so that you can attend that program in the following week. Information on the University's Orientation Week program is available at: www.adelaide.edu.au/student/firstyear

Indigenous Health Unit: Yaitya Purruna

Yaitya Purruna in the Kurna language of the Adelaide Plains means 'Our Own Health and Wellbeing'. The Indigenous Health Unit, Yaitya Purruna, supports Aboriginal staff and students in the Faculty of Health Sciences by providing an important base for the continued development and implementation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and education initiatives in the Faculty, and is utilised as a resource on Aboriginal health and culture.

Yaitya Purruna provides a culturally safe environment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students studying in the Faculty of Health Sciences in Medicine, Dentistry, Oral Health, Nursing, Psychology and Health Sciences, including the provision of academic resources, computers and tutorial room facilities. It is also a centralised base for Indigenous health research and innovation.





REBECCA RICHARDS

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) (Anthropology)

Rebecca Richards was the second Indigenous student at Glossop High School and the first Aboriginal person in her family to complete high school. As the first Aboriginal Australian to be awarded a Rhodes scholarship, she will also be the first Australian woman to be admitted to the University of Oxford, where she will read for a Master of Philosophy in Material Anthropology and Museum Ethnography.

This degree will enable her to research museum collections that are inaccessible to most and achieve her goal to further Indigenous management of the preservation and display of Aboriginal cultures.

Rebecca's studies at Wilto Yerlo and with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students gave her the confidence and support to pursue her goals in the field of anthropology. She encourages all Aboriginal people to consider higher education and says:

“There are many pathways and scholarships available for Indigenous students to undertake tertiary study. Financial hardship and family circumstances need not be a hindrance to attending university.”

MONEY MATTERS

If you are wondering how much uni will cost or if you are eligible for financial assistance, please contact us. Study costs vary depending on your program of study, but there is lots of financial help available.

The University of Adelaide and Wilto Yerlo offer assistance in the form of:

- budgeting and financial counselling from our Student Support Officers
- student loans, available through the Adelaide University Union (AUU), including small emergency loans when unexpected situations arise
- bequest Trust funds—these funds are allocated through the generosity of families and groups who wish to contribute to the success of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students studying at the University of Adelaide.

Additional forms of financial assistance are outlined as follows.

ABSTUDY

All programs and courses offered by the University of Adelaide are ABSTUDY approved.

Entitlements

- Fortnightly living allowance
- Annual incidental allowance
- Fare allowance, covering travel costs for country and interstate students, with one return home visit through the year (usually during the mid-year break).

Applying for ABSTUDY

Once you've received your offer to study at the University of Adelaide, you should call Centrelink on 13 63 80 or 13 23 17 to apply for ABSTUDY over the phone. Call Centre staff should take your details and let you know what you need to send them or take in to your local Centrelink office. A letter will then be sent, requiring you to verify the details submitted over the phone.

Living costs and incidentals

Within 21 days of lodging an application and all requested documents with Centrelink, you will receive your first payment. The incidental allowance is usually paid with the second living allowance payment. Students are required to submit proof of enrolment within six weeks of commencing their course and the best way to do this is via staff at Wilto Yerlo.

Travel fare allowance

If you need to travel both to commence study, and for return visits, call Centrelink to make arrangements for pre-booked travel or to claim.

ABSTUDY also provide funding to bring potential country and interstate students to Adelaide to participate in the Testing and Assessment process. Fares,

accommodation and meals are covered under this. For details contact Wilto Yerlo staff (refer to contact details on back cover).

Scholarships

While studying at University you may be eligible to access scholarships from the University of Adelaide or through community grants. Scholarships available exclusively to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are listed at: www.adelaide.edu.au/scholarships/undergrad/aboriginalislander

You are also able to apply for many other scholarships that are available to all University students depending on the program of study—visit the Scholarships website for further details: www.adelaide.edu.au/scholarships





KATE RICHARDS

Bachelor of Arts (Psychology)

After moving from Port Augusta in 2007 to study three semesters of the Humanities and Social Sciences Foundation program, Kate Richards won a country health scholarship that will enable her to work in the country after finishing her Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Psychology. Of the Humanities and Social Sciences Foundation program she says,

“I feel that doing the program with Wilto Yerlo has improved my skills to be able to get me to where I am today.”

After completing Honours and a Masters, Kate's aim is to work as a clinical psychologist and help the community she grew up in, as well as being a role model for other Aboriginal people who want to go to uni and achieve their dreams.

Commonwealth Scholarships

These scholarships are to assist students from low socio-economic backgrounds, particularly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and students from rural and regional areas with the costs associated with higher education.

Five types of scholarship are available:

Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarship (CECS)

Annual Value: \$2,290 for 2011 payable for up to four years, indexed annually to assist with general education.

Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarship (CAS)

Annual Value: \$4,580 for 2011 payable for up to four years indexed annually to assist with accommodation costs.

Commonwealth Education Costs Indigenous Enabling (CECS IE)

Annual Value: \$2,290 for 2011 payable for up to one year to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students undertaking an enabling (Foundation) course with general education costs.

Commonwealth Accommodation Costs Scholarship Indigenous Enabling (CAS IE)

Annual Value: \$4,480 for 2011 payable for up to one year to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students undertaking

an enabling (Foundation) course with accommodation costs.

Indigenous Access Scholarships (IAS)

Annual Value: \$4,442 for 2010 to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students with the costs associated with starting university.

Cadetships

The National Indigenous Cadetship Project (NICP) provides opportunities for you to gain professional qualifications needed for a range of jobs in both the public and private workforce.

Wilto Yerlo Student Support Officers have further information about this project as well as other Cadetships available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students (refer to contact details on back cover).

HECS—the Higher Education Contribution Scheme

What is HECS?

Most undergraduate students at the University of Adelaide are in Commonwealth Supported places. Commonwealth Supported students make a contribution to (i.e. pay some of) the cost of their higher education through HECS.

The Australian Government subsidises the cost (i.e. pays the rest) of a Commonwealth Supported student's education by paying a grant to the University.

The Higher Education Loan Program (HELP) and HECS-HELP

HECS-HELP is designed to give eligible students a number of options to pay their student contribution. If you are eligible for a HECS-HELP loan you will have three options to pay your Student Contribution.

Option 1: Pay 80% of the Student Contribution, in full, to the University by the due date.

Option 2: Receive a HECS-HELP loan for the full Student Contribution; or

Option 3: Make a partial up-front payment of the Student Contribution to the University by the due date and receive a HECS-HELP loan for the remainder of the student contribution.

If you make a partial payment then the balance of the Student Contribution (after the partial payment and discount are deducted) will be deferred to your HECS-HELP loan.

Repaying HECS-HELP loans

Repayments of HECS-HELP loans are compulsory when your income is above the threshold set by the Government (currently set at \$43,151) and are paid through the Australian taxation system. Income threshold information for repayment of HECS-HELP loans can be found on the Australian Government's Going To Uni website: www.goingtouni.gov.au

Debts accrued under HECS-HELP will be indexed to the consumer price index (CPI) but are otherwise interest free.

Applying for HECS-HELP

The application form for HECS-HELP—Request for Commonwealth support and HECS-HELP—is available as part of the University's online enrolment process. Hard copies are also available from the Student Centre.

HECS-free Foundation Programs

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation and Bridging program and the CASM Foundation Program are not part of the Higher Education Contribution Scheme, therefore the University fully subsidises the cost of these programs.

ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation service at the University of Adelaide understands it is important for you to be living in an environment that supports both your study priorities and life-style, and that finding the right accommodation is closely tied to your academic success.

There are a number of accommodation options available to students attending the University, including:

- Indigenous Youth Hostels (IYMP)
- Student Housing (Housing SA)
- subsidised housing
- University of Adelaide Village
- Roseworthy Residential College
- five independent residential colleges
- private rental.

The Wilto Yerlo Student Support Officers can assist you in your search for accommodation, and if you believe you may be experiencing financial hardship or have special needs, you may also be eligible for subsidised accommodation.

The two student hostels are managed by Aboriginal Hostels Limited that provide accommodation services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students aged 16–24. It is their aim to increase the participation of young Aboriginal people in tertiary education.

The University manages a number of the other accommodation options listed previously, with other options being made available via external agencies.

MORE INFO OPTIONS

Contact a Wilto Yerlo Student Support Officer: (08) 8313 3623

Visit the Accommodation website: www.adelaide.edu.au/accommodation

Pick up a copy of the University's *Accommodation Guide*

The independent residential colleges are conveniently spread across Adelaide with each college offering students a fully catered accommodation option where most meals are provided. Students are advised to contact the residential colleges directly to apply for accommodation.

The residential colleges include:

Aquinas College

Ph: (08) 8334 5000

Web: www.aquinas.edu.au

Lincoln College

Ph: (08) 8290 6000

Web: www.lincoln.edu.au

St Ann's College

Ph: (08) 8267 1478

Web: www.stannscollge.edu.au

St Mark's College

Ph: (08) 8334 5600

Web: www.stmarkscollge.com.au

Kathleen Lumley College

Ph: (08) 8267 3270

Web: www.adelaide.edu.au/klc





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Humanities and Social Sciences
Foundation program

“Education is an important
element to a successful life.”

The Humanities and Social Sciences Foundation program not only provides Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students the opportunity to gain their bearings, be comfortable and get prepared to undertake degree studies at the University of Adelaide, but opens other doors too.

While studying in the Foundation program, student Dwayne Coulthard travelled to Canberra for the National Indigenous Legal Conference to learn about Legal Education, a trip that was fully funded by the University of Adelaide.



FIND OUT MORE

We hope this Guide has helped answer some of your questions about tertiary study and the University of Adelaide. If you have further questions, or want to know more, please:

- visit our website
- visit us on campus
- contact us (details on the next page).

Visit our website

The University has lots of online information for people considering studying with us. Your first stop should be the Wilto Yerlo website: www.adelaide.edu.au/wilto_yerlo

For further information visit:
www.whatsyourpreference.com

What's Your Preference? is your online gateway to getting into uni! It gives you information on what you can study and how to get in to uni. Find out more about the University of Adelaide and hear from some of our students on what it's really like to come to uni.

There's a calendar of events, but if you missed them you can still listen to Open Day talks and other event presentations via our podcasts.

While you're online make sure you sign up to get regular updates on what's happening and important dates to remember, such as information nights and application deadlines.

Visit us on campus

The University of Adelaide offers a number of options for schools, as well as individual students and their families, to visit us on campus. We are also available to visit schools for tailored tertiary information sessions and careers nights.

Open Day

Open Day is held in August every year and it's a great opportunity to see what campus life is really like, so it's not surprising that more than 14,000 people came along last year.

Throughout the day you'll hear talks on all aspects of uni life—everything from the range of programs on offer to the cost of studying. You'll meet the Wilto Yerlo staff as well as other members of the university community such as our current students.

Aside from answering your questions about courses and what to expect of life at university, you'll start to learn your way around campus, get to participate in fun activities, and enjoy food and entertainment.

To find out more information on Open Day check out www.whatsyourpreference.com

Campus tours

Campus tours are a great way to see the University in full swing! We can arrange a time for your school or visit our staff at Wilto Yerlo and we can take you for a tour around the campus.

School visits

We can come out and speak to you and your classmates about the benefits of staying in school and what opportunities university can bring you.

Our Student Support Officers help our future students with applying and our current students to get through uni. They can help your students make the next move to university study.

Simply call Wilto Yerlo reception on (08) 8313 3623 and ask to speak to one of our Student Support Officers.





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