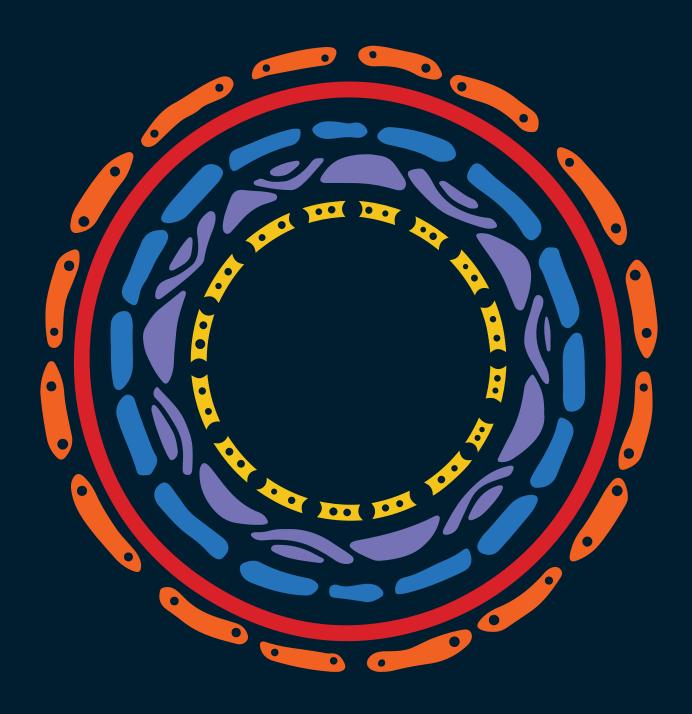
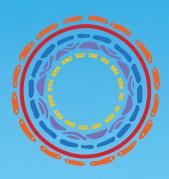




# Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Student Guide



Creative thinkers made here.



ECU is committed to reconciliation and recognises and respects the significance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' communities, cultures and histories. ECU acknowledges and respects the Noongar people as the traditional custodians of the land on which our campuses are located.

www.ecu.edu.au/about-ecu/indigenous-matters





### **VICE-CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE**

At Edith Cowan University, we understand that choosing a career is an important decision. In addition to the information in this guide, our supportive staff are available to answer your questions about specific courses and pathways to university study.

Located in Western Australia, our industry-relevant teaching and research, supportive study environment and award winning facilities have been recognised with five star ratings for teaching quality 15 years in a row in the 2022 *Good Universities Guide*.

In the 2020 release of the Australian Government's Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching, ECU was also named the top public university for undergraduate teaching quality. This is the sixth year we have achieved this result. In addition, we were the top ranked public university for undergraduate skills development and named in the *Times Higher Education* Young University Rankings for 2022, recognising the world's best 100 universities under the age of 50.

As an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student you can access our courses through a range of pathways and customised programs, which can fast track students into bridging or undergraduate courses.

In addition to developing important academic and professional skills, at ECU you will have the opportunity to make new, lifelong friends, whilst also enjoying the welcoming culture and friendly environment.

Become a graduate ready to make your mark on the world. Become world ready at ECU.

**Professor Steve Chapman CBE** 

Vice-Chancellor



# PRO-VICE-CHANCELLOR'S (EQUITY AND INDIGENOUS) MESSAGE

Edith Cowan University believes in the transformative impact of education. We are proud of our long-standing commitment to supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people realise their dreams and aspirations, through furthering their education.

We understand that such a commitment changes the lives of not only the individual, but also the lives of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and communities.

As the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Equity and Indigenous), I am responsible for ensuring that we as an institution, are places of success for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. I lead a wonderful team within Kurongkurl Katitjin, Centre for Indigenous Education and Research, who look forward to walking with you on your university journey.

I encourage you to become one of more than 600 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander graduates to have chosen our university as the starting place for the rest of their journey in life.

On behalf of the ECU Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, we wish you all the best on your future endeavours and hope to see you in the near future.

### **Professor Braden Hill**

Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Equity and Indigenous)





Nan Roma Yibiyung Winmar is the Edith Cowan University Elder-in-Residence

# **ELDER-IN-RESIDENCE MESSAGE**

Ni! Malitj wer kaadidjiny, noona maat-bidi yaaginy moordidjabiny koorliny.

Listen! Grow in knowledge and understanding as you share your journey towards a brighter future.

I have been around for a while. I have lived through many changing policies affecting our people's journey. My family fought for the right of mainstream education. I have been involved with education for many years and have been privileged to gain the right to teach our local Noongar language. I have overcome many social obstacles and would consider it a privilege to support you in your journey through the education system. I am on campus and my door is always open. I see you all as extended family and I am known by many as Nan Roma.

Ngany nidja, noona yoowarl koorl – I'm here, come and visit. If you need me, you can find me at the Mount Lawley Campus or through phone consult from 8.30am – 2.00pm on Mondays.

To book an appointment, please contact

🔽 kk@ecu.edu.au 🌙 (08) 6304 <u>6689</u>



# **KURONGKURL KATITJIN**

We are committed to walking with you on your university journey.

Kurongkurl Katitjin, pronounced *koor-ong-kurl cut-it-chin*, is a Noongar phrase meaning 'coming together to learn'. It's also the name of our Centre for Indigenous Australian Education and Research at ECU.

The Centre's mission is to transform lives and enrich society through meaningful community engagement, innovative student support, high-quality teaching, impactful research and cultural leadership.

Kurongkurl Katitjin, Edith Cowan University's Centre for Indigenous Australian Education and Research, plays a vital role in assisting the University to meet its commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We support university-wide activities and programs, as well as activities specific to Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their cultures.

### This includes:

- Engaging closely with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities;
- Assisting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and staff to realise their full potential;
- Ensuring that individual differences and diversity are respected; and
- Contributing to community development and sustainability through Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, staff and graduates.

We offer a supportive study environment with approachable teaching staff, including academic skills advisers to assist you in your learning.

Kurongkurl Katitjin provides additional support services and programs to help meet the academic and cultural needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, and to help you flourish and succeed in your studies.

At the end of your student journey, you too will be a valued member of ECU's growing community of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Alumni.



## **WHY ECU?**

We equip you with the confidence and practical skills to deal with whatever challenges may come your way, no matter where you are in the world. But if that isn't enough, here are a few more reasons why you should choose ECU.

# 1 LEARN FROM THE BEST

Our high-calibre staff have extensive experience as researchers, teachers, advisers or consultants and have significant professional experience in their field.

### 2 INDUSTRY LINKS

Many of our courses offer direct links with industry and organisations.

# 3 SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

We offer a supportive study environment with approachable teaching staff and a range of support staff, including counsellors and academic skills advisers, to help you get the most out of your education.

# 4 MORE CHOICES

We offer a diverse range of courses, majors, minors and electives.

# 5 MORE FLEXIBILITY

Through a variety of admission pathways and study options, we enable people from all backgrounds to enrich their lives and their communities through education.

# 6 AWARD-WINNING FACILITIES

We are known for our award-winning facilities and are at the forefront of providing innovative education and training solutions.

# 7 INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

You can travel the world while you study by taking advantage of our many exchange partners.

# 8 5-STAR RATINGS

For fifteen years in a row, ECU graduates have awarded us a five-star rating for teaching quality in the *Good Universities Guide*.

# 9 PRACTICAL LEARNING

We offer learning that extends beyond the classroom via practicums, work integrated learning, and internships.

# 10 DOUBLE DEGREES

In just four to six years of full-time study (depending on the double degree combination you choose), you will have the skills and practical knowledge to consider a diverse range of careers.



## **OUR CAMPUSES**

### JOONDALUP

Our Joondalup Campus is located 25km north of Perth and is a short walk or bus ride from the Joondalup Train Station and Lakeside Joondalup, one of the largest shopping centres in Western Australia. Set within beautiful surrounds, including a lake and an outdoor cinema, Joondalup's spacious parkland provides a great place for students to study and relax.

The campus features award-winning architecture, from the grandness of the Chancellery Building with its elaborate spires, to our vibrant golden Ngoolark building and state-of-the-art buildings for Engineering, Science and Health and Wellness.

### **MOUNT LAWLEY**

Located in the thriving cultural hub of Mount Lawley and close to Perth CBD, you can't help but be inspired by the artistic vibe at our Mount Lawley Campus. The campus is home to one of the world's leading performing arts academies, the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts. The campus is also home to Kurongkurl Katitjin, ECU's Centre for Indigenous Australian Education Research, an invaluable teaching and support resource for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

### **ECU SOUTH WEST**

Located two hours' drive south of Perth, our South West Campus in Bunbury is the largest university campus in regional Western Australia, offering small, personalised class sizes and on-campus accommodation. Courses are provided in commerce, science, health sciences, nursing and midwifery, social work and teacher education. The campus features a cafe, mini-gym, new creche facilities, multi-purpose sports courts, nursing demonstration wards, science laboratories and a library with 24-hour access to a computer lab.

# ECU CITY COMING 2025

Our new campus in the heart of the Perth CBD will represent the future of university education – urban, connected, integrated with business and community – and part of the lifeblood of a thriving city.

ECU City will seamlessly bring together Creative Industries, Business and Technology to deliver a world-class university campus that transforms the city of Perth.

To follow the journey, visit www.citycampus.ecu.edu.au





## STUDY AREAS

### **ARTS & HUMANITIES**

We offer programs in arts, design, media, communications, psychology, criminology, and social change. Our flexible course structures allow students to access electives in many disciplines to encourage multi-skilling, and improve employment prospects.

### **BUSINESS & LAW**

Business and Law at ECU offers an exciting mix of courses and majors that combine the latest theory with practical experience, leading to a diverse choice of careers. Students can expect a practical experience and to learn essential employability skills to help them succeed in a variety of dynamic global business environments.

### **ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY**

Study in some of the best-equipped, industry-grade engineering labs in Australia. Our engineering courses are professionally accredited by Engineers Australia and recognised under the Washington Accord, enabling students to work as professional engineers or technologists anywhere in the world.

### **MEDICAL & HEALTH SCIENCES**

ECU's School of Medical and Health Sciences teaches an exciting and diverse range of disciplines. Courses include Biomedical Science, Exercise and Sports Science, Exercise Science and Rehabilitation, Health Science, Occupational Therapy, Paramedical Science, and Speech Pathology.

### **NURSING & MIDWIFERY**

We have dedicated nursing and midwifery courses as well as WA's only nursing and midwifery dual degree program, which offers an innovative and broad study approach for scenario-based learning. Our courses provide students with access to state-of-the-art health and wellness facilities featuring simulated practice areas and practicum placements with a range of healthcare providers.

### SCIENCE

ECU offers a range of courses in the areas of science, biological and environmental sciences, data science, bioinformatics, computing and security. ECU's research and teaching are world-class, with practical degrees that can lead to a variety of careers in fields such as marine and freshwater biology, conservation and wildlife biology, environmental management, physics, chemistry, horticulture, mathematics and cyber security.

### **TEACHER EDUCATION**

Want to make a positive difference to young lives in an early childhood setting, or primary or secondary school? The teachers of tomorrow choose ECU because we're leaders in education and education research, in WA and nationally. We produce graduates who are both classroom-ready and world-ready.

### WESTERN AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS (WAAPA)

WAAPA at ECU is one of the world's most celebrated performing arts academies. WAAPA is recognised nationally and internationally for the quality of its graduates. It provides the most comprehensive range of performing arts training in Australia – both on stage and behind the scenes. Course entry is competitive, with an audition and/or an interview required as part of the application process.

# WORLD READY STUDENTS & GRADUATES



"The Perth Airport Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Scholarship has given me the means to achieve my dream of contributing to a more connected and loving society."

I am studying Law at ECU to gain the skills needed to analyse situations from differing perspectives, to think critically, and fight fairly for Aboriginal children, families and communities. I hope to use these skills to grow cultural understanding and bridge the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

### SARAH MILLS

ECU Law student and ECU Arts (Honours) graduate



"The proactive communication and support I have received has been outstanding."

The teaching quality that I have received at ECU has been first class and the supportive atmosphere, being a bit older doing my studies, has been wonderful. My lecturers continually make time to give feedback or discuss any concept I find hard to grasp, by providing more detail, or taking a different approach to meet my learning style. I have found the most valuable aspect is the use of real-world, practical learning. The biggest advice I can give is that life is too short to be thinking about the what-ifs. Anyone can complete a degree if they put the hard work in and ECU provides excellent support for students.

### **ODIN LEPP**

ECU Cyber Security student



"I chose to study Education at ECU South West as I believe the smaller campus offers a great sense of community."

I found ECU's course structure attractive in that they offer professional experience within the first semester. Engaging with students this early-on and delivering lesson plans really reassured me that I wanted to be a teacher. I was awarded the Vice-Chancellor's Student Award for Reconciliation, it was amazing to be recognised for something that I feel so passionately about – valuing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Once I graduate, I hope to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in the education sector. Education is such a broad industry and I'm looking forward to seeing where this course takes me.

### **BROOKE CUTHBERTSON**

ECU Primary Education student



"I gained employment straight after my final professional experience placement."

ECU's Early Childhood Teaching course is extremely practical. I was in the classroom on placements from my first semester. This allowed me to put theory into practice and reinforced what I had learnt during lectures and tutorials. I formed really great two-way relationships with my lecturers who all came from teaching backgrounds and passed on knowledge from their own experiences. They were also a great resource for professional networking.

### **MIKAYLA KING**

ECU Early Childhood Education graduate



## **PATHWAYS & COURSES**

At ECU, we help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their communities to achieve their dreams and aspirations through further education. Our Centre for Indigenous Australian Education and Research, Kurongkurl Katitjin, is committed to assisting students with choosing a university entry pathway and in understanding and adapting to university life.

# ABORIGINAL UNIVERSITY READINESS ASSESSMENT (AURA)

Administered by Kurongkurl Katitjin, AURA aims to provide a holistic and personal approach to helping you choose the right pathway to commence your university journey. By establishing important support networks early, the transition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people into an enabling or undergraduate course at ECU, ensures that you are well supported and well connected right from the start.

ECU's Aboriginal Recruitment Coordinator will discuss your entry options and course application process, including any further assessment of core skills if you don't meet minimum entry requirements.

Kurongkurl Katitjin's Student Success Team will also reach out with tailored support and information once you have made the decision to join us here at ECU.

For more information ecu.edu.au/aura

# UNIVERSITY PREPARATION COURSES (UNIPREP)

Our range of UniPrep courses provide an admission pathway to many of our undergraduate courses and are FREE for eligible Australian citizens. The courses prepare students for university-level study by teaching them the required skills for academic success.



### **ABORIGINAL PERFORMANCE COURSE**

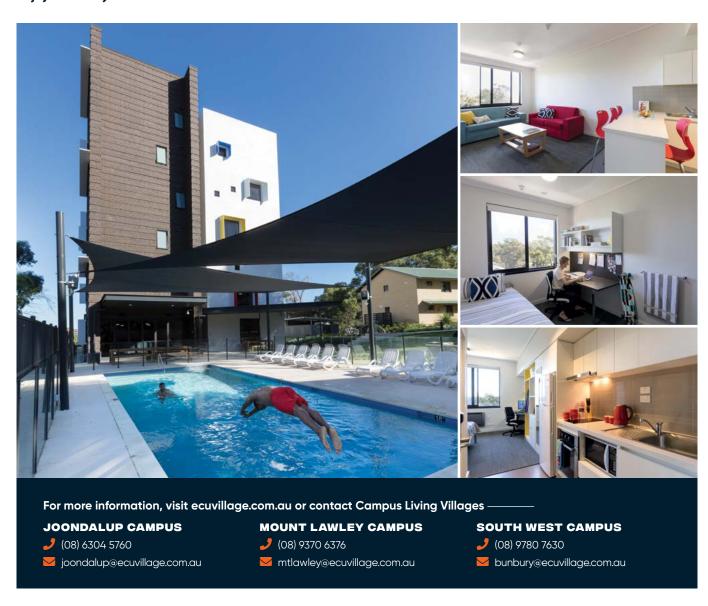
This course prepares Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to enter the performing arts industry as a theatre, film and television actor. On successful completion, students will have integrated acting, dance and singing into a rounded performance skill. Graduates will also have knowledge of indigenous culture in relation to contemporary performance and the skills required to audition for roles in theatre, film and television.

For more information ————ecuworldready.com.au/waapa



# ACCOMMODATION PA P ■ ※ ※ ※

Located at all three of our campuses, ECU Village is your new home away from home. Right from the time you check in, there will be great opportunities to meet people and experience all that uni has to offer. With an exciting residential life program and a choice of contemporary rooms, there's no better place to enjoy university life to the fullest.





# KURONGKURL KATITJIN STUDENT SUPPORT

### **ELDERS-IN-RESIDENCE**

Kurongkurl Katitjin facilitates unique cultural support across the University through the appointment of our Elder-in-Residence. They provide high level Elder advice and support to ECU's staff, students and community.

Elders bring a wealth of cultural knowledge and experience for our university community that is beyond measure.

### STUDENT SUCCESS TEAM

The Kurongkurl Katitjin Student Success team assists Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to stay on track with their studies and to succeed at university on all three campuses and online.

This includes:

- · Supporting study progress, health and wellbeing.
- Assessing personal challenges and developing action plans to overcome them.
- · Providing referrals to specialist support services.

### **NALA KARLA STUDENT ROOMS**

The Nala Karla rooms are dedicated study and relaxation areas for ECU's Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and are located on all three campuses.

Mount Lawley ML 15.123 (Building 15, Room 123)

**Joondalup** JO 34.142 (Ngoolark, Building 34, Room 142)

South West SW 7.101 (Building 7, Room 101)

Open 7.30am to 11.30pm, 7 days per week.

The rooms provide additional computing and printing facilities, quiet space for tutoring sessions and a social hub to connect as a student community.

Students who identify as Australian Aboriginal and/ or Torres Strait Islander will have access to these rooms automatically applied to their student card every semester.

### STUDENT RESOURCES

Each semester Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at ECU are eligible to receive a voucher valued at \$100 that can be used to purchase study related items.

### **PRINTING CREDIT**

Available to all students, printing credit is offered to assist with printing, photocopying and scanning. A credit of \$40 will be loaded onto your student ID card upon application.

# ABORIGINAL TUTORIAL AND MENTORING PROGRAM (ATMP)

ATMP covers the cost of engaging tutors to provide one-on-one academic and study skills support over a semester. The program focuses on developing students' self-directed academic learning.

All enrolled Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at ECU are eligible to apply for this tuition program through Kurongkurl Katitjin.

The hours allocated each semester will be dependent on the student's individual study load.

For more information, contact Kurongkurl Katitjin Student Success

✓ atmp@ecu.edu.au

**)** (08) 6304 6663 (Metro)

J (08) 6304 6696 (South West)



# **SCHOLARSHIPS**

There are some scholarships at ECU that require you to make your scholarship application at the same time as you apply for your course of interest. These include Year 12 high school leaver, undergraduate and postgraduate scholarships.

### **YEAR 12 SCHOOL LEAVER SCHOLARSHIPS**

Scholarships are available to Year 12 school leavers who plan to study at ECU. These are awarded based on academic merit and/or commitment, and are designed to help with some of the costs of university education.

Visit **ecu.edu.au/scholarships/undergraduate** for available Year 12 Leaver Scholarships.

# APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP AS A CURRENT STUDENT

ECU offers scholarships to suit the diverse needs and backgrounds of current (enrolled) students. These include awards that are funded by corporate, institutional and private donors, as well as the Commonwealth Government. So if you've achieved excellence in your current/previous studies, need to relocate to study, are facing hardship, or are maybe looking for something discipline-specific, one of these scholarships might provide you with the support you need to continue your studies with ECU.

### Available scholarships:

- · Dorothea Swift Nursing Scholarship.
- · The Kevin Button and Susie Lim Scholarship.
- The Perth Airport Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Scholarship.
- · Inspiring Minds Equity Scholarship.
- Western Power Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Scholarship.
- ECU Vice Chancellor's Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Scholarship.
- · Crow Books Scholarship for Aboriginal Performance.

- · WAAPA Scholarship for Aboriginal Performance.
- Mineral Resources Melville Rotary Education Scholarship.
- The Kate Mullin Education Scholarship.
- · ECU Equity Scholarship.
- ECU Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Scholarship.

# APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP AT ANY TIME

There are some scholarships you can apply for as a current or future student. You'll need to demonstrate a clear intention to study at ECU, such as actually applying for a course.

For more information, contact Scholarships ecuworldready.com.au/scholarships





# **UNI LIFE**

### **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

There is always something going on within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ECU community. You can take advantage of exciting activities and events, including:

- · Student Ambassador opportunities.
- Free student lunches during each semester.
- Opportunities to be involved within ECU student life (photo shoots, videos and more).

### **INDIGENOUS SPORT OPPORTUNITIES**

Kurongkurl Katitjin promote a number of sporting activities available through ECU Sport and Fitness for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

These events promote a great environment that celebrates the rich sporting culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

For more information, contact ECU Sport and Fitness

ecusports@ecu.edu.au ecu.edu.au/sports

# STUDENT EQUITY, DIVERSITY **AND DISABILITY SERVICES**

The Equity, Diversity and Disability Service provides support to students with diverse study needs, including those with temporary or permanent disabilities or medical conditions, or who care for a family member in that situation, those whose cultural or religious practices may impact on course requirements, and others in specific circumstances on a case-by-case basis.

### This support may include:

Liaison with academic staff about any potential barriers a student may face and any reasonable adjustments that may be required.

Careers - Career advisory resources,

aligned with industry needs.

workshops, events and appointments for current

students and ECU graduates. The Careers and Employability team also work closely with ECU

staff and employers and organisations in the wider community to ensure our services are

**Volunteering -** A broad range of volunteer

work opportunities are offered through

developing professional networks.

CareerHub. Give back to the community

while building your employability skills and

**Mentoring –** Opportunities for current students to

build their leadership skills by mentoring first-year

ECU students in their course or learning area.

Many of these services are facilitated through ECU's

current students, current staff, alumni and employers.

ecu.edu.au/careers-and-employability-services

CareerHub system, which can be accessed by

For more information, visit

- Alternative format study materials.
- Alternative assessment and examination conditions.
- Access to a range of assistive equipment, software and technology.
- Provision of note-takers, scribes or Auslan interpreters.
- Library assistance.



### ROCK SOLID ALUMNI

If you are a graduate of ECU, you are part of a global alumni community. We encourage you to stay in touch with us, so that we can provide you with support and benefits for life. Additionally, as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander graduate, you also become a valued member of the Rock Solid Foundations cohort.

### **ROCK SOLID FOUNDATIONS**

Located at the Mount Lawley Campus, the Rock Solid Foundations represent the notion of education being the foundation that shapes our future.

Each pillar represents a ten-year block and displays the names of each Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student by year of their graduation, with names colour-coded according to their discipline or area of study.

The Rock Solid Foundations philosophy represents the transformative impact of education. It changes the lives of not only the individual, but also the lives of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and communities across generations.

We acknowledge and pay tribute to all our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff, current students and graduates - for their own individual achievements and for the role they collectively have played in shaping ECU as it is today and into the future. By leading the way, they are inspiring others to follow in their footsteps and make their mark in the world.

### **ECU GRAD** SHINES BRIGHT **AT THE 2021 WA** OF THE YEAR AWARDS

ECU graduate Karla Hart was awarded winner of the Aboriginal Award at

the 2021 Western Australian of the Year Awards.

Since graduating with a Bachelor of Contemporary Arts and an Aboriginal Theatre degree, Karla has worked in almost every remote community in WA, running dance and performance workshops at schools. She regularly supports and encourages youth, commissioning new Noongar performance pieces and events, and facilitates workshops across the state.

"This means so much to me, for my country, people and my family, especially all my Noongar people. It's a responsibility of mine to go forth and take all the opportunities my grandma never had," she said.





### THE RIPPLE EFFECT OF EDUCATION

At ECU, we are immensely proud of our more than 600 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander graduates. This sash was designed by Noongar Balardong artist Rohin (Dushong) Kickett.

It represents the resilience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, their families and communities.

# Unlock your superpower.

# Creative thinkers made here.

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