

Aboriginal and Indigenous Knowledge: a study experience shared

"I grew up in some remote Aboriginal communities in Queensland, then worked most of my life in private enterprise and corporate roles. After these experiences, I realised I wanted to work in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island communities – to give back to community in some way.

Southern Cross University offered the course that I wanted to do. I also had lots of signs, like black swans appearing on the lake beside my house. Gnibi is a Bundjalung word for Black Swan, and these signs seemed to be pointing me to Southern Cross University.

As an external student I loved that I could study around my work commitments. I met lots of other students virtually and we would often form study groups to yarn together about our units and the challenges of studying externally. It wasn't until I did my Honours that I began attending classes at Gnibi and I really enjoyed that face to face experience.

I am now enrolled to do my Doctorate of Indigenous Philosophies with Gnibi Wandarahn School of Indigenous Knowledge at Lismore Campus. We meet weekly and I love being part of the university community at a different level. I am also teaching undergraduate students at the Gold Coast Campus."

Nicole Tujague

Bachelor of Indigenous Knowledge (Honours)

Gnibi offers many choices of study both online and at the Lismore campus.

Bachelor of Indigenous Knowledge

A degree designed to raise awareness of Aboriginal and other Indigenous peoples' ways of living and knowing. This course provides an understanding of Indigenous knowledge, and a pathway to working in this area.

Bachelor of Indigenous Knowledge (Honours)

Provides an education in research, analysis and writing or production. This is also starting point for entry into postgraduate and academic research.

Doctor of Indigenous Philosophies

Uses both coursework, research and thesis to increase the rigor and depth of knowledge needed in a career in research and academia, government, professional or community sector, in policy development, service delivery and program evaluation, and as leaders and high-level managers.

Doctor of Philosophy program

This is a degree by research and thesis.

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