

# Mum dreams of uni

**W**HYALLA local, mother of two and UniSA's Aboriginal Pathway (AP) Program completer Hayley Sumner never dreamed she would graduate from university. "I've always wanted to go to university, but never thought I'd have the chance," Hayley said. "I applied for the Aboriginal Pathway Program at UniSA and have never looked back."

The 18 month course is offered in Adelaide, Ceduna, Mount Gambier, Port Lincoln and Whyalla. It is designed for Aboriginal students to build the skills needed to study successfully at tertiary level.

Using those skills and a newly found confidence she successfully completed the program for her daughters.

"I have two very beautiful girls and I want to be a great role model for them," Hayley said.

Hayley was acknowledged at UniSA College's Completion Ceremony at the Adelaide Convention Centre on February 12, alongside her fellow AP Program graduates, Janet Andrews, Susan Betts, Veda Betts, Amie Brant, Laura Long, Kashay Mahomed and Delise Sampson.

They each made the flight



**Participants and staff in the Aboriginal Pathways Program at UniSA.**

across from Mount Gambier, Port Lincoln and Whyalla with family and friends in tow to watch as they walked across the stage to receive a completion certificate from the Chancellor of University of South Australia, Jim McDowell.

A number of the university's Senior Management Group was also there to witness the milestone and celebrate what's next in this education journey for

the eight AP Program completers.

"I was so nervous but it was a really spectacular moment – I felt like a celebrity," Hayley said.

"As an Aboriginal woman I felt very proud for my culture, of what I have achieved, and to know I can do this now and what I have yet to accomplish."

Four students have now commenced a Bachelor of Social Work/Social Science, two have

started their Bachelor of Arts, one is studying a Bachelor of Business and one has embarked on a Nursing degree.

Hayley is one of the students currently studying Social Work.

"I had many foster homes growing up so I know the system inside and out, and believe because of this I could make a real difference as a social worker," Hayley said.



**Proud mum Hayley Sumner.**

"The AP Program is probably the best designed program for myself, being a mum. The support services have been amazing and probably what got me through. They believed in me and made realise, 'You can do this!'"

UniSA's Aboriginal Pathway Program is open to all people who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and can lead to entry into a university degree at the University of South Australia. The program is now taking expressions of interest for 2019.

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## Alternative Admissions Program

**APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR STUDIES IN 2019**

Woolyungah Indigenous Centre's Alternative Admissions Program (AAP) offers an alternative pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people seeking entry to the University of Wollongong's undergraduate programs.

**Program 1:** Closing date 27 August 2018  
For testing dates 24 and 25 September

**Program 2:** Closing date 29 October 2018  
For testing dates 26 and 27 November



## Art Competition For Our Logo Refresh at Woolyungah

Woolyungah is excited to announce we are undergoing a logo refresh and are currently accepting applications for a new piece of artwork which represents Woolyungah's purpose in supporting students through their education journey. This new design will feature in all of our communications.

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