



Australian Catholic University student Te Kahui Nolan.

# Physiotherapy a family affair

**F**IRST-year Australian Catholic University (ACU) student Te Kahui Nolan is following in the footsteps of his older brothers Waka and Ihaka by studying physiotherapy, continuing a tradition of ACU students pursuing a family profession.

The 20-year-old says he chose ACU because of its reputation for providing a great culture for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and the facilities for studying health sciences.

Te Kahui said just being accepted into the course was a memorable moment and studying physiotherapy, like his brothers, has been his goal for many years.

"I want to be a physiotherapist because I love learning about the body, how to maintain and treat it, and I really love interacting with people," he said.

"What I like most about my studies is discovering the positive effect I can have on people, to be able to know the way the body works, and help others understand how to look after their own bodies.

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"I am the youngest and if I need help understanding certain content or just general info about university being able to approach my brothers for advice and tips is fantastic. Most other students aren't able to do that."

Te Kahui already has a plan for life after university.

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"I am about to start an internship at North Sydney Sports Physio which will be great experience and give me a start on my career," he said.

"My plan is to go into the workforce, gain experience, enhance my skills as physiotherapist and

one day own my own business." ACU says it is committed to supporting Indigenous students like Te Kahui and his brothers.

Students have the choice of studying physiotherapy at an ACU campus in North Sydney, Ballarat or Brisbane, of combining on-campus and online study, or they can opt for distance study online.

There are other degrees in health sciences, education and arts, law and business, and theology and philosophy at one of ACU's seven campuses. ACU's Away from Base program supports distance students in education, midwifery, and business. ACU says its Indigenous higher education units are welcoming, culturally safe and supportive places where

students can meet fellow Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and staff, make friends, and get information, advice and support.

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