



SUPPORTING INDIGENOUS STUDENTS TO LIVE ON CAMPUS

UTS Housing is a friendly, communal environment. It's a true home away from home where my friends have become my family."

Tyrrel Freeman-Mafi, student

The Behrendt Review into Higher Education Access and Outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People clearly articulated that accessing affordable housing is a major barrier for Indigenous students who want to go to university.

The strain of off-campus living can be especially acute for rural and regional students who have to deal with the cost of relocation as well as cultural adjustment.

UTS considers Indigenous students a priority group for student housing. As the number of Indigenous students enrolling from regions outside of Sydney increases, there's a real tension between building aspiration and

not being able to provide affordable and appropriate housing.

"From its inception, UTS had its social justice identity written into its DNA," says Professor and Director of Jumbunna Michael McDaniel. "The progress we've made since is the result of attracting staff with a shared passion to grow this commitment. We're interested in every possible opportunity for Indigenous advancement across the entire university and we believe access to cost-covered accommodation will encourage and support Indigenous people to succeed in their education and career ambitions."

The Wattle Lane Residence opened its doors in February 2016 offering 58 Indigenous students the option to live in cost-covered accommodation within a supportive peer community, right next door to campus.

Designed to provide a sense of community for Indigenous students, these studio apartments are the highest level of accommodation offered at UTS. **For students who don't qualify for**



Abstudy, UTS has guaranteed to meet the cost of each student's accommodation and provide them with a living allowance equal to Abstudy.

"While we must keep working hard to inspire more Indigenous Australians to come to university, we must also make it possible for them to live affordably, safely and comfortably," says Professor McDaniel. "Residents will also be able to seek advice on practical, social and educational matters from a dedicated Indigenous Housing Officer to make their transition to university easier."

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INDIGENOUS HOUSE OF LEARNING

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Whether you're a current school leaver, (with or without an ATAR), a recent school leaver or mature aged, you can apply for direct entry to undergraduate degrees at UTS.*

The Jumbunna Pathways Program offers you an opportunity to show your capability for higher education through a testing, assessment and interview process.

Closing dates of program – 31st October

Contact our Outreach Officers for more information: atsirecruitment@uts.edu.au or call (toll free) 1800 064 312 Visit: jumbunna.uts.edu.au

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