

Karnkanthi to assist achievers

THE University of Adelaide's Karnkanthi Indigenous Education Program (Karnkanthi meaning 'lifting up' in Kurna) is a new university pathway, education and development program for high-achieving Indigenous senior high school students.

Karnkanthi is designed to offer a high-expectations, high-support approach to helping students succeed in their senior years of school and prepare for university. Programs are individually tailored to build on each student's personal and cultural strengths, and to support academic skills and personal resilience development.

The inspiration for the program came from the university's dean of Indigenous research and education strategy, Professor Shane Hearn, who says he is keen to unlock capacity and empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Prof Hearn has set his sights on aspiring students who strive for academic success.

Karnkanthi aims to maximise the success of

students at high school and the University of Adelaide by supporting their academic and personal development and preparing them for the challenges of higher education.

"We aim to build the students' confidence and foster a sense of belonging at The University of Adelaide," Karnkanthi program coordinator Katie Crocker said.

The university says the key benefits of Karnkanthi are:

- an individually tailored approach to each student's education needs;
- access to student development and tutoring scholarships;
- students receive a 'Success Kit' including an Apple or Microsoft tablet;
- academic, personal and career development; and
- financial support for travel and accommodation.

For more information about the program, contact Katie Crocker – katie.crocker@adelaide.edu.au

Student on the GO with scholarship

WIRANGU man and third-year Human Movement student John Boxer the first winner of the Goodes O'Loughlin UniSA GO Scholarship.

The GO Foundation, run by former AFL stars Adam Goodes and Michael O'Loughlin, partners with organisations to create opportunities for Aboriginal youth through education.

Mr Boxer came to university a little later than some but with a passion to learn more about human performance, sport, physical fitness and wellbeing.

"Having played sports all my life and working as a fitness professional since finishing school, I came to university as a mature-aged student with the goal of working within an elite professional sports environment," he says.

"Since coming to university my passion to learn more about this field has grown as has my desire to help people to become physically active. I want to build a career that helps to educate, support and train the younger generation, influencing their journey and helping them to reach their goals – to participate in sport and for some, to participate at an elite level."

UniSA says Mr Boxer's commitment to high performance in his studies has been outstanding, and his grades reflect his hard work and dedication. He is focused on increasing his grade point average in 2017 to open up postgraduate study opportunities.

Learning more and more about his cultural background each year, Mr Boxer has become a regular participant in the annual South Australian Aboriginal Community Football Carnival.

He was selected to represent UniSA at the State Reconciliation Breakfast and the Indigenous Allied Health Association (IAHA) conference in Canberra, where he competed in the grand final of the multidisciplinary HealthFusion Team Challenge.

Internship

He is currently undertaking an internship at the Adelaide Crows Football Club under the supervision of the high-performance team, where he is learning first-hand about the procedures and strategies of an elite sporting environment.

"At university I have had support and encouragement from the student engagement unit and the experience has made me feel proud to represent my people academically, promote change and offer support to new students," Mr Boxer says.

"Most recently I have been involved in a program run by the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion and working with the Metropolitan Aboriginal Youth and Family Services Warpulaiendi Programs Team to develop a health and fitness program to engage with young Aboriginal kids.



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