



# Jazmin's journey to champion cultural change in Australian law

Jazmin Grant has always wanted to make a difference. From a young age, the proud Kuku Yalanji and Mualgal woman aspired to find a career where she could help address First Nations issues within Australia's justice system. Now, with the help of Bond University's Law Program, Jazmin's mission to bridge the gap is clearer than ever.

"Looking at incarceration rates of mob, how do we tackle these issues in a culturally sensitive way — particularly in a Western legal system?" asks Jazmin.

"That question inspired my journey to further pursue education through law as an avenue to create that change."

With a focus on practical learning, Bond's law degree equips students with both the theoretical knowledge and real-world skills necessary to make an impact. The University's accelerated study options also allow students like Jazmin to fast-track their degrees and step into their careers sooner.

"I chose Bond because they take a more practical approach to learning compared to other universities," she explains.

"Particularly with their law degree, there's a strong emphasis on developing legal skills that complement the theoretical study we do."

"Plus, being able to fast-track my Law and International Relations degree—a five-year degree—into just over three years is amazing."

Beyond the academic and financial assistance, Bond offers a strong network of cultural support through the Nyombil Centre and initiatives like the Indigenous Gala. These programs connect students with Indigenous alumni and industry professionals, helping them navigate their studies and careers with confidence.

"At Bond's Indigenous Gala, they invite alumni to attend, and seeing Indigenous men and women creating their own businesses and entering legal spaces I've dreamed of is so inspiring," shares Jazmin.

"Hearing their advice on how they navigated university,

especially during tough times, helps so much—knowing they've had the same experiences and understand exactly what you're going through."

Jazmin has also taken on a leadership role as the First Nations Director for the Bond University Student Association. She's committed to fostering a sense of community for Indigenous students, ensuring they feel supported both academically and culturally.

"This year was our first time running the Nyombil Centre's Marere Charara Orientation program for students moving from high school to university," she says.

"As soon as they arrive on the Gold Coast—since many of our students come from New South Wales, Queensland or the Northern Territory—we take them out on Country."

"It's about giving them that sense of cultural identity as they relocate."

With the support of Bond University's scholarships and career connections, Jazmin has gained invaluable experience that is shaping her future.

"Through Bond's Career Development Centre and my scholarship, I've had access to work experience and internships that have helped guide my career—helping me figure out what I like and don't like. Without Bond, I wouldn't have had those opportunities," she says.

Looking ahead, Jazmin wants to work closely with Indigenous communities to ensure justice is delivered in a way that is culturally appropriate and accessible.

"My advice to other Indigenous students would be to apply for the scholarship. You never know if you'll get it, so just put in an application. Bond offers something different from other universities, and if you want a unique experience, I'd definitely recommend it."

Bond University's range of scholarships are designed to support students in achieving their academic and professional goals. Applications are open now—find out more and apply today at [bond.edu.au/scholarship](https://bond.edu.au/scholarship).



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