

Swinburne sets Dalton on the path to owning his own business

Dalton Sanderson, a proud Wadawurrung man from the Western Kulin Nations, came to study at Swinburne University of Technology with the goal of eventually starting his own electrical business.

He chose to study a program unique to Swinburne – the dual Diploma of Sport/Diploma of Leadership and Management, which is a collaboration between Swinburne and industry partner the Richmond Football Club (which also happens to be Dalton's favourite footy team).

The dual diploma is aimed at students with an interest in sports or business, and provides hands-on opportunities to build skills in managing people and becoming a leader.

"I chose this program as I believe it could excel me further into the business world as well as provide some insights into a real-world organisation," says Dalton.

Once he finishes the dual diploma, Dalton plans to study a business degree to move him further towards owning his own business one day.

Dalton says his favourite part about studying at Swinburne is the community feel and group environment – something that he feels is extra important to him since he was just 17 years old when he started at Swinburne.

"You are split into classes of around 20 people that you spend the whole year with. This allows you to still have similar connections as in high school," he says.

He says the staff at Swinburne's Moondani Toombadool Centre (MTC) have helped him

settle into university life and provide fun opportunities along the way.

The Moondani Toombadool Centre offers ongoing cultural and academic support for Indigenous students all the way through their Swinburne journey to ensure a positive, inclusive and successful experience.

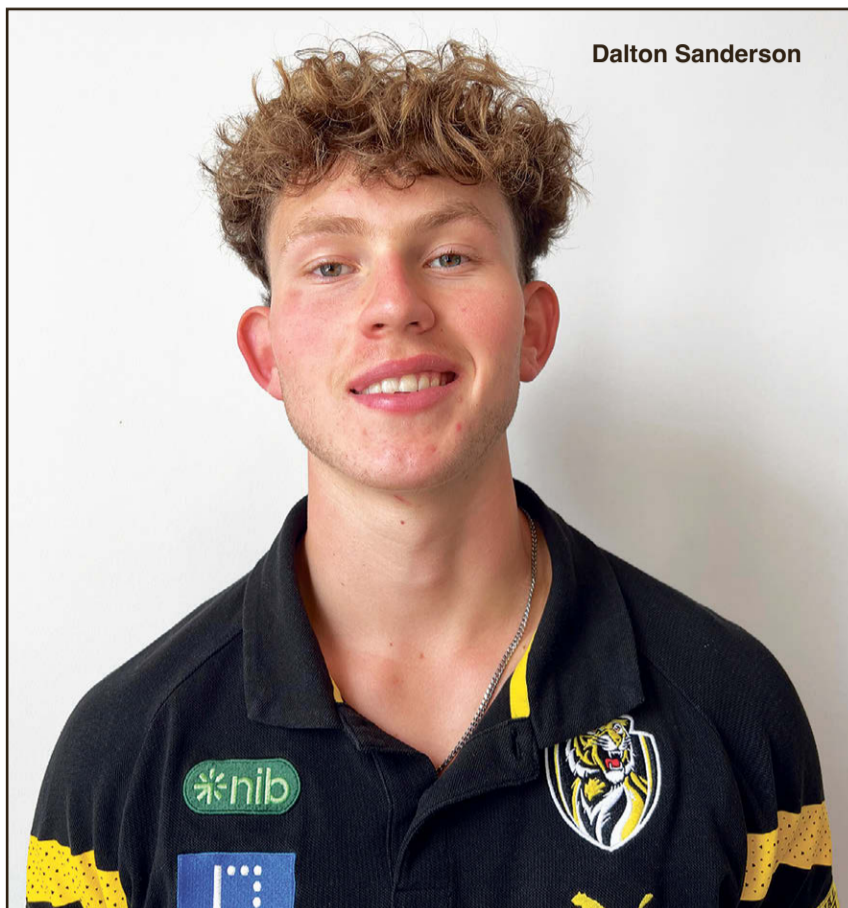
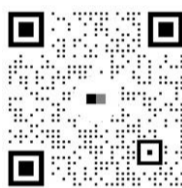
"The Moondani Toombadool Centre mob have been very helpful as when I started I was still very young and they have introduced me into the uni atmosphere, through the Indigenous Nationals University Games, and giving me overall support where I need."

Dalton's advice to students considering studying with Swinburne and the Richmond Football Club is to take every opportunity that comes your way.

"Just step into the different environments and take in all aspects of the course, because it will change you a lot despite only being a short time," he says.

If you'd like to have a yarn with the Moondani Toombadool Centre about your study options and what support we can offer you, please reach out at indigenoustudents@swin.edu.au.

Scan the QR code if you're interested in a career in the sports industry or building your leadership skills check out the dual Diploma of Sport/Diploma of Leadership and Management at Swinburne University of Technology.



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Moondani Toombadool Centre

Moondani Toombadool Centre is a transformational leader grounded in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledges.

Moondani Toombadool Centre offers you ongoing support from course selection right through to graduation. This includes:

- a range of scholarships for Indigenous students,
- tutoring through our Indigenous Academic Success Program,
- a dedicated Indigenous student lounge, and
- social and cultural events throughout the year.

And as Swinburne is a dual-sector university, we have courses ranging from certificate level to PhD – so we can provide pathway options into any area of study that may interest you.

For more information on studying and available support for Indigenous students at Swinburne, please contact the Moondani Toombadool Centre:

