



The Monash Indigenous Access Program: Explore your potential



Nathan Hawke was daunted when he first considered going to university, but he took the leap, and hasn't

looked back.

A Barngarla and Kokatha man, Nathan enrolled in the Monash Indigenous Access Program (MIAP). A scholarship funded bridging program, MIAP is designed to prepare students for entry into a variety of undergraduate degrees at Monash University.

For Nathan, it was the extra support he received from Indigenous staff at Monash University's William Cooper Institute that really made a difference.

"I found the resources they provided, like tutoring for your subjects and bi-weekly check-ins really helpful, especially if you are studying away from home or just need support," he said.

The MIAP develops study skills and is specifically designed to support Indigenous Australians in making a successful transition to university study.

Depending on desired discipline, students study MIAP



Nathan Hawke, a Barngarla and Kokatha man, undertook the MIAP and is now studying paramedicine at Monash University.

for 6-12 months before being directly admitted into the first year of the destination degree of choice.

After completing the MIAP, Nathan accepted an offer to study paramedicine and recognises that education provides benefits for himself, and for his community as well.

"Learning provides you with not just the opportunity to better yourself, but also better others

around you. With knowledge we help grow our culture and community."

Joshua Vickery-Stewart also completed the MIAP and agrees that the more Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples in higher education, the better.

"We need more representation of our people and the many voices, views, experiences in higher education," Joshua said.

Joshua is a Yorta-Yorta and



Yorta-Yorta and Gunditjmara man Joshua Vickery-Stewart is studying a Bachelor of Arts, after completing the MIAP at Monash University.

Gunditjmara man, and found studying at university a completely different experience to high school.

"I loved my experience with MIAP. It was like the parts you needed without the drag of doing a high school subject," he said.

Now studying a Bachelor of Arts, the MIAP provided not just a pathway to university study, but real excitement in studying subjects that interested him.

"The best part of the program was being able to do a university unit while doing the bridging subject, so you are motivated and get some experience out of it."

For people considering The Monash Indigenous Access Program, Nathan has the following advice:

"You are never too old to go to university. Going in as a mature age student was daunting, but I've enjoyed every moment of the journey so far." Joshua agrees: "Just try it!"

You can apply for The Monash Indigenous Access Program if you: haven't completed secondary school; graduated on a non-ATAR pathway; received an ATAR under 50; or are mature aged with or without previous study experience.

On completion of this program, students are directly admitted into the first year of their destination degree of choice. The Indigenous Non-Award Pathway (INAP) is the part-time version of MIAP.

To learn more you can contact the William Cooper Institute via email at wci-study@monash.edu or on (03) 9903 2041.

EARLY OFFERS IN OCTOBER ARE BACK AT MONASH*

Contact William Cooper Institute to find out more.

**Early offers for Indigenous students are conditional meaning that minimum institutional requirements must be satisfied.*

MONASH UNIVERSITY INDIGENOUS ENTRY SCHEME

Direct admission to a range of undergraduate degrees with lower ATAR requirements

At Monash, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants can apply for a range of undergraduate courses with an achieved ATAR of 50+ (higher for some courses).

BENEFITS

- Guaranteed offer into a range of Monash courses if all eligibility requirements are met
- Comprehensive support programs delivered by the William Cooper Institute
- No special classes, extra requirements or time added to your course
- Graduate with the same degree as all Monash students

To view the full list of offered courses, visit the Monash website or search VTAC courses for "Indigenous entry".

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