

Darcy takes up Swinburne pathway to his dream job

Darcy is a proud Ngemba man from Bourke and surrounding areas in North-Western NSW. Whilst studying he lives between his on-campus accommodation at Swinburne and a small town called Barham, on the border of NSW and VIC. Darcy is studying a Unilink Diploma of Science, a pathway option that guarantees him entry into the Bachelor of Science in 2023. Swinburne Unilink Diplomas prepare students for entry into their desired course. Darcy says Unilink was a crucial step to get him to where he wants to be, he recommends the Unilink pathway to anyone who feels like they're not ready or who doesn't have the right grades for a Bachelor.

When asked why he chose science, Darcy says he has always been curious about how the world works, and so he has dedicated his life to learning science. To make this happen Darcy decided to go to university. With the encouragement of his role models (for example, his high school teachers and his parents, who enabled him to be curious),

Darcy applied for Swinburne, and the journey to satisfy his 'curious appetite' began.

Being from a remote area, Darcy had to move away from home to attend university. He says living in the city and away from his family and his Country is difficult at times, but the benefits and the opportunities he has access to keep him grounded in Melbourne (plus looking forward to trips back home on semester break).

Darcy says the Moondani Toombadool Centre has supported him by providing guidance and a quiet place for him to study (the Indigenous student lounge) which he uses regularly. Darcy was also part of Swinburne's Indigenous Nationals team this year, travelling to Brisbane to participate in multiple sports (and even more social events!) and meet mob from universities across the country.

Darcy has big aspirations for his future, he says sometimes people tell him to concentrate on the 'now', but after he finishes his current degree Darcy plans to either do his Masters in Secondary Education or complete another

undergraduate degree so that he can land his dream job as a geologist and work in mining and resources. Darcy says at some point in the future he might even end up doing a PhD, but who knows!

Darcy's advice for mob that are thinking about studying in the future is to 'knuckle down and just get it done, but also make time for family, friends and yourself, and make sure you enjoy yourself.'

If you'd like to have a yarn with the Moondani Toombadool Centre about your study options (including our deadly pathway options, like the Unilink Diplomas) and what support we can offer you, please reach out.

Check out pathway options and our non-ATAR Early Entry Program (closing 6th October) at, swinburne.edu.au/courses/planning-your-future/ swinburne.edu.au/courses/planning-your-future/early-entry-program/

Ngemba man and Swinburne University of Technology student Darcy Martin.



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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:

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