



# Jumbunna Institute for Education and Research

Your guide to UTS

No. 1  
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Australia's  
#1 young\* uni



# Welcome

If you're thinking about creating an exciting career, securing your future or bringing about change and supporting your community, you should consider studying at UTS.

University is an opportunity to learn about yourself, gain confidence and find your way.

UTS is a national leader in Indigenous education. For over ten years, we've adopted a whole-of-university approach to ensure Indigenous perspectives are considered in all of our policies, strategies and faculties.

Our initiatives are aligned with national Indigenous higher education priorities and international principles relating to Indigenous peoples.

Many Indigenous students thrive at UTS because Indigenous culture and identity is part of our everyday life. We're passionate people who are proud of our culture and identity.

Our students also thrive because we're committed to their success. We encourage all kinds of learners by offering programs from academic and cultural support to career and leadership development.

We're setting our sights even higher. We see ourselves becoming a global leader in Indigenous higher education and research. We'd love you to join us on this exciting journey.

**Maree Graham,  
Director, Indigenous Students and Community Engagement,  
Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research**

**“At UTS, Indigenous education and engagement is at the heart of our identity.”**

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

UTS acknowledges the Gadigal People of the Eora Nation, the Boorooberongal people of the Dharug Nation, the Bidiagal people and the Gamaygal people upon whose ancestral lands our university stands. We would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present, acknowledging them as the traditional custodians of knowledge for these lands.

# Jumbunna

## A place to meet and talk

At Jumbunna, you aren't one of thousands; you're a highly valued individual.

You've worked hard to get here and it's our job to make sure you thrive with us.

Everyone's journey is different, but we all have one thing in common – to do something we love and build a life out of it.

We'll help you draw on your strengths, meet the challenges of uni, gain confidence, and discover your path.

Many of you have travelled a long way to study with us. While campus can feel like a busy, anonymous place, we'll keep you connected.

We understand your excitement and trepidation about what lies ahead. Whether it's financial support, counselling, learning assistance, housing or cultural support, we'll share our experiences, offer advice and help you find the answers you need.

Jumbunna is your home away from home, your small family in the big city.



# Our difference



## We're hands-on

Nothing prepares you for the real world like industry experience. We're known for being the most industry-focused of all Sydney metro unis.\* That's because our courses feature hands-on, practice-based learning. You'll create solutions to real-world problems, undertake work placements, complete community and case-based projects, and experience real-life simulations. When you graduate, you'll be highly sought after by employers Australia-wide.

\*RepTrak Survey 2019

## We're well connected

You'll join a community of inspiring students, academics and industry partners. We partner with some of the world's most innovative and successful companies to design teaching programs that are relevant to your future career. Our academic experts are breaking new ground when it comes to teaching and research excellence. Many are acclaimed professionals who bring a wealth of experience to your classroom.





## We're central

Location is everything. We're in the heart of Sydney's energetic technology, financial and creative industries hub. There's opportunities for internships and graduate careers right on our doorstep. You'll love being close to everything the city has to offer: Darling Harbour, Chinatown, shopping, food, art, sport, and nightlife. Not only will you be studying at Sydney's only city uni, you'll be near major transport hubs so you can safely spread your wings and explore.

## We're Indigenous

Every UTS student studies Indigenous knowledge and perspectives as a part of their degree. This means all UTS graduates can work effectively with Indigenous Australians to ensure an equitable Australia. You'll develop skills in reflexivity, explore the role of power and privilege and build respectful relationships.



## We're Australia's most innovative campus

We've invested \$1.3 billion in creating a new uni experience that uses sustainable design to shape the way you learn. Our redefined campus features award-winning, high-tech spaces and collaborative classrooms so you can work with the new technologies that are shaping your industry.



# Student Services

Our Student Services team will help you settle into uni life and support you to stay happy and safe during your time at UTS.

**We understand what's required to achieve wellbeing at uni and are dedicated to assisting you through any challenges – academic, financial or personal.**

Our team can assist you with everything from accepting your offer to graduation. This includes helping you enrol in your subjects, plan your timetable and apply for UTS housing and scholarships. We can also refer you to other UTS services including health, counselling, career development, legal, and financial support.

When you first start at UTS, we hold a Jumbunna Orientation to ensure you're aware of all the services and opportunities available to support you to succeed.

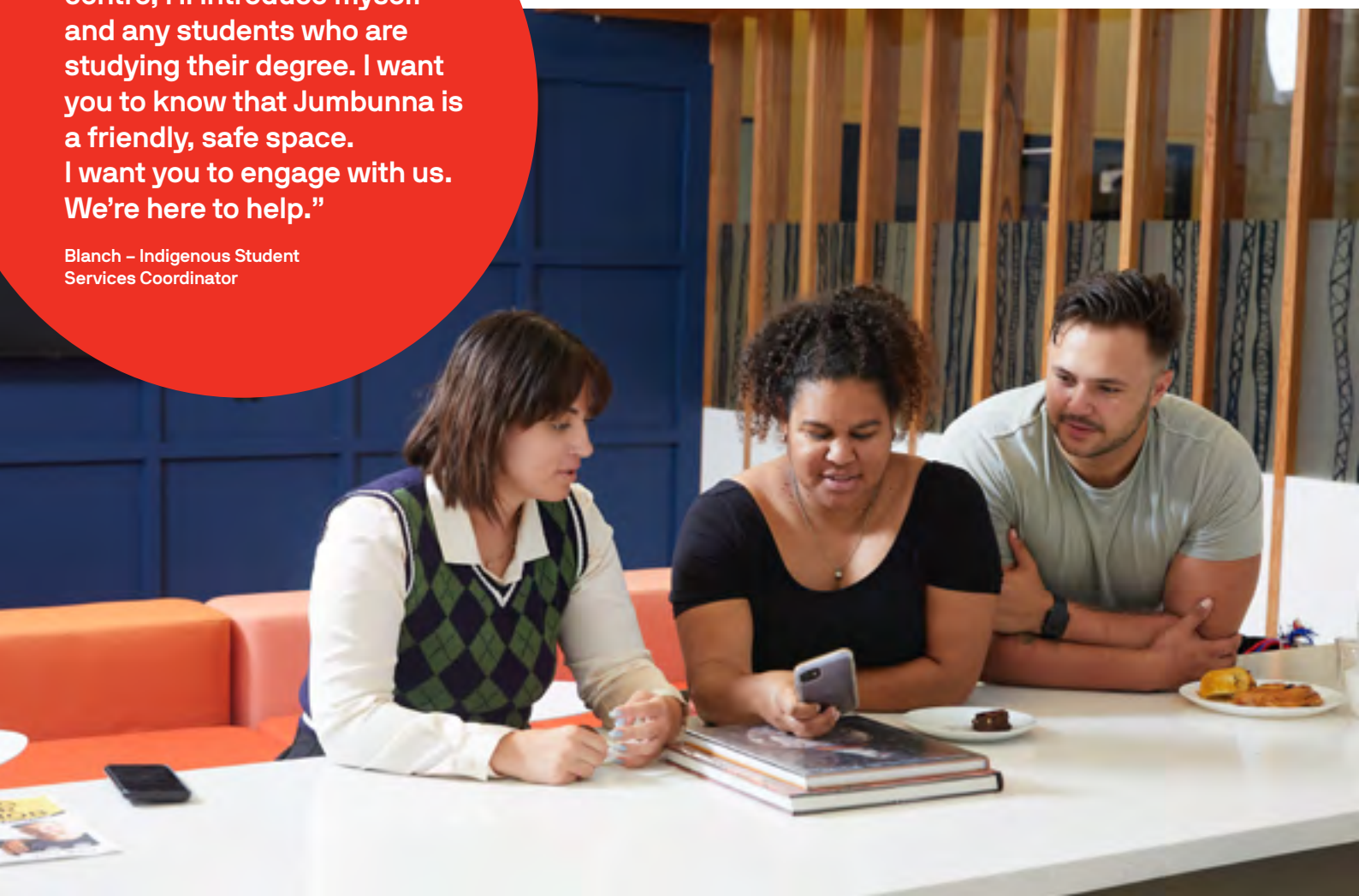
We also run a first year camp to help you get to know other students and build relationships with Jumbunna staff.

Outside of UTS we have relationships with many local Indigenous community services and organisations that are available to support you during your time at UTS.

Our team looks forward to seeing you commence your studies at UTS and being available for you every step of the way.

**“If I see someone new in the centre, I'll introduce myself and any students who are studying their degree. I want you to know that Jumbunna is a friendly, safe space. I want you to engage with us. We're here to help.”**

Blanch – Indigenous Student Services Coordinator





# Jumbunna Learning Development Program

**Our Learning Development Program helps you achieve academic success at university.**

We offer a range of additional academic support at no cost to you. Whether that's supporting your transition from school or work into tertiary study or providing ongoing academic support throughout your degree, the choice is yours.

We believe the best learning occurs when student and tutor relationships are based on mutual respect. We encourage independent learning within an interactive and collaborative environment.

Our friendly team can build on your unique experiences, capabilities and knowledge to motivate you to achieve your academic goals.

We offer individual academic support, small group learning, subjects that support overall academic development (reading, writing and maths skills) and online learning.

Our program is responsive to your needs. During a normal uni week this could involve a one-on-one session about any element of your degree and a subject-specific group session with other Indigenous students.

## **INDIGENOUS TUTORIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME (ITAS)**

The Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS) is a program that is vital part of our Learning Development initiatives at Jumbunna. You will be eligible to apply for supplementary tuition that is provided on a regular basis over the teaching session. Jumbunna recruits qualified tutors to identify and address individual academic needs to support you in your chosen field of study.

ITAS is a free service funded by Commonwealth Government administered by the National Indigenous Australian Agency. It is a great program available and we encourage all students to apply.

## **INDIGENOUS CADETS**

Our Indigenous cadets are senior students who've been where you are and know what you're going through. They'll share their experiences and provide academic support (communication, organisation and study skills) as well as subject-specific tuition that's tailored to your needs.

# Jumbunna life

Uni isn't just about attending classes. At Jumbunna, we encourage you to get involved in campus life so you can broaden your horizons, make lifelong friends, explore your culture or simply have fun!

## ELDER-IN-RESIDENCE

Aunty Glendra Stubbs is a Wiradjuri woman from the Mudgee, Dubbo and Narrandera area. She has 40 years experience providing advice and practical assistance to survivors of trauma.

When Aunty Glendra was young she grew up in a shed in the Blue Mountains with her family – often without running water or power. Her dad always told her, “If you’ve got a chance to make a difference for your mob, you’ve got to do all you can.”

As our Elder-in-Residence, Aunty Glendra plays a significant cultural, knowledge-sharing and mentoring role.

Our students often miss their Elders, so Aunty Glendra is here to offer connection and belonging within a supportive environment.

She describes herself as the person you can talk to when you don't know where else to turn. “I have your best interests at heart,” says Aunty Glendra. “I’m not going to be judgemental. There’s nothing you can think of that I haven’t seen or been a part of in my life.”

Aunty Glendra wants all of our students to know they belong at university. Her focus is on supporting your wellbeing and success so you can graduate and make a difference in your community.

**“If I can help a student complete their studies or support them through any troubles, then I’m doing my job.”**

**Aunty Glendra**

## INDIGENOUS NATIONALS

In 2019, UTS and Jumbunna won the 24th annual Indigenous Nationals. Over 400 Indigenous students from 25 universities competed in a variety of sports while celebrating their history and heritage. This is an important gathering for Jumbunna students to come together every year to compete at the national event.



**Left:** Aunty Glendra surrounded by our Galuwa participants.

**Above:** The winning Jumbunna/UTS team.





## JUMBUNNA INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Jumbunna runs one of Australia's most envied international programs.

The Jumbunna International Experience offers students an opportunity to enhance their studies and broaden their perspectives through travel.

Jumbunna works with UTS International and international partner universities to develop globalisation opportunities for you to enhance your global outlook with other first nations people in countries such as Aotearoa (New Zealand), Peru, Canada and the United States.

Selected students will travel with Jumbunna staff and fellow peers on fully funded cultural and academic immersion experiences that will explore first nations treaties, customs, language as well as discovering local customs and traditional ways of life.



## WARABURRA NURA

Waraburra Nura is a medicinal garden that thrives on Jumbunna's balcony. The plants are native to Wa'ran (Sydney) and have been cultivated by Darug, D'harawal and Gadigal peoples for generations.

This garden is unique because of the relationship between each species. Planted according to Indigenous agricultural practises, they get nutrients from each other instead of the soil.

A collaboration between UTS Art and Jumbunna, our garden has benefited from the knowledge of D'harawal Senior and botanist Aunty Fran Bodkin, Yamatji/Wajarri artist Nicole Monks and Yuin Indigenous agricultural expert Bruce Pascoe.

Drop in to discover our rich history, pick a Eucalypt and smell the vapours or just sit and relax.

Visit [waraburranura.com](http://waraburranura.com)



**Top:** 2019 staff and students at Pontifical Catholic University of Peru

**Bottom:** Jumbunna alumni Tamatau Faleono places the first plant in Waraburra Nura.

# Jumbunna Student Centre

**Our newly renovated student centre offers you more space for socialising, study and support.**

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Our light and airy centre is a friendly place where you can seek advice, study or relax in the company of like-minded people. And it's open 24/7.

Our centre features a large Mac and PC computer lab equipped with 10 computers and printing, binding, and colour photocopying facilities.

Three collaborative classrooms are fitted with state-of-the-art video conferencing for lectures, tutorials and group work.

They can also be combined into one large flexible learning environment that encourages active learning.

Whether it's a quiet spot to study and reflect, a meeting room, an AV-equipped pod for group work or a social space where you can gather with friends, there's plenty of space to accommodate all your needs. While a fully stocked fridge will keep your hunger pangs at bay.

When the weather's good, we'll fire up the BBQ on the balcony and of course you can venture outside anytime to explore our native garden: Waraburra Nura.



**VISIT US ON  
LEVEL 6 OF THE  
TOWER BUILDING!**



# Jumbunna Pathways Program

At Jumbunna, your ATAR isn't the only way we decide whether you're ready for uni.

Our Jumbunna Pathways Program is your opportunity to show us how suited you are to higher education. It gives you the chance to tell us more about who you are including your previous life and work experience.

Whether you've left school early, have been working, are a recent school leaver or have a TAFE, college or previous qualification, there's a UTS pathway for you. We offer three pathways:

## **DIRECT ENTRY TO UTS**

You'll go straight into your undergraduate degree of choice.

## **UNISTART**

Jumbunna's fee-free enabling course, Unistart helps you build your academic skills for the undergraduate degree you want to study at UTS.

After successfully completing Unistart, you'll go into the first year of your chosen degree.

## **UTS COLLEGE**

The leading pathway provider to UTS, UTS College offers a foundation diploma where you'll develop knowledge in your chosen field. You'll then be eligible to enter an undergraduate degree at UTS.

If we believe you have potential for university study, but are not ready yet, we may suggest you study at TAFE. We'll advise the course best suited to you and will encourage you to apply for Jumbunna Pathways after you've finished TAFE.



# Pathways



## Direct Entry

### You're ready to go into your chosen degree

We look at the bigger picture and take your life, education and work experience into account. If you have the skills for full-time university study, you'll enrol directly in your undergraduate degree.

You'll also access free learning support provided by Jumbunna throughout your studies.

#### Benefits:

- Start an undergraduate degree at UTS straight away
- Receive specialised one-on-one guidance
- Access free Jumbunna tuition that supports your subject area and general study skills.

## Unistart

### You need specialised academic support before going into your chosen degree

Unistart offers you a supportive start to uni.

At no cost to you.

You'll study faculty-based subjects with other UTS students in your degree of choice and Unistart enabling subjects at Jumbunna with a group of Indigenous people who are like you. Your Unistart enabling classes are small and collaborative. Through these group classes and one-on-one sessions, you'll improve your reading, writing and maths skills and develop an understanding of academic culture.

When you've successfully completed Unistart, you will be offered a place in an undergraduate degree at UTS. To explore sample course structures visit:

[uts.edu.au/unistart](https://uts.edu.au/unistart)

#### BENEFITS:

- 1-year fee-free course
- Access UTS student services
- Study faculty-based subjects that if successfully completed, give you credits towards your undergraduate degree
- Abstudy and Centrelink approved.



## UTS College

**You'll study a diploma to increase knowledge before going into your chosen degree**

UTS College offers Indigenous Scholarships that provide an introduction to university life.

You'll study in small classes in a highly supportive culture that includes access to academic advisers, learning assistance and study skills workshops. All diploma programs are designed in consultation with UTS. You'll also access specialised support from Jumbunna and UTS including counselling, financial support, health services, legal advice, and housing.

If you're successful in your studies, you may be able to fast track\* into the second year of a UTS degree.

To explore course structures visit:

[utscollege.edu.au/programs](https://utscollege.edu.au/programs)

### **BENEFITS:**

- 12 or 18-month diploma
- Study the same subjects as UTS students
- Learn in a supportive and caring environment
- Access Jumbunna and UTS support services
- Fast track\* into the second year of your UTS degree.

\*Subject to successful completion of a diploma.

## How do I apply?

**Apply online. You'll need the following:**

- Your last three school reports (years 10-12)
- A transcript from TAFE/college/university (if applies)
- A document that outlines your work experience (if applies)
- Your personal statement: this details in your own words examples of work experience that relates to your course, information about your background, support networks and your future goals
- Confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent (documentation must include a common seal) OR the Jumbunna Pathways Statutory Declaration and two references from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community members who are not directly related to you.

After you've uploaded all your supporting documentation, Jumbunna will assess your application. You'll hear back from us when our team has determined which Jumbunna Pathways Program is right for you.

Apply online: [jumbunna.uts.edu.au](https://jumbunna.uts.edu.au)

### **KEY DATES:**

Applications open in May and close early December.

# Scholarships

**We're committed to supporting more Indigenous Australians to attend UTS and realise their dreams.**

Our scholarships reward hard work and encourage motivation to succeed. They also provide support to Indigenous students experiencing financial hardship and other educational barriers.

We believe that by supporting one Indigenous student to undertake a life-changing degree, we're not only empowering them to change their own life, we're helping them light a path for their family, community and the next generation.

**The scholarship list is a guide only.**

For up-to-date information visit: [uts.edu.au/scholarships](https://uts.edu.au/scholarships)



**Above:** Zac Duczynski, Bruce and Carol Kendall scholarship recipient studying a Bachelor of Music and Sound Design

## COMMENCING STUDENTS:

- Jumbunna Commencement Scholarship
- UTS Council Indigenous Scholarship
- Vice-Chancellor's Indigenous Tuition Fee Scholarship
- UTS College Indigenous Scholarship
- Medium Rare Scholarship for Indigenous Students (Communications)

## COMMENCING AND CURRENT STUDENTS:

- Australian Indigenous Education Foundation - UTS Scholarship
- Indigenous Education Costs Scholarship
- Indigenous Relocation and Accommodation Scholarship
- Jumbunna Accommodation Scholarship
- Jumbunna Honours Scholarship
- Rotary Soukup Scholarship

## CURRENT STUDENTS:

- Bruce and Carol Kendall Undergraduate Memorial Scholarship
- Dr Bob Morgan Exchange Scholarship
- Rotary Soukup Galuwa NT Scholarship
- Lindsay Croft Postgraduate Memorial Scholarship (Coursework or Research)

## FEMALE STUDENTS:

- Laurie Cowled Scholarship
- Schiff Family Scholarship
- Schiff Family Honours Scholarship
- Robyn Kemmis Indigenous Student Scholarship

## FACULTY-SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS:

- The Droga Indigenous Architecture Scholarship Program (Architecture)
- Garth Barnett Scholarship (Design, Architecture)
- GO-API Indigenous Scholarship (Engineering)
- WJ & LM Sinclair Scholarship in Engineering
- KPMG Indigenous Scholarship + work placement (Business, Law or Engineering)
- UTS Indigenous Undergraduate Business School Scholarship
- Cocogun Scholarship for Indigenous Creatives (Communications and Design combined with Creative Intelligence and Innovation)
- The Helen McFadyen Memorial Indigenous Scholarship (Law)

# Housing

If you're coming to UTS from a regional area, it's comforting to know there's a place you can call home.

UTS Housing provides a positive living environment where you'll feel supported to pursue your studies. Ours is a nurturing community where individuality is valued and differences are respected. Become part of a diverse and vibrant local community who will support your academic and personal growth.

You'll also have peace of mind. Security guards patrol our residence and our student Residential Networkers are available nightly to assist you.

Rents include water, gas, electricity, and cleaning of common areas. You'll walk to class and to many of our city's parks, shops and entertainment.

Moving away from home can be hard. Jumbunna works closely with UTS Housing to help you adapt to your new environment.

We understand that access to affordable accommodation is a major barrier to going to uni, particularly in Sydney where costs are higher.

If you're experiencing financial difficulties, conditions at home that are preventing you from study or you don't fit the Abstudy criteria, we can support you.

Depending on your individual circumstances, Jumbunna can assist you with cost-covered accommodation.

Visit [housing.uts.edu.au](https://housing.uts.edu.au)

## Take a look inside

Walk through our residences using 3D video technology  
[uts.edu.au/vr-housing](https://uts.edu.au/vr-housing)

## RESIDENTIAL LIFE PROGRAM

An important aspect of living in UTS Housing are the Student Residential Networkers (RNs) that live on-site. RNs are older students who can answer your questions, provide support, plan social activities, and promote safety and wellbeing.

They ensure your transition from home to campus is not only fun, but offers you the opportunity to develop strong friendships with people from all backgrounds.

There's always something going on: movie nights, yoga, cooking classes, bike rides, social sports, BBQ's, salsa dancing, and cultural evenings.

Given you're here to learn, we also provide free assignment help, study skills workshops and career info sessions.



## UTS Housing

Out of respect for the traditional owners of the land, we've used Aboriginal language to name our residence.

**Yura Mudang (Students Live)**

Next to main tower

# Experience UTS

Have you thought about doing more after high school? University is life-changing. While it's an exciting time, applying for and choosing the right course and uni can be confusing. We can give you a taste of life at UTS and help you understand your options.

## **GALUWA**

Discover the opportunities a UTS degree can provide during this three-to-five day immersive program. Designed for year 10-12 Indigenous students who are serious about pursuing a uni degree, this free program features interactive hands-on workshops, site visits with industry partners, cultural activities, careers advice, and inspirational talks from Indigenous students and professionals.

Galuwa (to climb) introduces you to UTS undergraduate degrees offered at UTS.

You'll also connect with like-minded Indigenous students, get information about pathways to UTS, scholarships, housing, and support at Jumbunna. The program includes all meals, transport and accommodation.

## **GALUWA NT EXPERIENCE**

Our NT experience invites year 9-12 high school students from the Northern Territory to UTS over four days. Our free program features hands-on workshops in a range of faculties, site visits with industry partners, cultural activities, information about career paths and a taste of city life with a tour of Sydney. Participants also hear inspirational talks from Indigenous students and professionals.

## **UTS OPEN DAY**

UTS Open Day is an excellent opportunity for you get to know our campus, learn about our courses and career options, meet staff and find out about Jumbunna Pathways to UTS.

## **SCHOOL OR COMMUNITY VISITS**

Our Outreach team are available to visit schools and community organisations in NSW to speak about UTS life and our Jumbunna Pathway Programs. We're happy to tailor visits to your needs. Whether it's a Q&A session, a presentation or a hands-on workshop – we're open to all ideas.





# Charlotte Bedford



**Charlotte is a proud Wiradjuri woman who grew up on Gumbaynggirr country in Coffs Harbour. She's undertaking an honours degree as part of the Bachelor of Design in Fashion and Textiles.**

My family is my source of strength. My mother is the first Aboriginal person in her family to graduate from university. She inspires me. My older brother studies Arts/Law at UNSW and my younger brother is in his HSC year and loves practising culture and learning story.

I came to UTS to pursue my dreams in fashion design. I left home straight after graduating year 12 and moved onto campus.

At first, the move was extremely hard. I'm very family-orientated. My family informs and influences my life. But I'm glad I stuck it out. I'm so proud of myself for getting to where I am now and excited to continue my journey at UTS.

Jumbunna has been one of the most supportive aspects of my university experience. Without Jumbunna beside me on this journey, things would've been far more challenging and, at times, overwhelming. The entire team is warm, understanding and available to assist with the diverse aspects of university life.

I'd love to one day have my own fashion label. My vision is to create fashion that's accessible to all, is environmentally sustainable and made with fabrics and fibres sourced in Australia. I want to use symbols and designs that are culturally significant to me so that I can tell a story through fashion.

I hope that my designs acknowledge country, respect my old people and continue to present our stories that can be shared across our continent.

**"I want to decolonise the Australian fashion industry by focusing on my own lived experience, the experience of my family and the power of my community."**

# Mitchell Kelly



**Mitchell grew up in Wyong on Sydney's Central Coast. His mum is Aboriginal and his dad is Australian. He's in his 3rd year of a Bachelor of Communications in Journalism.**

A couple of years ago I had an exchange semester in Peru.

My girlfriend is Peruvian. It was a great opportunity to learn her language and culture. It was awesome – the food! Uni is very different over there. The workload is huge. You're assessed every week. Plus, I was doing it in another language. Then there's the infrastructure. Something as simple as getting from A to B was stressful. There's no road rules. It's crazy!

My family never really thought about uni. I finished high school in 2014 and spent three years working and travelling. Near the end of 2017, I was working with my dad in distribution for Woolworths. I decided I really needed to do something with my life. I needed a career prospect, a future.

I applied for UTS because I wanted to do the best journalism degree. I didn't know what to expect. At first it was overwhelming – all those futuristic buildings. I've always felt shy and anxious. But the people at Jumbunna were really cool. When I felt a bit lonely, I'd go in and have a chat about my work with the tutors, make sure I was going in the right direction. They were super helpful.

Having experienced the chaos of Peru, I don't complain as much. I'm grateful about being in Australia. And because I studied so hard over there and got decent marks, I've realised I don't have to feel stressed about my studies anymore. I now know what I need to do and how to do it. I know I can do whatever I set my mind to.

**“Don't think too far ahead. Keep it moment to moment. That way you won't feel overwhelmed. I found when I kept in touch with my support base at Jumbunna I was alright.”**

# Maddison Gibbs



**Maddi is a Barkindji woman from Dubbo in New South Wales. Maddie completed a Bachelor of Design majoring in Animation in 2019.**

I was terrified to start uni. I did a chef's apprenticeship straight out of school. I hadn't studied for a while. Moving onto campus and getting into the routine of going to classes and writing essays – it was a big transition.

I have a good support system at Jumbunna. I go in and say, 'I'm having trouble with this,' or 'I don't have any food,' or 'I need a doctor.' They cover it all! I wouldn't be here without Jumbunna. I know a lot of students who feel the same way.

What I've enjoyed about my degree is learning to use different mediums to tell my mob's stories. Being able to share my culture in class and through my art – that's pretty exciting.

I've also collaborated with different faculties. Recently it was Lisa Roberts in Science on 'Living Data Seeding Treaties.' That's something I love about UTS. I'm able to work with people who are doing amazing things.

Honestly, it's about the people. I've met people through Deb, through my research, through Jumbunna. I've found people I want to work with when I graduate.

I want to pursue public art, murals, installations, digital works... Even if I don't become an animator, the skills I've gained and the people I've met have led me to where I need to be and where I want to go.

**"UTS is ahead of the game. Our lecturers are at the forefront of their field. To have access to people who are the best at what they do is priceless."**



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