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WHO WE ARE

The Dhara Daramoolen Indigenous Higher Education Unit is located at Australian Catholic University's (ACU) Canberra Campus.

Dhara Daramoolen is a Ngunnawal word meaning "Earth, Spirit".

Dhara Daramoolen is ACU's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander support centre. We are committed to providing welcoming and culturally safe space for students to study in an environment that promotes positive Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identity.

WHAT WE DO

Dhara Daramoolen provides:

- academic and administrative support
- social, cultural and personal support
- access to computer and study facilities
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture a visible presence at ACU
- tertiary tuition assistance
- information about scholarships.

TUTORIAL ASSISTANCE

The Tutorial Assistance is an ISSP initiative that enhances the educational outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people at ACU. The program matches suitable tutors with students to assist with a broad range of areas. Tutorial assistance is tailored to meet the particular needs of the individual student or group of students, with a focus on course success. The tutoring is free of charge.

AWAY FROM BASE

The Away From Base (AFB) program is a practical option for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. AFB involves studying via online learning combined with intensive residential blocks twice a semester. Government funding supports travel, accommodation and meal costs for students participating in the residential block.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ALTERNATE ENTRY SCHEME

For people of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent, a number of factors may be taken into consideration when applying to ACU. No separate application is required provided you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander through the online Tertiary Admissions Centre (TAC) application process. You may be required to attend an interview.

PATHWAYS PROGRAMS

At ACU, our pathway programs are designed to help you develop skills that make the transition to university as easy as possible. Our pathway programs include associate degrees, diplomas, and certificates. Depending on the course you choose, you may also have the opportunity to fast-track your studies, saving you both time and money. When you successfully finish a pathway course you may then be eligible to gain entry into ACU bachelor-level courses.

SCHOLARSHIPS

ACU has a range of scholarships on offer for all commencing and continuing students. Make sure you apply!

1. Look at all scholarships available
2. Check the relevant criteria
3. Apply online for all that suit you!

There are also Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander specific scholarships that you may be eligible for.

YOUR SUCCESS

We understand that success means different things to different students. In addition to the support provided by the Indigenous Higher Education Units, ACU's Office of Student Success offers personal and academic skills advice, career development and counselling services and support for people with special needs or disabilities on each campus.



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