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# GUKWONDERUK INDIGENOUS HEALTH WORKFORCES CENTRE

Care for your community and mob.  
Gukwonderuk Centre – Student Engagement Team

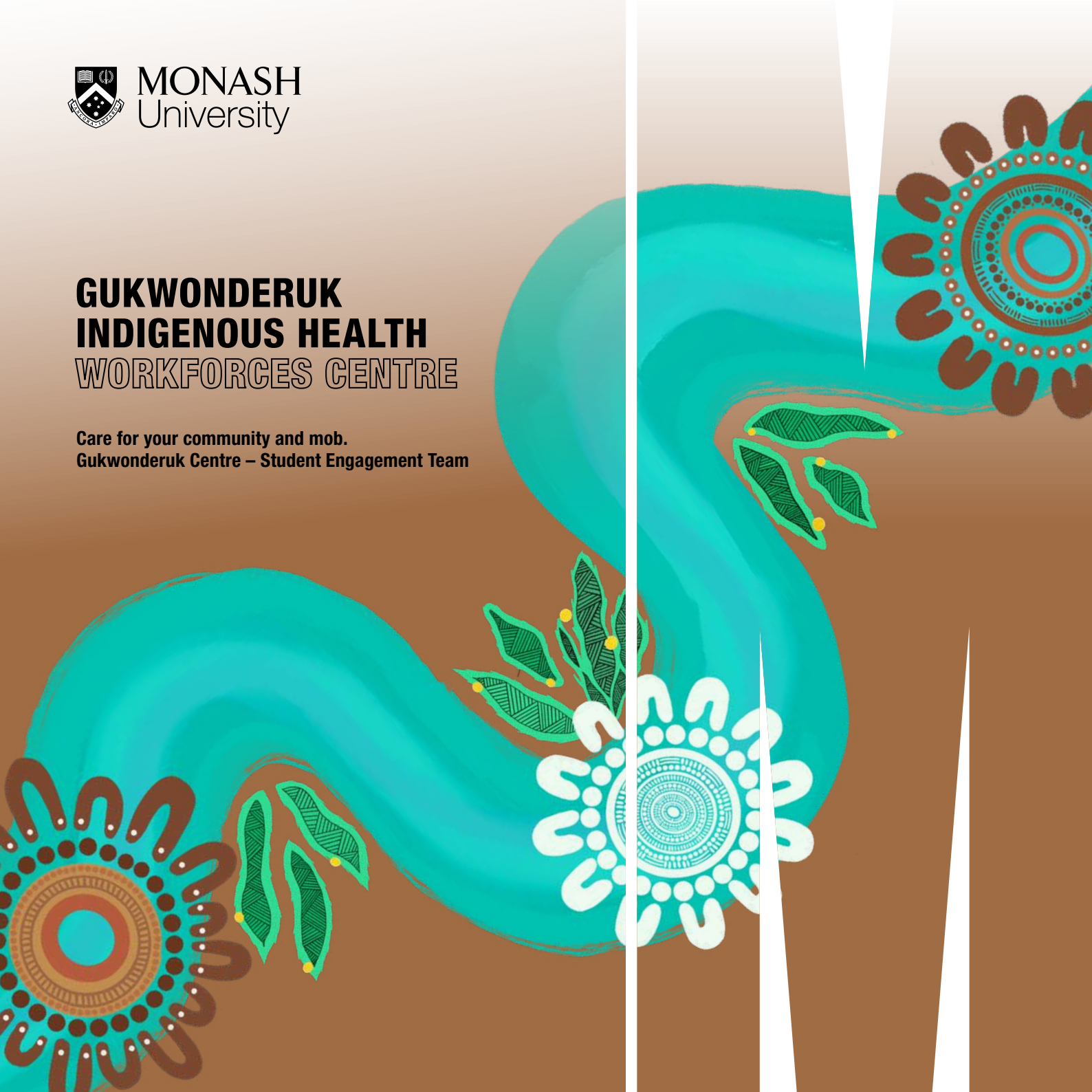


Image: Gukwonderuk by artist Marykia Males Yorta Yorta.  
Gukwonderuk (Wotjobaluk) is a highly respected cure-all medicine plant that grows across Southeast Australia.



Image: Indigenous students celebrate finishing their degrees at graduation.



Image: Mullum Mullum Scarred Tree in the Monash Indigenous garden.

We would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands from which Monash University and Gukwonderuk work on. We pay our respect to Elders past and present.

## GUKWONDERUK CENTRE – STUDENT ENGAGEMENT TEAM

The Gukwonderuk Centre – Student Engagement Team has the great privilege of working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and their families to pursue careers in health and wellbeing.

Over the last several years we have been proud to see over two hundred Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students graduate and join the health and wellbeing sector.

At Monash we provide opportunities for Indigenous students to engage with a diverse community of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, staff and health profession networks. We value a well rounded education that engages students in their cultural heritage and the world of health professions.

Whether you are a prospective student, a family member seeking information, a teacher or community member, we hope that this booklet serves as an entrance to the inspiring world of health careers at Monash.



Image: (L to R) Tony Males, Yorta Yorta – Indigenous Academic Engagement Officer  
Monica Chalmers, Baakandji – Hands-on Health Coordinator  
Josh Kennedy, Ngarrindjeri – Indigenous Academic Engagement Coordinator

## CHOOSE YOUR DEADLY CAREER



Image: Nursing students practicing clinical skills

### Care for your community by studying one of our courses in:

- Nursing
- Nutrition Science
- Medicine
- Midwifery
- Occupational Therapy
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Radiography and Medical Imaging.

## APPLY TO STUDY A HEALTH COURSE AT MONASH

### Interview with us

Whether you are interested in starting a health career or furthering your existing career and study – we invite you to attend an interview with us. The interview has several benefits:

- You meet with Indigenous staff from the Faculty
- You can share your career and study aspirations
- You will find out more about scholarships and accommodation options
- You will find out more about study, cultural and social programs for Indigenous students at Monash
- Understand more about bridging or pathway programs if you need them.

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### Monash Indigenous Entry Scheme

Through VTAC, Indigenous Australian applicants can gain direct admission to a range of Monash Medicine, Nursing, and Health Sciences undergraduate degrees with an achieved ATAR of 50+ (higher for some degrees).

- Health Sciences (Indigenous Entry) 50 ATAR
- Nursing (Indigenous Entry) 50 ATAR
- Paramedicine (Indigenous Entry) 50 ATAR
- Public Health (Indigenous Entry) 50 ATAR
- Occupational Therapy (Honours – Indigenous Entry) 50 ATAR
- Radiation Sciences (Indigenous Entry) 60 ATAR.

There are no extra requirements or time added to your course when you start a course via this entry scheme, and you will be supported throughout your degree by the University and the Gukwonderuk Indigenous Health Workforces Centre.

## PATHWAYS

### Monash Indigenous Access Program

The Monash Indigenous Access Program (MIAP) is a full-time bridging program that prepares students for entry into many undergraduate health courses. MIAP is also ABSTUDY-approved.

Students typically complete 12-months of study which includes academic writing skills, learning how to study in a university, knowledge and context and maths. Students also study units from the degree they are aiming to study. On successfully completing the program students transfer into their destination course.

You can apply if you:

- Haven't completed Year 12
- Graduated with a non-ATAR pathway, for instance, a TAFE course, VCE ungraded, VCE Vocational Major, or it's been some time since you did year 12.
- Received an ATAR under 50
- Have not studied at a university
- Are mature aged without previous study experience.

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## JOIN OUR COMMUNITY

Join over 150 Indigenous students who are studying health courses and get involved in Indigenous student activities and events.

### Kirrip Mentor Program

Kirrip means friend in the Woiwurrung language. The Kirrip program matches every Indigenous first year medicine, nursing and allied health student with another Indigenous student in a higher year level.

### Kirrip Leadership Program

Become a student leader in medicine, nursing or allied health, and attend sessions designed to help you learn what it is to be an Indigenous leader in healthcare, attend Indigenous led workshops, meet with Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs) and more.

### Indigenous Health Professional Student Symposium

Attend our popular Indigenous Health Professional Student Symposium. Indigenous students and alumni lead the symposium and share healthcare case studies and the latest research.

### National and International Indigenous Health Professional Networks

Become a member of Indigenous health professional groups, such as, the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses, Indigenous Allied Health Australia or the Australian Indigenous Doctors Association. We provide you with various support to attend their annual conferences and associated international conferences.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND SUPPORT

### Apply for travel and accommodation support

You can apply to have expenses associated with relocating to Monash University from a rural or interstate location covered. You can also apply for a scholarship to cover the full or partial costs of staying in Monash Residential Services on campus.

### Costs of prescribed textbooks covered

The William Cooper Institute provides a bursary to cover the costs of prescribed textbooks.

### Scholarships

The 'Achieving Potential Indigenous Support Scholarship' is guaranteed if you are an Indigenous Australian and intending to study an undergraduate or graduate (coursework) degree. The scholarship provides \$6500 per annum (48 credit points of study) for the duration of your degree. There are many other scholarships you can apply for.

### Apply for an Indigenous Student Bursary

Students can apply to the bursary for costs of admission tests, course related expenses such as uniforms, working with children checks, police checks, fitness tests, immunisations and sorry business attendance.

### Benefit from tutoring

Excel in your studies with our free Indigenous tutoring program.

### Apply for a cadetship

We link you to cadetship opportunities in local health services, such as Monash Health, Peninsula Health, Eastern Health, the Royal Women's Hospital and many more. You get to work part-time and hone your healthcare skills.



## HANDS ON HEALTH

The Gukwonderuk Hands on Health program is an exciting opportunity for primary and high school-aged Indigenous students to engage in healthcare careers in a culturally relevant way.

### Indigenous community events and programs

Hands on Health can provide a stall with health career information and interactive activities.

### Primary school students

We provide Incursions where students create a kangaroo medicine band, are introduced to various healthcare careers and receive a free health careers activity book. Students can also visit the Monash campus for a Discovery Day to learn about university life and engage with Indigenous medicine plants.

### Secondary school students

We offer incursions for Indigenous students to engage with hands-on activities about health careers, learn about study pathways to university and gain an introduction to Indigenous medicines.

Students can also visit a Monash campus for a Discovery Day to learn about being a university student. Additionally, students can undertake work experience with Hands on Health.

### Meet and greet

Hands on Health team visit Indigenous students one-on-one or in groups to discuss health careers and study options.

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Image: learning about how the body works

