

## **MEDIA RELEASE - Ganbina and La Trobe Award Education Excellence**

Ganbina participant, Shaelyn Crowhurst has been recognised for her academic achievement and presented the Ganbina Education Excellence Award.

In partnership with La Trobe University's Ngarrapna Indigenous Education Unit, Ganbina awards a participant each year in recognition of their successful completion of VCE and proactive future career planning.

The annual award, initiated in 2015, provides an opportunity to celebrate and reflect on the educational journey of the recipient while encouraging them to continue their study through training or higher education.

Since the awards were formed, each recipient has gone on to enroll in University and continue their education pathways in their study area of choice.

Ganbina General Manager, Larissa Falla said it is widely recognised Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth face significant barriers in achieving their individual education, training and employment goals. Ganbina aims to support them to succeed and ultimately become leaders and agents of change within their community.

"We are fortunate to have a working partnership with La Trobe University, a likeminded organisation that sees the impact education can have in one's life. The Academic Achievement Award is a practical way of saying well done to the recipient, and encourage them to keep up the good work. Shaelyn is a very worthy winner and a positive role model for others in community."

Greater Shepparton Secondary School graduate, Miss Crowhurst completed not only VCE in 2020 but also the three year Ganbina Youth Leadership Program.

"The Leadership Program has been an experience of a life time. The opportunities, memories and lifelong friends the program provided will stay with me forever. I'm proud of what I've been able to achieve in completing Year 12 and look forward to the next chapter of my life."

Shaelyn thanked both Ganbina and La Trobe University for the award and shared her plans to continue her studies at La Trobe University and future aspiration to become a paediatric nurse.

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**\*Quote from LTU representative to be added\***