

CONNECTIONS

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Term 4 - The Final Stretch!

Welcome back to RISE CONNECTIONS—your place for the latest updates, opportunities and stories from our RISE community. This issue celebrates another massive Rise Camp done and dusted as we now look forward to the 2 upcoming pathways!

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STAY CONNECTED!

Keep an eye out for new editions of RISE Connections to keep up to date with events, opportunities and details of our annual RISE Camp!

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6 WEEK INDIGENOUS PATHWAY

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Start in Semester 1, 2027

Tutoring and Laptop

Online and Free



Register Here



The Rise 6-week Indigenous Pathway is designed to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to access higher education. Through fully online study, students build confidence with key skills used in university such as: reading, writing, research and critical thinking. With provided one-on-one tutoring and a laptop, the successful completion of the pathway leads to a range of undergraduate courses.

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The 2026 RISE Camp brought together Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from Years 9 to 12 for an unforgettable five-day experience designed to build connections, confidence, and aspirations for higher education. Students travelled from across Victoria and beyond, including: Albury-Wodonga, Bendigo, Shepparton, Mildura, Gippsland, Melbourne, and even the Northern Territory, to take part in the annual camp.



The camp commenced at Lady Northcote Discovery Camp on Wadawurrung Country, where students had the opportunity to meet new people, strengthen existing friendships, and immerse themselves in a range of team-building activities. The first day featured traditional Indigenous games and icebreakers that encouraged connection, cultural pride, and a strong sense of community among participants. The following day, students rotated through a variety of engaging activities that challenged them both physically and creatively. Highlights included archery, the high ropes course, Uncle Colin Clark's cultural art workshop, and a hands-on Johnny Cake making session. These activities provided opportunities for students to develop resilience, learn new skills, and engage with culture in meaningful ways.



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Midway through the camp, the group travelled to La Trobe University's Bundoora Campus, where students experienced what university life is really like. For the remaining two and a half days, participants lived in on-campus accommodation and took part in a series of interactive academic workshops across a range of disciplines, including Archaeology, Law, Media, Astronomy, Nursing, Chemistry, and Sport Science. These sessions gave students valuable insight into study pathways and future career opportunities.

Beyond the classroom, students had access to La Trobe's outstanding sporting facilities, participating in activities such as rock climbing, an AFL workshop, and table tennis. A major highlight was a visit to the Home of the Matildas, where students also took part in a football clinic delivered by Football Victoria, providing a unique opportunity to develop their skills while learning from industry professionals.

The 2026 RISE Camp left students inspired, connected, and better prepared to consider their future educational journeys. By combining cultural learning, leadership development, university experiences, and opportunities to form lasting friendships, the camp continues to play an important role in supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students as they explore pathways into higher education.









Meet our new...

2 WEEK INTENSIVE PATHWAY

Is This Pathway for You?

This program is designed for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who have completed Year 12 and are looking for another pathway into university study.

You may be eligible if you:

- Have completed a scored or unscored Year 12
- Are interested in studying at university but have not met the usual English prerequisite
- Want additional preparation and support before starting diploma-level study
- Are ready to experience life as a university student and build your confidence for future study



What Is the Outcome?

Students who successfully complete the program will be academically prepared to commence one of the following La Trobe University diplomas:

- Diploma of Arts
- Diploma of Health Sciences
- Diploma of Teacher Education* (minimum ATAR 40 required)

These diplomas provide a supported pathway into a range of undergraduate degrees at La Trobe University.

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Why Participate?

- Experience University Life
- Live on La Trobe University's Bundoora campus for two weeks and get a real taste of university life before you begin your studies.
- Build Your Academic Confidence
- Strengthen your academic skills, improve your readiness for further study and gain confidence in a supportive learning environment.
- Learn in a Culturally Safe Space
- Study alongside other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in an environment that values culture, connection and belonging.
- Receive Full Support

The program is fully funded and includes:

- Accommodation
- Meals
- Academic tutoring
- Course materials

A Supported Pathway to Success

The RISE with La Trobe Pathway Program is more than a bridging course. It is an opportunity to develop the skills, confidence and connections needed to take the next step towards higher education and future career opportunities.

Two weeks. Fully funded. A pathway to your future at La Trobe University.

Apply using the QR Code on the next page!

Your next step into higher education

RISE with La Trobe is offering a fully funded two week Residential Pathway Program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who are interest in taking the next step into La Trobe University diploma study.

Provided: Accommodation | Meals | Tutoring | Course

What to expect

This intensive, face to face program provides a supportive university environment where students can refine the academic skills, confidence and readiness needed for further study.

- Live on La Trobe University's Bundoora campus for the full two weeks
- Learn in a culturally safe and supportive environment
- Build academic confidence and prepare for diploma study
- Experience university life and connect with other students

Who can apply?

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students
- Students who have completed an unscored Year 12, or scored Year 12.
- Students who have not met the usual English prerequisite

* A minimum ATAR of 40 is required for entry into Teacher Education

Choose from three La Trobe diplomas:

- Diploma of Teacher Education*
- Diploma of Health Sciences
- Diploma of Arts

Interested?

Submit an Expression of Interest to find out more.

Places are limited.



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