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# Koorie News Years 7 –12

BRIMBANK / MELTON

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## Young, Blak and *Deadly* Program

**Are you interested in the Arts?**

**Can you dance, sing, act, even juggle?**

**Are you creative?**

**Or interested in working behind the scenes?**

St Albans Community Centre (STACC) and the Brimbank Council have a fabulous program for Aboriginal students in the West.

Lisa Maza an accomplished performer will guide Aboriginal students into the world of creative arts.

The program will:

- Connect with other young, blak & deadly locals
- Enjoy creative workshops and idea sharing

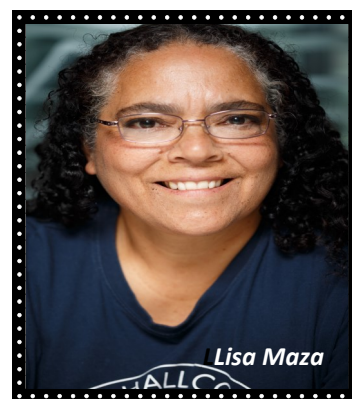
- Learn about the creative industry, behind the scenes and jobs
- Find out what it takes to put together a show
- Create something unique with the group to present at NAIDOC Week 2022
- Meet & hear from First Nations Australians creative industry professionals

This new deadly program is free and if you are interested you can register now at:

[creativebrimbank.com.au/  
community/young-blak-and-deadly](http://creativebrimbank.com.au/community/young-blak-and-deadly)

Or you can contact Jo Thavathan on 9249 4604 at the STACC for more information

or yarn with one of the KESOs who cannot wait for this program to start.



Lisa Maza

**This program is an after school program and free to all Koorie students across the west!**

**Check out the careers day in performing arts on PAGE 3 and ask your school to come along**

## First Edition

Hello you mob and thank you for taking the time to read our first Brimbank/Melton Koorie Pathways Newsletter.

Each edition we will be sharing and promoting deadly programs and events from around the west and with a focus on Brimbank/Melton.

We hope that our Koorie students will be inspired and engaged in the many opportunities

that are out there for our community.

This edition has a focus on participating and finding a sense of connection within our schools and community.

We aim to support our Koorie youth to find something that encourages them to get creative, engaged, motivated and connected and especially finding

success at school and beyond.

It will be an opportunity to share stories, yarns and success from our Koorie students within Brimbank/Melton.

If you have something to share or would like to contribute to our next edition please contact Michelle Marion via email:

michelle.marion@education.vic.gov.au

# Nallej Jerring Program—Bulldogs

Nallej Jerring Program is a Youth Leadership program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students aged 13 – 15 years old living in Melbourne's West.

Nallej Jerring will be running on Thursdays after school. The program will commence with a trip to Marvel Stadium to watch the **Western Bulldogs play Melbourne in the Sir Doug Nichols Round on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May.**

The Koorie Youth Leadership Project aims to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people by

providing opportunities through the Western Bulldogs as a way of encouraging leadership within the local Aboriginal community. To register please click: <https://www.westernbulldogs.com.au/foundation/forms/nallej-jerring>

Or call Marayne on 0418 448 853 for further information



**After school Program for Koorie students aged 13—15 years**

# Marrung Scholarship Recipient

Congratulations to Luke a year 11 student at Copperfield College—Delahey Campus for being one of only 20 Marrung Aboriginal Scholarship recipients across Victoria and the only recipient across Melbourne's West for 2021.

Every year the Department of Education and Training (DET) and Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc (VAEAI) award the scholar-

ship to Aboriginal students that demonstrate commitment to school and community.

Recently Luke attended the awards ceremony with his family and Mr Sullivan, Assistance Principal Delahey Campus Copperfield College to receive his award.

**Congratulations Luke this is too deadly!**

*“When I was told I won the scholarship I was really happy, It does mean a lot to win to be awarded and something based on my culture and acknowledgment of my schooling too.*

*I hope many other Indigenous students from Copperfield can win it in years to come”.*  
Luke



# Reconciliation Week—More Than A Word

Every year we celebrate RECONCILIATION WEEK across Australia from May 27th—3rd June.

Do you know why these two dates are significant?

- 27 May: 1967 Referendum**
- 2 June: High Court Mabo Decision**



Maybe your school is doing Reconciliation Week activities. Or maybe you can organise an event at your school.

Find out more on the reconciliation Australis website.

[nrw.reconciliation.org.au](http://nrw.reconciliation.org.au)

# Performing Arts Careers—REC WEEK

**This Reconciliation Week** Bowery Theatre and the St Albans Community Centre would like to invite Koorie students across Brimbank/Melton to come and explore the world of theatre.

**Tuesday 1 June** Koorie students are invited to come and see, learn and join in on over 100 jobs in the arts.

Theatre isn't just acting! There is also lighting, technicians, designers and so much more....

**Book your school in with Lisa Maza:**

[mazamatazz@gmail.com](mailto:mazamatazz@gmail.com)

PH: 0407 997 117

**A Career/pathway maybe you have never thought about!**

**YOUNG, BLAK & DEADLY @ BOWERY THEATRE**

Young *Blak & Deadly* Program and the St Albans Community Centre (STACC) would like to invite Koorie students at your school to come along and explore the world of theatre this Reconciliation Week at the Bowery Theatre.

Did you know performing arts has at least 100 related jobs?

From lighting to directing, hair and makeup, set design, music, costume, producing to writing.

**WHEN: TUESDAY 1 June**  
**TIME: 10am – 2pm**  
**LOCATION: BOWERY THEATRE**  
**33 PRINCESS ST, ST ALBANS**

# Student Insight—Skye

**Mob?**

Gurindji

**Year level?**

12—Copperfield College

**What do you want to do when you finish school?**

When I finish school I hope to do further studies to become either a social worker or a child care worker.

**Best thing about school?**

The best thing about school in my opinion would be creating life long bonds with other students.

**Hardest part about school?**

The hardest part about school would have been doing online schooling.

**What will you miss?**

I will miss being able to see my friends everyday and also all the activities that the school holds.

**What makes you so deadly?**

I believe what makes me deadly is staying connected to my culture and never losing who I am as a young Aboriginal woman.

**Most Inspirational person and why?**

The most inspirational person I have in my life would be my Nan, Joyce Cooper. She's done so much within the community and is very connected with her culture.

**What makes me proud as an Aboriginal person?**

I am and always will be proud to call myself an Aboriginal person as we are the oldest living culture in the world.

**Favourite food?**

One of my favourite foods would have to be chicken schnitzels.



# School to Work Program - Melbourne Storm

**Are you in year 11 and 12 and would like a mentor?**

The School to Work Program with Melbourne Storm aims to support Koorie students educational outcomes during years 11 and 12. On-going support is also provided 12 months after leaving school.

**Contact Lyndall Down Today:**

0459 874 170

**OUR PURPOSE**  
 Prepare our participants for transition  
 Connect our participants to culture  
 Provide our participants with access and exposure to opportunities

**WHAT IS THE SCHOOL TO WORK PROGRAM?**  
 The School to Work Program was developed in response to research highlighting Indigenous youth who had not found an employment or training pathway six months after leaving school, had a significantly higher chance of being long-term unemployed.  
 The program has been operational since 2012 and utilises the positive profile of Rugby League to support and encourage Year 11 and 12 Indigenous students to achieve their FISC, CCL, VCL and prepares them as they transition from school to employment or further education.  
 The program is funded and supported by the Australian Federal Government as well as NRL Clubs: Canberra Raiders, Canterbury Bankstown Bulldogs, Cronulla Sharks, Melbourne Storm, Newcastle Knights, Parramatta Eels, Penrith Panthers, St George Illawarra Dragons, Sydney Roosters, Gold Coast Titans and the West Tigers.

**HOW TO GET IN CONTACT**  
 For more information on the program contact your Project Officer  
**Lyndall Down on 0459 874 170 or ldown@nrl.com.au**

**FOLLOW US ON OUR SOCIALS**  
 NRL52W | [linkedin.com/in/nrl-school-to-work/](https://www.linkedin.com/in/nrl-school-to-work/)  
 facebook.com/nrl52w | [facebook.com/nrl52w](https://www.facebook.com/nrl52w/) | [nrl.com/community/school-to-work/](https://www.nrl.com/community/school-to-work/)



**School to Work Program previous participants visit Melbourne Storm**



Edmund Rice Services  
and Kirrip Aboriginal  
Corporation

# YOUTH IN PARTNERSHIP

A weekly cultural program for all school aged Aboriginal youth

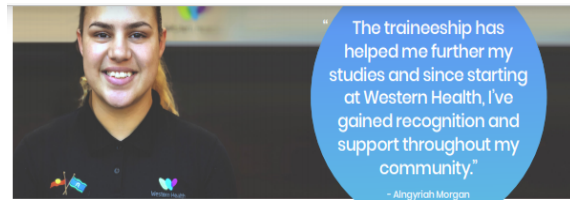
**EVERY TUESDAY  
4:30PM - 6:00PM  
DURING SCHOOL TERMS**

**FOR MORE DETAILS, PLEASE CONTACT**

**EDMUND RICE SERVICES - MT ATKINSON**  
Laura Di Pasquale - 0468 592 646  
ldipasquale@edmundrice.org

**KIRRIIP ABORIGINAL CORPORATION**  
Nicole Witt - 03 8088 0764  
yaama@kirripaboriginalcorporation.org

Edmund Rice and Kirrip Aboriginal Corporation have **an after school Cultural Program** for Koorie students in Melton/Brimbank every Tuesday. For further information please contact Nicole on 8088 0764 at Kirrip or Laura at Edmund Rice on 0468 592 646



## School Based Business Traineeship

Career Opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Youth with Western Health, one of the largest employers in the Western Suburbs of Melbourne.

### A Great Employer

Employing over 7000 staff and more than 600 volunteers, Western Health has a strong philosophy in working along with the local community to deliver excellence in patient care. Western Health manages hospitals and health facilities in Sunshine, Footscray, Williamstown, and Sunbury, servicing a population of over 800,000 people in one of Australia's fastest growth corridors and multi-culturally diverse communities. Western Health is continuing to partner with NextGen Jobs, Australia's leading employer of apprentices and trainees, in again offering this wonderful opportunity to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who are currently in Year 10 or 11 in 2021.

### An Interesting Role

Over a 12 month period, successful trainees will work across all sites & within various departments including - People and Culture (Human Resources), Library, Education & the Aboriginal Health Unit.

### Learn new skills

This program will give you the skills and knowledge required to provide health administration support. Plus you will receive the opportunity to work in an environment where you will be exposed to other career possibilities within the healthcare industry.

### A Career Qualification

Program duration: 12 months. You will work and be paid for one day per week during normal school hours. During this period you will also study and complete a Certificate II in Business.

### Duties include:

- Customer Service - Data Entry
- Filing and Photocopying - Mail Distribution
- Diary Management - Appointment Setting
- Office Administration - Special Projects

### To be eligible for this program, you must be:

- Ready for a 12 month commitment towards your future career
- Interested in supporting the community and working in the health industry
- Positive, friendly and willing to learn
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Currently enrolled in Year 10 or 11.

### This role can offer:

- A supportive working environment
- A great team-culture
- Possible long-term career opportunities
- Your own specialised mentor.

### Next Steps:

For further information please contact Tim Owens on 0402 648 906 or to apply please email a copy of your resume to [towens@nextgenjobs.org.au](mailto:towens@nextgenjobs.org.au)



We acknowledge the traditional owners of the lands on which all Western Health sites are located and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

[nextgenjobs.org.au](http://nextgenjobs.org.au)



NextGen Jobs

JOB TRAINING FOR THE 21st CENTURY

If you would like to undertake a 12 month SBAT at Western Health please contact:

**Tim Owens on 0402 648 906**

Two positions are currently available

# Victorian Indigenous Engineering School

This year we will be offering VIEWS as a national online virtual program for years 10, 11 and 12 Indigenous high school students currently studying Mathematics and or Science who are interested in an engineering or technology pathway.

VIEWS is a five-day long program offered by The University of Melbourne, RMIT University, Swinburne University and Monash University where students experience first-hand the work of engineers, meet Indigenous engineering professionals, discover pathways into engineering and explore virtually four univer-

This is an exciting initiative that will change your student's perspective on engineering and open a world of possibilities.

Applications Close Monday June 14.

**Places are limited so get in early.**

If you have questions please contact teh VIEWS team via:

[Eng-views@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:Eng-views@unimelb.edu.au)

