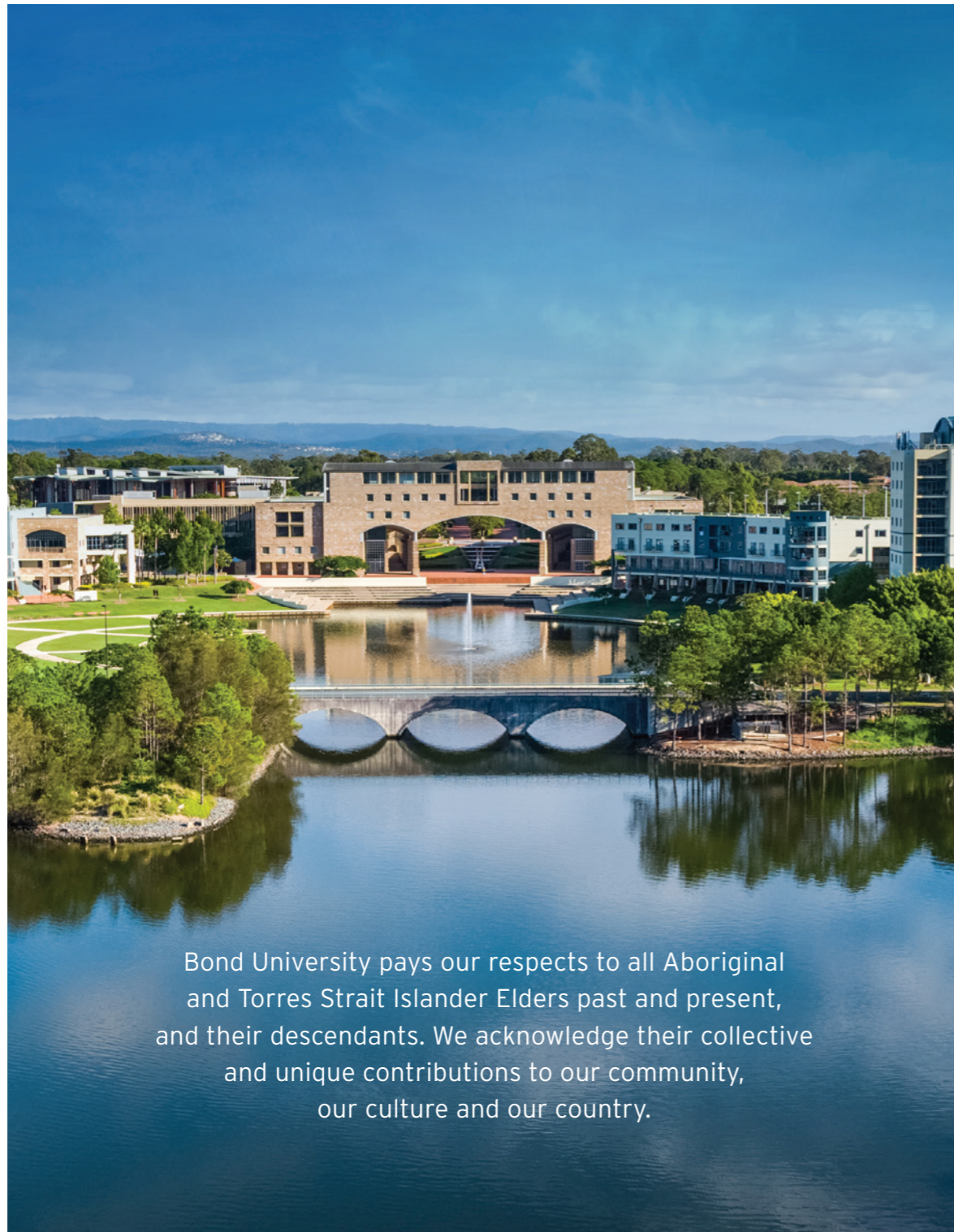
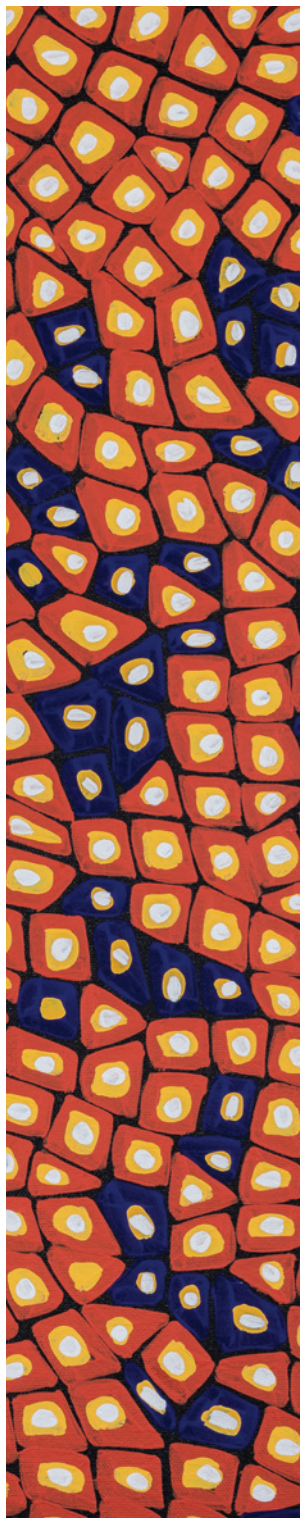


**BOND
UNIVERSITY**

Partnering with
Bond University's
Indigenous Scholarship
and Support Program



Bond University pays our respects to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders past and present, and their descendants. We acknowledge their collective and unique contributions to our community, our culture and our country.



JINGERI

I have always believed in the immeasurable power that education can have on a young person's life.

The power of someone believing in their potential, committing and dedicating themselves to their studies and ultimately creating a new outlook and opportunities for their future.

Thanks to your support, these ambitious, hard-working young people won't just be university graduates. They will become leaders and role models for not only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, but all Australians.

Today, with 161 Indigenous students having graduated from Bond University, I continue to be impressed by their resilience, their enthusiasm, and their passion for contributing to a brighter future for First Nations people.

I cannot imagine a world, or a future, without their voices and their impact. And without you, it would not be possible.

I thank you, on behalf of these incredible young people, their families, community Elders and the Nyombil Centre.

You are truly making a difference.

AUNTY JOYCE SUMMERS

Elder and Bond University Fellow



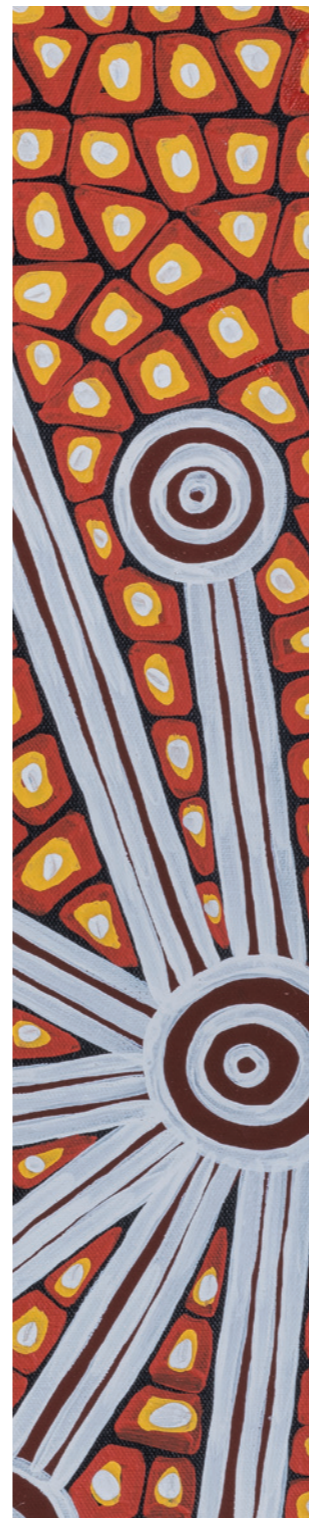
Having a university degree completely closes the gap in employment rates between Indigenous people and non-Indigenous people.*

Yet Indigenous people aged 20 - 24 are up to four times less likely to attend university than their non-Indigenous peers.**

Bond University is committed to change and our students' success demonstrates this.

Darcie Sexton
Bachelor of Communication (Business)
Mununjali

* 2020 Universities Australia Indigenous Annual Report
** 2016 Australian Census



90.94%

SUCCESS RATE
FOR BOND INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

(compared to the national average of 71% for Indigenous undergraduate students)*



113
INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED SINCE 2012



161
INDIGENOUS GRADUATES



OVER \$5.5M
INVESTED IN INDIGENOUS EDUCATION
SINCE 2012

* Department of Education, 2019

INCREASED STUDENT SUPPORT

WITH NEW NYOMBIL CENTRE STAFF

Channelled through the Nyombil Indigenous Support Centre, the matrix of financial, academic, cultural and personal support tailored specifically for our Indigenous students has seen Bond University achieve **one of the highest retention rates in Australia for its students.**



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Through the Indigenous Scholarship Program - offering full and part-fee scholarships to Indigenous students who have demonstrated academic achievement, leadership and community engagement - and the Indigenous Student Support Fund, granting bursaries to help students meet living and study expenses.



ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Personal and community support through the Nyombil Centre, alongside the Indigenous Tutoring Scheme - funded through the Australian government's Indigenous Student Success Program - which provides one-on-one tutoring to students who need academic assistance.



CULTURAL SUPPORT

Events, activities and interactions at the Nyombil Centre encourage students to embrace their heritage and be proud of their identity. Indigenous culture is integrated and highlighted across the Bond University campus, through events hosted by the Student Society for Indigenous Awareness, and the Corrigan Walk tours which comprises Australia's largest collection of Indigenous art on public display.



PERSONAL SUPPORT

Friends made at Bond will become friends for life. The Nyombil Centre fosters lifelong friendships between Indigenous students from all over Australia, allowing them to share their stories and experiences and create networks that will extend beyond graduation.



Paul Martin and Narelle Urquhart
Nyombil Centre Staff

16 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED IN 2021

INTRODUCING SOME OF OUR SCHOLARS



LATISHA BIRKS

Diploma of Legal Studies / Bachelor of Laws
Thursday Island

"My scholarship has given me the opportunity to study something that I am so passionate about. It also gave me the chance to be the first person in my family to go to university. Through my law studies, my goal is to work with people who are wrongly accused of a crime."



HARRISON IRELAND

Bachelor of Sports Management
Mellukerdee

"At Bond, you will be expected to and will want to get out of your comfort zone, but there is a tonne of support at the ready if you need it. My dream job would be to own my own player agent company or work within the AFL."



SAMUEL SAVAGE

Bachelor of Psychological Science
Darnley Island, Wanji

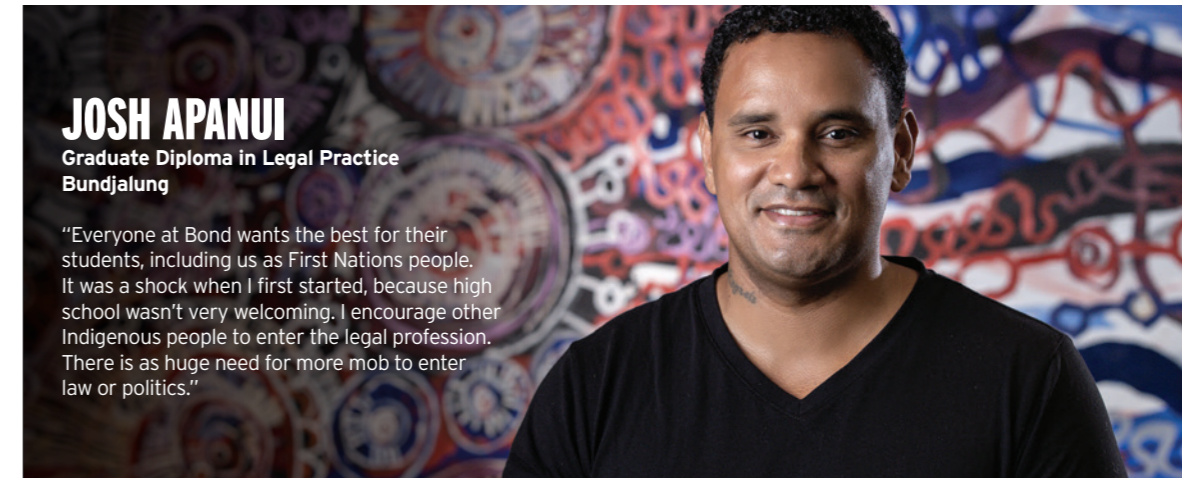
"I was inspired to study psychology when a good friend of mine, along with some close relatives, started struggling with mental health issues. I hope to become a registered clinical psychologist, counsellor or therapist, and Bond's fast-tracked schedule will help me achieve my goals sooner."



JAHKITA KILCOYNE

Bachelor of Business
Saibai and Ugar Island

"The opportunity to study at Bond has not only provided me with a high-class education, but an opportunity to grow into my future career goals. I know that with Bond, I will achieve my goals and excel with some amazing experiences along the way."



JOSH APANUI

Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice
Bundjalung

"Everyone at Bond wants the best for their students, including us as First Nations people. It was a shock when I first started, because high school wasn't very welcoming. I encourage other Indigenous people to enter the legal profession. There is as huge need for more mob to enter law or politics."



JEDDA GARDINER-DODD

Diploma of Legal Studies / Bachelor of Laws
Bundjalung

"I learned about Bond when I was a kid; my father took me to campus and I fell in love with the place. The Indigenous scholarship gave me the ability to be a Bondy and I'm the first child in my family to attend university. When I graduate I hope to become a lawyer. I want to be a voice for Indigenous people and help my community."

CLOSING THE GAP

Bond University is committed to playing a part in creating a better future for our First Nations people, and the scholarship program is just one element of the University's Indigenous initiatives.

This commitment is demonstrated through the Reflection Reconciliation Action Plan, and a number of initiatives including Bond's Indigenous Education and Workforce Strategy, developed by the dedicated Indigenous Consultative Committee.

The Indigenous Consultative Committee is a standing committee of the Academic Senate, providing oversight and strategic direction for all of the University's Indigenous programs and initiatives.



Abelee Stanley
Diploma of Arts / Bachelor of Social Science
Murgon

161 INDIGENOUS GRADUATES

MEET SOME OF OUR ALUMNI

DR MYORA STONE

**Bachelor of Medical Studies
and Doctor of Medicine (class of 2016)**

Bond's inaugural Indigenous Medical Scholarship recipient has made history for a second time as one of Bond's first Indigenous medical graduates.

Dr Myora Stone, who graduated in December 2020, will be interning at Gold Coast Health before embarking on the next stage of her medical career, and Bond has always held a special place in her heart.

"My family is the Kombumerri people of Southport which is actually the land Bond is built on," says Myora.



DAIJAH MARTENS

Bachelor of Business (class of 2015)

When Dajjah Martens was awarded a Bond University Indigenous Scholarship, her first thought wasn't about the opportunities it would present her - it was about others.

"There were so many other kids who were just as worthy of the opportunity as me," she says. "I immediately felt that I needed to do something purposeful with the scholarship I had been awarded."

The Bachelor of Business alumna and proud Yirrganydji and Australian South Sea Islander woman stayed true to this commitment. She now works in Brisbane as a Business Operations Manager, with her work centered around creating tangible employment outcomes for her people.



SINEAD DUMAS

**Bachelor of International Relations /
Master of International Relations (class of 2011)**

Sinead Dumas had a high-flying role at the Department of Defence, but had even bigger dreams in mind.

The proud Wiradjuri woman and Bond alumna is now Founder and Director of First Nation Start Up, which assists Indigenous business owners and Biyang Yukul Cultural Consultants.

Sinead has always been ambitious and had a passion for making a difference, which is why she studied a Master of International Relations.

"I thought if I could understand more about First Nations people around the world then I could really understand it here in my own home and fix a lot of bigger issues at play," says Sinead.

Sinead says her Bond degrees, made possible by a part scholarship, were critical to her success.

"The Department of Defence had 8,500 applications from graduates that year and only took 108. Five of those students were from Bond University," she says.

"I would never have landed that first job at Defence if I was at any other university, and I can say that with confidence. They accelerate your degree and it gets you ready to work in the fast-paced environment of the entrepreneurial and corporate world.



5 REASONS TO SUPPORT

Since 2012, Bond University has invested over \$5.5 million in Indigenous education.

We understand the positive impact education can have on young Indigenous people, as well as Indigenous communities.

There are so many reasons to contribute to Bond's Indigenous Scholarship and Support Programs, but here are five of the best.

01

Your contribution is being invested directly in our most promising Indigenous young people.

This gives them the opportunity they need to be the change we all want to see.

02

You will be part of the solution.

It doesn't matter how big or small your organisation may be or how much you are able to contribute - your investment in our scholarship fund, combined with the contributions from other sponsors, will give a young Indigenous student the educational experience of a lifetime; one they would not otherwise have had access to.

03

The students you help are leading by example.

So many of our Indigenous scholarship recipients tell us that their success has inspired family members and friends to follow in their footsteps.

04

You are contributing to a program that works.

Bond's Indigenous scholarships are just one element of a coordinated framework designed to support students all the way through to graduation, employment and beyond.

05

You know that 'closing the gap' is as much about changing minds as it is about changing hearts.

Receiving a Bond University scholarship says to a student that 'you can do anything'. We deliver on this promise with an educational experience that equips them to be proud Indigenous leaders who are committed to giving back to their families and communities.

Bond University would like to thank Dr Patrick Corrigan AM DUniv and the following companies for their generous contributions towards the Indigenous Program in 2020.



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Douglas Murphy QC, LLM, Class of 1989



Gold Partners



Dr Ken McGregor DUniv



Silver Partners



Professor Michelle McLean

Professor Janie Smith

Bronze Partners



Living Bursary Partners

The Webb family

The artwork displayed in this booklet was created by acclaimed local artist and Nyombil Centre Indigenous Engagement Advisor, Narelle Urquhart.

The artwork is called 'Beyond the Boundaries' and represents Bond University's Indigenous graduates reaching beyond the boundaries that have long held back First Nations people.

Their education at Bond University becomes part of their strong futures and has a national impact - not only for their communities, but for all Australians.

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