The SACE Aboriginal Student Pathways Conference is scheduled for Wednesday 15 June, 2016, at 9:40 am. The event will take place in the C3-16 Lecture Theatre (Centenary Building) on the City East campus.
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• Ngangkirna, Miyurna! Naa marni Ngai nari David

• Ngai yarta-nungku yaku, ngai kunturrrkinthi taakanthi ngaityu wardli

• Ngai pupdlunthi naa-itya, ngai wangkanthi warra Kaurna meyurna, miipupdlunthi ngaityu kuinyuntapinthi

• What I just said, for the benefit of all of you who either don’t speak Kaurna or who might find Irish-accented Kaurna not what you were expecting,

• That my name is David; that I'm not originally from this country but I am proud to call this my home.

• And I'm telling you this in the language of the Kaurna people as a mark of respect.

• The meeting this morning is taking place on Kaurna land.
• The Kaurna people have performed ceremonies on this land for many centuries, and we pay respect to their living culture and the unique role they continue to play in the life of the Adelaide region.

• Good morning and welcome to the City East campus of the University of South Australia.

• My name is David Lloyd and I am Vice Chancellor and President of this university.

• This place was home to the institutions that made us a university 25 years ago.

• The South Australian Institute of Technology and three South Australian Colleges of Advanced Education merged in 1991 to become the University of South Australia.

• So there is a lot of history on this campus, and a lot of success stories have come from these lecture theatres.
• Success stories that, I hope, you will add to when it comes time for you to complete the SACE and bring your talents and energy to the University of South Australia for tertiary study and the beginning of meaningful careers.

• Today is a great day for seeing what’s possible and to give you an opportunity to consider the road your life might take.

• My advice is – and I don’t give advice that easily – is that you should prepare carefully for this road

• and then assume that it will be nothing like the one you choose.

• Take me for example. I had planned on being a scientist, perfect my abilities in computer-aided drug design and maybe run a multinational drug corporation.

• Or maybe not.
• Instead I live almost 17,000 kilometres away from my home town of Dublin and

• I run the biggest university in South Australia, one with more than 32,000 students

• (and the best place to study for getting a full-time job according to the Good Universities Guide)

• I took advantage of every opportunity that came my way,

• And you should too.

• You might not know this but on this campus 43 years ago, the South Australian Institute of Technology became a trailblazer in Australia for the provision of opportunity and education to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

• The Aboriginal Task Force was formed here and
• the targets and commitments for Indigenous student participation and pathways which originated here

• were copied and adopted by all higher education institutions in Australia.

• That set us all on the road to helping Aboriginal people to work at eventually closing the gap in educational, economic and social terms.

• The Ghanaian diplomat Kofi Annan, who was Secretary General of the United Nations, was a passionate believer in the power of education to transform lives. He said:

  • *Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family.*

  • And that transformation through education has been part of our DNA ever since we became a university in 1991.
• Our founding legislation documents our commitment to provide the tertiary education programs that we consider appropriate to meet the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

• We were the first university in Australia to make a formal commitment to reconciliation.

• And when we say we plan to be the University of Choice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, that's what we will become.

• Just after Easter this year I travelled to the APY lands to see a small part of Aboriginal Australia for myself and to get a close-up look at what remote education offers.

• ... You can’t imagine how much red dirt my Irish skin collected and carried back with me ...  

• To give you a little context – in 1984 our College of Advanced Education
- and those of you listening closely will know that was an antecedent institution of UniSA -

began delivery of the Anangu Territory Education Program – or AnTEP - in Ernabella about 1400kms north east of where we’re sitting now.

This program was established to provide formal teaching qualifications for the local Anangu community enabling them to educate others in their communities.

We’re now working with the local community to develop a program that meets the needs they have now,

but what struck me was how impactful UniSA had already been in the APY lands.

Everywhere we went we came across UniSA alumni, Anangu and non-Anangu, who told stories about UniSA and how AnTEP had shaped them, empowered them and inspired them.
• We also met current students from our Pathway program at the UniSA College whose passion for learning and belief in the transformational power of education was inspiring.

• Today you will meet some of our favourite people, some of our Aboriginal success stories.

• People like Trevor Ritchie who, in 2014, became the first Indigenous Occupational Therapist in South Australia when he graduated from UniSA.

• He’s a keynote speaker today and you’ll learn a lot from him.

• He’s working hard to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, particularly in the area of health.

• And he is passionate about education and its power to help deliver more Aboriginal professional health workers in the community.
• You’ll also hear from Joel Dixon, another UniSA alumnus who is currently studying a Masters in Teaching.

• He has also completed a Bachelor in Human Movement.

• Becoming a teacher is his career goal although ultimately he wants to instigate a large social change improving the schooling systems and the policies surrounding education.

• But today is about your future.

• Today is the day you can decide what you want that future to look like,

• and then think about the education you need to make your future possible.

• You have with you in this room all the people who can help make your dreams a reality:
• the SACE Board, distinguished guests and senior education colleagues from the Catholic, Independent and Government schools.

• This is a significant group of people.

• So significant in fact that it is also one of those rare occasions when all three universities unite in collaboration.

• This is the 8th conference and the third time UniSA has played host,

• and it gets better every year.

• Last year, in 2015, we had 295 Aboriginal completers.

• This year we’re hoping to add each and every one of you to that total.

• And I’m hoping to see you on one of our campuses shortly after that.
• Thank you.