Welcome back to all students. We hope the new changes at Kitjarra will accommodate your needs. Students now have the option of having both private and shared accommodation, with trundle beds available for young children.

The Travel Team (Colin and Therese) are now located at the Kitjarra office. The Institute has also undergone some recent changes to increase student services. On level 2, we have developed a student hub, where all Support Staff are located. This is a one-stop shop to provide students with easy access to various services including tutoring, scholarship information, IT support, course advice and general assistance. Tutoring (ITAS) will remain on level 1, where Anna encourages all students to participate. Anna will be working on matching Tutors closely to students. Should you not be comfortable with your present Tutor, new tutors can be arranged. ITAS Tutors are there to assist you with academic writing skills, research development and proof reading assignments. Students are encouraged to utilise Tutors prior to contacting Academic staff in reviewing any written or oral works. Auntie Lyn has also relocated to the second floor and will continue to support students with any cultural requirements or simply to share a yarn.

One of our newest achievements at the Institute has been the signing of an agreement from Deakin University towards reconciliation. Our Vice Chancellor, Professor Jane den Hollander attended our Council of Elders meeting and jointly signed a statement of continued commitment to Indigenous Higher Education.

Vice Chancellor of Deakin University, Professor Jane den Hollander visited the Institute where she met with our Director Professor Liz Cameron and Deputy Director Professor Brian Martin and members of our Elders and Respected Persons Council to sign Deakin’s jointly signed statement of continued commitment to Indigenous Higher Education.
WE HAVE NEW STAFF!

**Kylie Clarke** Indigenous School Partnership Officer

Hi there I’m Kylie Clarke, descendant of The Gunditjmara and Wotjobaluk peoples on my grandfather’s side and The Ngarrindjeri mob on my grandmother’s side.

I was born on Wathaurong Country and grew up here in Geelong. I have also lived in Darwin and Gippsland working in Indigenous Education for 14 years.

My position is IKE’s Indigenous School Partnership Officer.

I’ll be liaising with school communities to engage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander secondary students with the concept of University.

My aim... to provide experiences that enable our young fullas to aspire to and access Higher Education.

Looking forward to being a part of the team and that random moment when you realise ‘hey, we’re related!’
TESTING AND ASSESSMENT WEEK @ IKE

A new Testing and Assessment process was implemented in Trimester 2, 2015. The new process consisted of students attending the Institute of Koorie Education for a one week Testing and Assessment program from 22nd-26th June. The program included various assessments, workshops, interviews and orientation activities. The aims of the new program included; a more personalised T&A process, thorough testing and assessing of students capacity and suitability for admissions, identifying support areas for students and for the students to experience the travel and accommodation required to attend the Institute. The extended and more detailed T&A program was designed to result in improved completion and retention rates. All of the students in attendance provided positive feedback and were very happy with the program.

As you can see from the photos, the students had a great time with the main highlights being the amazing race and the cultural field trip...and of course, being accepted into their chosen degree.

FAIRWELL CANDICE

This month we said good by to Candice McKenzie, she is heading over to the Deakin School of Medicine as their new Lecturer in Public Health / Coordinator Indigenous Medical Education.

In a fitting send off IKE staff were treated to a morning tea and a traditional dance ceremony complete with didjeridoo and clap sticks.

IKE staff wish Candice all the very best for the future!
NEWS FROM KITJARRA

June has been all about helping our students through their nursing placements, and welcoming our new students for testing and Assessment.

While it has been a little quieter we have taken the opportunity to re-vamp the study areas including the installation of white boards to assist with group study sessions. I’ve attached a few pictures of the new study areas for you.

The rooms at Kitjarra have been spring cleaned and a mirror and additional hooks will be installed in each before the start of T2.

KITJARRA PLAYS HOST TO THE GEELONG CATS GATHERING CAMP

This month Kitjarra hosted the annual Geelong Cats 2015 Youth Gathering camp. The group took part in a jam packed schedule of activities designed to provide a connection to their culture, a safe space to discuss mental health issues and education around healthy lifestyle choices.

The Gathering Camp began on Monday morning with a Welcome to Country at Deakin University followed by an artwork session at Deakin’s Institute of Koorie Education.

The group were involved in an education session around Kempe’s Read the Play and the club’s Just Think programs and were then joined by Geelong Cats players Mathew Stokes, Steven Motlop, Nakia Cockatoo and Zac Bates who chatted to them about their experience.

Day two began with a culture session at the You Yangs with Uncle Dave and Norm from the Wathaurong Cooperative followed by an afternoon at Simonds Stadium where the group participated in a footy clinic and spent time with the club’s Aboriginal players.
IKE’S DEAKIN DRAGONS REPRESENT AT THE INDIGENOUS GAMES!

Uncle Alond with IKE students Adrien Hepi, Alex Rose, Benjamin Williams, Brian Fuller, Tanisha Torres Pettit, Candice Dalton, Coen Brown, Francis Dow, Jessica Mitchell, Lillian Arnold-Rendell, Natasha Hagan, Ngari Williams, Shahnaz Rind, Reno French, Djarwan Williams and Shona Briggs travelled to Newcastle for the 2015 Indigenous Games.

The team did us all proud taking out a hard fought grand final beating the University of Newcastle 17 to 10.

IKE’s own Tanisha Torres Pettit said “it was an awesome experience with the most amazing people! Deakin showed outstanding sportmanship and we cannot wait to do it again next year! PLUS WE WON THE GOLD MEDAL FOR BASKETBALL! Which is such an honour and a huge achievement, WELL DONE DRAGONS!”

On behalf of everyone at the Institute we would like to acknowledge and congratulate all students for their commitment and for representing IKE to the best of their abilities. GO DEAKIN DRAGONS!!
JANDAMARA CADD EXHIBITION @ IKE

IKE Alumni Jandamarra Cadd is an Aboriginal Artist originating from the Yorta Yorta and Dja Dja Warung People in Victoria. He was introduced to painting at the age of 15 and credits this tool of expression as his survival from a challenging childhood treated as a second class citizen in his own land.

Jandamarra uses a variety of styles and mediums, favouring oil on canvas, with his unique blend of traditional aboriginal art techniques along with a contemporary and inventive portraiture.

Painting has been a way of life that has enabled him to express his creativity and story telling of the universal truth of connection. In many of his paintings of the human condition, he seeks to be a peaceful voice for the oppressed and minorities.

His focus is to use portraiture in a way to allow the viewer a glimpse into the depths of humanity and the expansive expression of the individual soul.

We are extremely privileged to be exhibiting his ‘One Mob’ works. Why not come in for a look?

COMMUNITY NOTICE

We sadly announce our farewell to A359 student John Mast who passed away on the morning of Monday 6th July. John had been unwell for some time and at the age of 66 his battle had come to a sad end. We offer our condolences to John’s family and friends, his community and those students who had become very close to him.

John commenced at the Institute of Koorie Education at the beginning of 2008 in the Bachelor of Visual Arts / Creative Arts. He was a talented artist and especially loved to draw pictures from his memories of the islands and working on the sea. One very memorable piece was his Visual Narrative, a picture story book John produced about the snake and the coconut. We believe this has since been published locally for his community.

John had planned to return to study T2 this year, as he was very close to completing his degree. He will be sadly missed by his IKE family. RIP Uncle John, until we meet again in the Dreaming.
IKE COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Did you know you can use the Deakin Job Shop?

Visit the Jobshop web-page for access to:
• My Course My Career - find out where your course can take you.
• Resume Builder - develop a professional job application.
• Interview GOLD - practice your interview techniques with this interactive tool.
• Career Guru – manage and develop your career.
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  • Search for full-time, part-time, casual, graduate, internship and voluntary jobs.
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IKE Choir

If anyone is interested in participating in an IKE choir please contact Janis Koolmatrie. Janis is an MA (Research) student who can be found in the upstairs computer lab or phone 0488115379.

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Did you know, next year in 2016 will be the 30th Anniversary of the Institute of Koorie Education?

We will be celebrating by looking at the history and milestones with staff and students. If any of your relatives have graduated from IKE, let them know we are looking for their stories. They can be emailed to: K.mcgough@deakin.edu.au

If you have a story you think should be in BIHAR we want to hear from you! Contact Kaley McGough at k.mcgough@deakin.edu.au or (03) 5227 2445

Have you heard about the WIL Support Bursary?

The 2015 WIL Support Bursaries aims to assist domestic undergraduate students from the following disadvantaged backgrounds to successfully complete their WIL placement:

• Students from low socio-economic status (SES) backgrounds
• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students
• Students from rural and remote areas

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