



# Aboriginal Student Support Services

## Fact Sheet

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South Metropolitan TAFE is proud of its commitment to providing support services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students. Primarily based at Thornlie Campus and Rockingham Campus; our staff make regular visits to all twelve campuses and are available to assist with:

- Advocacy and pastoral care
- Course enquiries, applications and enrolment assistance
- Staff and Student liaison
- Cultural support
- Referrals to both internal and external support services

### Study Support

We offer access to Aboriginal Support Assistants who can help with a broad range of study skills. These sessions are free, voluntary, confidential and customized to an individual's specific needs. The service is tailored to build confidence, help you participate successfully in your course, navigate classroom protocols and can be set either during or outside of scheduled classes.

### The Koora Marr Centre and Kadadjiny Mia

South Metropolitan TAFE have two established Centres which are culturally safe environments where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Students can feel physically, spiritually and emotionally protected. We encourage and promote shared respect, knowledge, education inclusion and open communication.

The Koora Marr Training Centre, located at our Thornlie Campus, sits alongside the Djarlgarra Beeliar (Canning River). Being home to both mammal and marine life, the Yarkan (long-necked turtle) which can be seen on the banks of the waterway is the Centre's adopted logo.

Kadadjiny Mia in the Noongar language translates as 'Knowledge House', the Centre is situated at our Rockingham Campus and many artefacts and pieces such as boomerangs, clapsticks and woomeras are on display.

Koora Marr and Kadadjiny Mia feature training rooms and meeting spaces with access to computers, wifi and kitchen facilities. The Centres are open from 8.00 to 4.00pm and Students are welcome to use these facilities before, during and after classes.

## Referrals

We offer referrals to a range of Agencies including: the Jobs and Skills Centres and career advisors, accommodation and crisis care organisations; can assist with AbStudy and Centrelink applications; and, can link Students with a variety of Community health and wellbeing service providers such as Derbarl Yerrigan, Headspace, Wungen Kartup and Moorditj Koort.