



Cultural Perspectives Program



Kaya wandjoo nidja Dandjoo Darbalung moort

Welcome to the Dandjoo Darbalung family

St Catherine's College is a leading Residential College with campuses at UWA and Curtin. We provide community and support services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students through our Dandjoo Darbalung program which in Nyungar means 'mixing together' the way fresh water and the salt water mixes in the Swan Estuary.

You will learn:

By participating in our Cultural Perspectives Program you will:

- Gain a deeper understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.
- Experience opportunities to mentor students in metro, rural and remote communities.
- Assist with meaningful activities at schools, organisations and in the wider community.
- Have preferential room choice in our premium accommodation at our Crawley campus. Room choices include Single Rooms and Studio Rooms.
- Receive acknowledgement of completion of the program on your University transcript which is great for your resume!

Participation requirements

As there are compulsory program requirements, we are looking for Residents who are passionate about reconciliation, respect and recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. Our staff will be on hand to support you through the program.

Please note that there are no costs associated with participating in the Cultural Perspectives Program. The program is generously sponsored by an alumni of the College.



Program overview

Introduction to Local Aboriginal History

One hour

A peer led introduction to the Whadjuk Nyungar people and their history, will take place during O'Week.

Volunteering

25 hours per year

Through our various partnerships you will have access to volunteering opportunities. These are in a variety of industries, including mining, hospitality, health care, legal, arts, engineering and education.

Immersive On Country Experience

Two hours to overnight stay

Join us for an unforgettable journey and gain a better understanding of Indigenous cultures. Hear from local Traditional Custodians and forge connections to the land. We run several trips throughout the year to local and remote locations, each with a different focus.

Participation in Cultural Events

One to five hours

You will be required to assist with two events per Semester. These include, Harmony Day, Reconciliation Week, Sorry Day, NAIDOC Week Formal Hall, Wardarnji Festival in Fremantle and general Dandjoo Darbalung run events. Assisting with these events contributes towards your volunteer hours.



Single Rooms

Where will you live?

Your Room

We have two different room types—a Single Room for younger students who are keen to make friends and get involved in College life and a Studio Room for older students who would like to live more independently.



Studio Rooms

General Support

- We are here to help you so that you can focus on your studies.
- We have a direct line to Abstudy and can assist with all the complexities around organising your payments.
- We can help with identifying scholarships and assist with the application process to ensure you have enough money to complete your studies with fewer distractions.
- We have a 12 seater bus to ensure students have access to all the academic and recreational resources that studying in the City of Perth and the surrounds offers.

What happens next

If you are interested in participating in our Cultural Perspectives Program, then please select this as an option when completing your Preferences Submission form, which you will receive after applying to St Catherine's College.

This program is a new initiative connected to the Banksia Building, but is open to all our Residents. We encourage our Residents to embrace this new opportunity.

To find out more about the program, contact our Director of Dandjoo Darbalung at maxine.brahim@stcats.com.au

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St Catherine's College acknowledges that this land that we live and work on is Whadjuk country and that the Whadjuk Noongar people are the traditional owners and custodians, who have a rich social, spiritual and historical connection to this country, which is as strong today, as it was in the past.