Wingara Mura – Bunga
Barrabugu Summer Program
Message to parents and guardians

Thank you for considering the Wingara Mura – Bunga Barrabugu Summer Program for your child.

The Wingara Mura – Bunga Barrabugu Summer Program is held at the University of Sydney. Participants stay on campus and have a unique opportunity to experience university life, engaging in fun, educational and engaging activities in a supportive and inclusive environment.

At Wingara Mura – Bunga Barrabugu, your child will learn about entry pathways and types of support available at university, and be inspired by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander university students and staff. In addition, they will get to know other young people from high schools around the country.

The University of Sydney covers all expenses, including airfares, food and accommodation, so there is no cost to parents or schools for your child to participate.

Before your child completes their application, we support you to talk to them about what their interests are and help them choose the subjects that they would like to try out during their time on campus.

There are limited places in the Summer Program and entry is based on their application. However, if your child’s application is not successful the first time, don’t be deterred; we encourage unsuccessful applicants to the Summer Program to apply the following year.

You can hear directly about the experiences of the young people who came on the program in 2014, at sydney.edu.au/indigenous-summer-program

Message to principals and teachers

We invite you to nominate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who would benefit from participating in the Wingara Mura – Bunga Barrabugu Summer Program held at the University of Sydney.

We understand that school results alone are not always a true measure of a student’s potential, so we ask you to consider not only students who are academically adept, but also students who are motivated to succeed, committed to their studies, and/or active in their communities.

After the 2014 Wingara Mura – Bunga Barrabugu program, students told us that:
- 98% felt more motivated to achieve at school
- 98% reported they had more knowledge about pathways to university
- 98% said they better understand how their interests can be applied to further study or a career
- 100% had more knowledge about university life.

Participation in the Wingara Mura – Bunga Barrabugu Summer Program incurs no cost to parents or schools, as the University of Sydney covers airfares, food and accommodation. Where four or more students from one school are successful in their application, the University will also support the attendance of a school chaperone.

Details about the application process can found at the end of this brochure, including a timeline of important dates.

Please note that a statement of support from their school must accompany each student’s application. When completing the statement of support, please include students’ strengths both in and out of the classroom and the significance that attendance will play on furthering their education.

Message to students

We know that preparing and planning for your future can be challenging. There are so many options available after you leave school. If you are wondering about university, the Wingara Mura – Bunga Barrabugu Summer Program is the perfect way to try it out over the summer holidays.

Held at the University of Sydney, the Wingara Mura – Bunga Barrabugu Summer Program is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who are starting year 9, 10, 11 or 12 in 2015.

You will stay on campus, access the world-class facilities of Australia’s oldest university, and have the chance to speak directly with leading academics and industry figures.

The Summer Program is not just about books and studying hard; it’s fun, too. You’ll experience the opportunities that come with studying in the largest city in Australia. And with young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people attending the program from all over the country, the friendships you make will last a lifetime.

What’s more, the University of Sydney will pay for your travel, accommodation, and all other expenses associated with the program. All you need to apply is a statement of support from your principal or careers adviser, your most recent school report, and permission from your parents or guardians.

So if you’d like the opportunity to meet other young people just like you and try out uni life, Wingara Mura – Bunga Barrabugu Summer Program is for you.
“What do you want to do when you leave school?” might just be one of the most dreaded questions when you are in high school.

You might have a clear idea of your future and be full of exciting plans. You might feel a bit overwhelmed or confused at what comes next. Although you might be interested in science or good at writing or love business, that’s not the same as knowing what it is like to have a career in those fields. After all, how can you know the destination when you don’t have a map to get there?

The Wingara Mura – Bunga Barrabugu Summer Program is a great opportunity for you to start answering these questions about life after high school.

Exploring your options

For students entering Year 9 and Year 10 in 2018
Entering Years 9 and 10 in 2015? Check out Wingara Mura – A Thinking Path, a three-day program running from 13 to 15 January 2015. You can choose three thinking paths (from the six described on pages 4 and 5), and attend a different thinking path each day.

For students entering Year 11 and Year 12 in 2015
Entering Years 11 and 12 in 2015? Check out Bunga Barrabugu – To Make Tomorrow: a five day program, running from 12 to 16 January 2015. Choose these preferences from the different areas on pages 6 to 9. You will have the opportunity to attend the series of workshops associated with one of these areas.

To get started, think about what you would like to do when you leave school or what your interests are.

Are you creative? Do you want to work with your hands? Are you excited by complex technical systems, or do prefer the simple pleasures of putting pen to paper. Would you prefer to heal people, or to sell products and ideas?

Ask yourself those questions:

What do I love doing?

What am I good at?

What am I interested in?

Choices ... choices ...

Let’s get started. The table below contains a series of job descriptions. Some of these will sound exciting or interesting, and others less so. Tick the box in every row that is most appealing to you.

Then write the totals in the spaces below each column. Note in which column you received the highest score, and turn the page. Take as much time as you need. It’s just a careers quiz, not the HSC.

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<td>Control the movements of airplanes in and around airports</td>
<td>Design clothes for a fashion label</td>
<td>Type up court proceedings for legal records</td>
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<td>Harvest seed supplies from crops growing in the field</td>
<td>Redesign voice recognition software for computers</td>
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<td>Train in search and rescue work</td>
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<td>Write poetry for greeting cards</td>
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<td>Work on an ocean rig searching for oil</td>
<td>Write new computer programs for a software company</td>
<td>Direct a movie or theatre production</td>
<td>Manage housing loan funds for a bank</td>
<td>Sell hardware materials to customers in a shop</td>
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Examples taken from joboutlook.gov.au/careerquiz.aspx
Wingara Mura – A Thinking Path
For students entering Year 9 and Year 10 in 2015

Wingara Mura – A Thinking Path is all about you and your interests. If you know what you enjoy, Wingara Mura gives you the chance to explore these interests, or you can take the opportunity to challenge yourself with something completely new.

On each day of the program you will explore a different thinking path. So read the titles and descriptions below, and consider your three preferences. If you’re still uncertain after that, check out the advice on the next page.

Be Creative and Constructive
Did you know that being creative can be a potential career? Artist, musician, architect and designer are just a few of the jobs available. Be Creative and Constructive is your chance to see what a creative career looks like. Your design buildings with other students, explore the possibilities of experimental drawing and get a chance to practise audio design.

Focus on Health
Do you enjoy helping others and making a difference to people’s lives? Can you imagine yourself as a dentist, pharmacist, nurse, physiotherapist, speech pathologist, doctor, or occupational therapist? Why not give it a go? Focus on Health puts you in the position of those health workers to see which role is right for you. You’ll participate in fun activities, assess your own health, and enact an emergency scenario in which you save a life.

Geared to Engineer and I.T.
Do you like making things with your hands and finding out how things work? Are you interested in machines and the possibilities inherent in built structures, robots or computer programs? Come join us at Geared to Engineer and I.T. and find out what it’s like to be an engineer or computer science professional.

Get Down to Business
Do you dream of being your own boss? Owning and running your own company? Being able to provide employment for your community? Would you enjoy a senior role in a large company with lots of overseas travel? Get Down to Business and explore the worlds of finance, tactics, and customers through a series of competitive exercises – and you get to keep what you win.

Get Scientific
Would you enjoy making ice cream using liquid nitrogen? Get Scientific and learn how. Join us in exploring the pure sciences of biology or physics, and discover the applied sciences through veterinary biology and food science. You’ll look at animal bones and see what chemicals go whizz and bang, all in laboratories normally just used by our teachers and researchers.

Promote Change
Are you interested in the law, education, social work, history, or philosophy? Do you want to engage your passions in thinking about the big issues? Do you dream of reporting the news for a major television station, standing up for human rights in international law, or studying cultures that disappeared long ago? Then sign up for Promote Change, and get a taste of what a career in the humanities can look like.

Get the UAC guide from your school (or visit www.uac.edu.au) to help you choose subjects. Check your entry options. You might be eligible for a special-entry pathway (an ATAR boost). Check your entry options. You might be eligible for a special-entry pathway (an ATAR boost).

Helping you choose
Now that you've read the descriptions of the subject areas on offer, it's time to refer back to the score you received in the quiz on page 3.

Practical
If you scored mostly Practical, it is likely that you enjoy work that is physically active, and gives you the opportunity to work with machines, tools and living things. Given your interests, you could consider applying to Focus on Health, Be Creative and Constructive and Geared to Engineer and I.T.

Technical
If you scored mostly Technical, it is likely that you enjoy work that is full of complex puzzles and fine details. Given your interests, you could consider applying to Geared to Engineer and I.T. and Get Scientific.

Creative
If you scored mostly Creative, it is likely that you enjoy work that allows you to express yourself, whether in writing, the fine arts, dance, or some other medium. Given your interests, you could consider applying to Promote Change and Be Creative and Constructive.

Administrative
If you scored mostly Administrative, it is likely that you enjoy work that is both highly process- and detail-oriented. Given your interests, you could consider applying to Get Down to Business and Get Scientific.

People
If you scored mostly People, it is likely you enjoy work that allows you to engage with others, either in writing or in person. Given your interests, you could consider applying to Get Down to Business and Promote Change.

Helping
If you scored mostly Helping, it is likely that you enjoy work that allows you to aid other people, whether that help is offered in a pastoral or medical capacity. Given your interests, you could consider applying to Focus on Health.

Information on this page is only a guide: the Wingara Mura program is all about you and your interests. And the best part is that you get to try out three of the six programs, so there are lots of options.

Visit our website and read about the courses you're interested in, and their entry requirements. Visit us on Info Day – Thursday 3 January 2014. Sydney.edu.au/info-day

Main round offers are sent on 16 January 2013. Accept your offer and enrol!

Call or email us for advice on your specific course, or with any other questions.

Find out about the scholarships available to you. Scholarships applications are also due now. Check whether you're eligible for Centrelink support. Check or email us for advice on your specific course, or with any other questions.

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www.humanservices.gov.au/centrelink

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Bunga Barrabugu – To Make Tomorrow
For students entering Year 11 and Year 12 in 2015

The Bunga Barrabugu Summer Program is an opportunity to try out being a student in the area of your choice. In Year 11 and 12, the pressure of making decisions for tomorrow can be overwhelming. That’s why we’ve designed Bunga Barrabugu to help you make decisions for your future by taking your potential chosen field of study for a test drive.

During the five-day program, you’ll focus on one area. The options are listed over the next few pages. Read the descriptions, and choose the one that sounds most like you. If you’re still uncertain after that, check out the advice on page 10 and 11.

Architecture
Not just bricks and mortar: are you interested in the built environment and how physical structures are made? Do you enjoy making things with your hands and testing materials? Do you like the idea of helping to design Australia’s urban landscape for decades to come?

During this five-day Summer Program you will experience all of the varied and exciting aspects of studying and working in architecture and construction. You’ll take a guided walking tour around key sights in the Sydney Central Business District, learning about architectural styles and history. Meanwhile, back in the architecture studios, you’ll get the opportunity to apply what you’ve learned in a series of fun sessions where you’ll be able to design and test your own architectural marvels.

Future career prospects
Architect, building contractor, construction project manager, industrial designer, interior designer, landscape architect, quantity surveyor, town planner, regional planner, urban designer.

Business
This one’s for those who are hungry for more. Do you dream of owning and managing a business in your own community? Want to understand the world of business and how it affects you? Would you enjoy a senior role in a large company with lots of overseas travel? Knowing how business works will help you achieve your goals, which is why we’re giving you the opportunity to come up with and develop your own business idea, with the feedback of our staff and academics. Over the course of the five days, you will learn how to pitch to stakeholders, build a brand, practise product development, manage funding streams and shareholders, and meet with representatives from some of the biggest and most important companies in Australia.

Future career prospects
Accountancy, actuary, advertising executive, auditor, bank executive, business analyst, company director, finance manager, financial analyst, human resources officer, management consultant, marketing manager, project administrator, public relations officer, recruitment officer, sales manager, statistician, stockbroker/futures trader, strategic planner.

Education and Social Work
See what it is like to make a real difference in the lives of others. Do you want a career that will engage both your heart and your mind? Do you aspire to improve the lives of people in your community and in the country at large? Do you dream of helping shape young lives, or of providing support to those who need it most? If so, the Education and Social Work program could be for you.

Over the course of the program, you will experience what it is like to plan lessons, teach classes, and provide pastoral care to those in need.

Future career prospects
Case worker, community worker, counsellor, education manager, education officer, intellectual disabilities services officer, school principal, schoolteacher, social worker, youth worker.
Health
Spend a week finding out what it is like to be a medical professional in this program. Are you fascinated by the human body and how it works? Can you cope with the sight of blood? Are you committed, passionate and wanting a career where you can help others? If so, than being a health professional could be the role for you. You will spend the week visiting our many health-focused facilities, meeting students and experiencing a range of medical disciplines. Over the five-day program, you’ll learn how medicines are made, wield a dentist’s drill, perform chemical experiments, explore the means by which radiation technology can help treat medical conditions, and discover how medical breakthroughs can help forge superior sportspersons.

Future career prospects
Dentist, dietician, doctor (general practitioner), doctor (specialist), exercise physiologist, medical records administrator, medical scientist, medical technician, nuclear medicine technologist, nurse, occupational therapist, orthodontist, orthopaedic specialist, paediatrician, pathologist, pharmacist, pharmacologist, physiotherapist, podiatrist, psychiatrist, psychologist, speech pathologist, surgeon.

Humanities and Law
Are you interested in stories, and the arguments and claims that make up those stories? Whether your interest is in the stories of your history, or in the media you consume, or in the symbols and concepts that we use, Humanities and Law is the rigorous and substantive study of these ideas. During our five-day program, you will have the opportunity to experience the tension of a civil rights court proceeding, explore both traditional and contemporary Indigenous culture, and discover the exciting possibilities for storytelling in the digital age.

Future career prospects:
Academic, actor, administrative assistant, art historian, author, barrister, clinical officer, conservator, copywriter, digital producer, diplomat, economist, film director, film editor, filmmaker, historian, interpreter, journalist, lawyer, librarian, media producer policy analyst, politician, print editor, professor, proofreader, public policy manager, public relations officer, publisher, research assistant, screenwriter, script editor, solicitor, stage director, university lecturer, university tutor.

Music
Do rhythms thrum through your veins, and beats pulse with your heart? Are you passionate about music and its expressive possibilities? If music is one of your HSC subjects, we invite you to attend the Sydney Conservatorium of Music intensive workshop. You will have the opportunity to develop your HSC major work, have a hands-on songwriting workshop, learn all about differe, kinds of musical genres, and get the chance to record your own song – first with iPads, and then in our state-of-the-art recording studio.

Future career prospects:
Composer, musician, music director, music teacher, music therapist, vocalist.

Natural Science
Get a taste of science with this fun-packed week, crammed with activities to inspire you for a career in the science. If you’re interested in the world and the way things in it work, our Science program is for you. You’ll attend talks and interactive workshops run by leading scientists, conduct experiments in high-tech labs, visit our Camden campus to check out the plant breeding facilities and dairy farms, explore our world-class veterinary clinic (including the chance to artificially inseminate a sheep!), learn about the structure of DNA, discover the structure of the universe, and take a trip to Darling Harbour for a marine science tour and workshop.

Future career prospects
Astronaut, astronomer, biochemist, biologist, botanist, cartographer, chemist, engineer (various types), environmental scientist, flying instructor, food scientist, geologist, geophysicist, industrial chemist, laboratory technician, life scientist, marine biologist, materials scientist, materials engineer, mathematician, metallurgist, meteorologist, optometrist, park ranger, parks and land care manager, physicist, pilot, statistician, veterinarian.

Visual Arts
Are you interested in and passionate about the visual arts? Do you like creating things that are interesting, beautiful, or challenging? Are you excited about the possibility of the visual and motion arts for creating stories and moving people? If exploring images and making fictions is your thing, then the Visual Arts program is for you. Discover what it’s like to be a practising artist, learn about contemporary and Indigenous art practices, undertake guided museum visits, and take part in an extensive stop-motion animation workshop with leading artists, sculptors and filmmakers.

Future career prospects
Advertising art director, animator, artist, glassblower, graphic designer, film director, filmmaker, painter, photographer, potter/ceramist, sculptor.
Helping you choose

Now that you’ve read the descriptions of the different areas on offer, it’s time to refer back to the score you received in the quiz on page 3.

Practical
If you scored mostly Practical, it is likely you enjoy work that is physically active, and gives you the opportunity to work with machines, tools and living things. Given your interests, you could consider applying to Architecture or Natural Science.

Technical
If you scored mostly Technical, it is likely you enjoy work that is full of complex puzzles and fine details. Given your interests, you could consider applying to Business, Education and Social Work or Humanities and Social Sciences.

Creative
If you scored mostly Creative, it is likely you enjoy work that allows you to express yourself, whether in writing, the fine arts, dance, or some other medium. Given your interests, you could consider applying to Visual Arts, Architecture, Humanities and Social Sciences or Music.

Administrative
If you scored mostly Administrative, it is likely you enjoy work that is both highly process- and detail-oriented. Given your interests, you could consider applying to Business, Education and Social Work or Humanities and Social Sciences.

People
If you scored mostly People, it is likely you enjoy work that allows you to engage with others, either in writing or in person. Given your interests, you could consider applying to Education and Social Work, Business or Humanities and Social Sciences.

Helping
If you scored mostly Helping, it is likely you enjoy work that allows you to aid other people, whether that help is offered in a pastoral or medical capacity. Given your interests, you could consider applying to Health or Education and Social Work.

Don’t worry if instead of having one dominant category you have two, or even three or four. The information on this page is only a guide: the Bunga Barrabugu program is all about you and your plans for the future; don’t let a quiz determine what your interests are.
How to apply

Applications open 28 July 2014
1. Figure out which program you can join. If you will be in Year 9 or 10 during 2015, the program to which you can apply is Wingara Mura. If you will be in Year 11 or 12 during 2015, the program to which you can apply is Bunga Barrabugu.
   – Wingara Mura takes place from 13 to 15 January 2015
   – Bunga Barrabugu takes place from 12 to 16 January 2015
2. Choose the thinking paths or areas you’d like to try out while you’re here, referring to pages 4 and 5 for Wingara Mura, and pages 6 to 9 for Bunga Barrabugu.
3. Talk to your family and school, as they will need to support your application by providing a supporting statement and permission.
4. Collect the documents you need:
   – your most recent school report card
   – a supporting statement from your principal or school careers adviser
   – written permission from your parent or guardian.
5. Apply online at sydney.edu.au/indigenous-summer-program
   Please note: you will need to make scans of your printed documents. These can be uploaded at the end of your online application.

Applications close 19 September 2014
If you have any questions about the application process, or would like us to send you an application pack, please contact:
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“I enjoyed meeting other mob, going beyond my reach and trying different things. And being definite about my career path (health, nursing and midwifery). Thank you.”
Year 12 student – Bunga Barrabugu Summer Program 2014
Wingara Mura – Bunga Barrabugu Summer Program is a pre-tertiary initiative for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. The program is run by the University of Sydney, with the guidance and support of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Indigenous Strategy and Services.