



I am a proud Kalkadoon man with a family history stretching back 60,000 years. Significantly, I am also proud to be a Christ Church old boy.

My Christ Church connection started in 2016. All the reassurances and advice in the world didn't really prepare me for my trip from the remote Kimberley region to Perth to commence my schooling as a boarder. Leaving my tight knit and supportive family and community to arrive at a school and a place where I didn't know a soul was at first very overwhelming.

Over time it got easier. The boys in my cohort, boarders and day boys, were incredibly welcoming and helped to teach me the ways of Christ Church. Not to mention the support of our Indigenous Coordinators, Housemothers and the friendship groups I quickly formed.

I know how fortunate I am to have received a Christ Church education. The opportunities made available to me, including the strong academic and pastoral support, have helped shape who I am today and prepared me for this next chapter of my life as a university student.

I have commenced my medical degree at Curtin University and hope to return to work in my community when I graduate. I believe that I have an important role to play in the future of Indigenous health – in particular the remote Kimberley region near my own community of Bidgydanga.

Reflecting on my Christ Church experience and the opportunities it has made available to me, my hope is we will see more and more Indigenous students graduating from the School who choose a pathway into tertiary studies. I truly believe education has the power to transform lives and society, and it will be vital for our future generations of Indigenous leaders.

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I know my time at Christ Church would not have been possible without the support of complete strangers who made available to me a path filled with possibilities. I am so very grateful to them all.

I hope you will consider making your gift this year to help change a young man's world – just like mine. Please <u>click here for details</u> on how your gift can benefit current and future Christ Church boys.

Yours sincerely

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