

**Monday 18 July 2016**

## **Scholarships to give young Aboriginal women a boost in health studies**

Bendigo TAFE will be providing four scholarships to young Aboriginal women at the Weenthunga Bendigo Health Day: Women's Talk on 19 July.

Valued at \$250 each, the Bendigo TAFE scholarships will be presented to the students who have demonstrated an interest in undertaking health courses. Scholarship recipients are selected by a panel consisting of Weenthunga Committee members and staff.

Bendigo TAFE nursing coordinator Jasmine Vendargon expressed her delight at supporting this initiative, "Bendigo TAFE is proud to partner with the Weenthunga Health Network to support young Aboriginal women towards achieving their educational goals."

Spokesperson for the Weenthunga Health Network Stephanie Armstrong said the scholarships will go a long way to supporting the young women with their studies, "The scholarships available to the girls from Bendigo TAFE provide much needed support with educational items such as text books. These scholarships help to recognise and celebrate the girls' pathways in education as well as show that organisations can play their part in our community."

Approximately 14 Indigenous women aged between 15 and 17 years old are expected to attend the health day, which focuses on raising awareness of living healthily and accessing health training and career paths. The students currently attend secondary schools and colleges in Bendigo, Melbourne and Castlemaine.

Bendigo TAFE's nursing and allied health teachers will also provide a presentation on training options on the day.

### **Media welcome to attend a photo opportunity.**

When: Tuesday 19 July 2016  
From 7pm

Where: The Reservoir Hotel  
160 Condon Street, Kennington VIC 3550

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### **For more information contact:**

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