1. **INTRODUCTION**

There shall be a scholarship for Indigenous Australian Students known as the Malcolm Stewart Scholarship.

The objectives of the scholarship are to encourage Indigenous Australian students to continue with tertiary education and also to study their own culture and history.

2. **VALUE**

The value of the scholarship will be set out in the formal scholarship letter of offer. The scholarship shall be paid in two equal instalments unless otherwise stated in the formal scholarship offer letter.

3. **ELIGIBILITY**

The Scholarship shall be available for award each year to an Indigenous Australian student who:

(a) is enrolled in either the Honours Year of a Bachelor degree program or in a Graduate Diploma or Master by Coursework Program and taking courses relevant to the study of Indigenous Australian culture such as archaeology, anthropology, history and linguistics; and

(b) has achieved the best average results, of all the students considered for the scholarship, in relevant courses taken in the previous year or in the undergraduate degree preceding the graduate coursework program.

4. **APPLICATION**

No formal application is required as all eligible candidates will be considered for the scholarship.

5. **SELECTION**

5.1 The scholarship shall be awarded on the recommendation of the Director of the Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre and approved by the Chair of the University Awards Committee.

5.2 If, in the opinion of the University Awards Committee, acting on the advice of the Director of the Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre, there is no student who meets the conditions set out in Clause 3, then the scholarship may be awarded to an Indigenous Australian student enrolled in a graduate coursework degree or diploma program and taking courses in other disciplines which in the opinion of the Committee correspond most closely with the objectives of the scholarship of encouraging Indigenous Australian students to continue with tertiary education.
6. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS
Subject to the recommendation of the Director of the Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre and the approval of the Chair of the University Awards Committee, the scholarship may be held concurrently with any other scholarship or award offered by the University.

7. DEFERMENT
The scholarship may not be deferred, unless otherwise approved by the Chair of the University Awards Committee.

8. COMMENCEMENT
The scholarship commencement date shall be outlined in the formal scholarship letter of offer.

9. LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE
In order to receive the second payment of the Scholarship the scholar must have achieved an appropriate academic level in the first semester of the Scholarship. The determination will be made by the Chair of the University Awards Committee acting on the advice of the Director of the Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre.

10. TENURE
The scholarship is to be held for two consecutive academic semesters, unless otherwise recommended by the Director of the Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre and approved by the Chair of the University Awards Committee.

11. ENROLMENT
A scholar may be given permission by the Chair of the University Awards Committee acting on the advice of the Director of the Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre to hold the scholarship on a part-time basis. In such a case the scholarship payment will be made on a pro-rata basis.

If the scholar changes to part-time enrolment without permission or withdraws from the course while holding the Scholarship, the Scholarship shall be surrendered.

12. TERMINATION
The scholarship shall terminate at the conclusion of the second semester for which it was awarded or on the date on which the scholar ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences, whichever is the earlier. The University may terminate the scholarship before this time if the scholar does not fulfil his or her obligations or if, in the opinion of the Chair of the University Awards Committee, acting on the advice of the Director of the Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre, satisfactory academic progress is not being made by the scholar.

13. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS
The scholarship instalment for the semester in which the enrolment change or withdrawal occurred may be requested to be refunded. The determination will be made by the Chair of the University Awards Committee taking into account information from the scholar and the Director of the Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre.
14. PUBLICITY

It is anticipated that Malcolm Stewart Scholarship holders may be requested to participate in publicity of the scholarship from time to time. This may include publicity in the state or territory of residence or of schooling. Scholars may be contacted for an interview and photograph. The University may also publicise the scholarships by publishing the names of the scholars. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the Marketing and Communications Division of the University.