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Dear school leadership and student career advisors

I am pleased to announce that following the success of 2016’s National Science and Engineering Summer School for Indigenous Students, the Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre and the ANU Colleges of Medicine, Biology & Environment, Physical & Mathematical Sciences, and Engineering & Computer Science, will hold the Summer School in 2017.

This program is designed for year 10 and 11 students who have a keen interest in or a passion for science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects. It allows students to experience university life as they are immersed in hands-on activities across these subjects, in a supportive and culturally safe environment. Students can also access tailored post-school studies and career advice, mentoring from current ANU Indigenous students, and inspiration from field experts to pursue their passions and interests. The theme for 2017’s program is Global Challenges, People, Places and Communities and as was done last year, we hope to inspire our nation’s bright young people by taking them on a learning journey of real-life challenges the application of STEM is addressing.

Renamed the National Indigenous Science and Engineering Summer School in 2017, the program will run for one full week from Saturday 9 December 2017 at our Canberra campus. Return air travel, all meals, accommodation, and the full program of events will be funded by the ANU. Students will stay on campus in an ANU Hall of Residence.

Australia’s national university will be proud to host Indigenous students from your school from the target audience. Those who meet the criteria of the Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS) would be ideal candidates.

I have enclosed a copy of the 2016 Program Booklet and a 2017 Student Application Form for your distribution. Completed applications are due by 5.00 pm on Friday 22 September and should be returned to the Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre via email Tjabal.centre@anu.edu.au.

For more information or to make further enquiries in relation to the Summer School, please phone Anne Martin, Tjabal Centre Director, on phone number (02) 6125 1742.

I thank you for your promotion of this program and look forward to seeing an increasing number of applications from your district.

Yours sincerely

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