

# **WOMINJEKA!**



Ormond College is a residential college in Melbourne and home to more than 500 University of Melbourne students. Our College is located on Wurundjeri land, on the university campus.

**22** 

First Nations students in 2024

4

First Nations staff



Full fee remission and living allowance for RCO eligible students



Ormond is more than just a place to live while studying; it's a vibrant community where students form life-long friendships and pursue their passions. We run a range of educational, cultural, community and career programs to support students as they transition into adult life. Among our students, there's strong participation in intercollegiate sports (from Aussie Rules to table tennis) and the arts.

We've welcomed hundreds of First Nations students and staff from all across the continent to our College over the years. First Nations students are supported by a dedicated team of professional staff. They may choose to play a leadership role in fostering a welcoming and inclusive culture through the Students' Club Indigenous Subcommittee.

We also have a dedicated hang-out space for First Nations students to relax on campus and offer an on-country experience at Budj Bim in south western Victoria

The College runs a wide range of First Nations cultural events throughout the year from musical festivals, visiting community leaders, NAIDOC celebrations, and activities to promote reconciliation.

Recent speakers have included activist Noel Pearson, Catherine Liddle, Thomas Mayo, former Victorian LGBTIQ+ Commissioner and Ormond alumnus Todd Fernando, active mentor and alumna Alana Ryan, Wiradjuri scholar Associate Professor Jessa Rogers, and Tent Embassy co-founder Uncle Ghillar Michael Anderson.



### Meet Kirsty (Kaybee) Burchill, our Freemantle Fellow

Kaybee works within the Ormond College Wellbeing & Development Team and is focused on supporting our Indigenous students. She lives on campus.

Kaybee is a musician from Mossman and is also a community worker and Senior Project Officer for Aboriginal Health. She won a Cape York Higher Expectations scholarship in 2006 and left home to complete her secondary schooling at Lourdes Hill College in Brisbane. Kaybee is committed to effecting positive change for her people, the Kuku Yalanji people, and all First Nations people in Australia.

A talented R'n'B and soul musician, Kaybee was last year selected for the Australian Women in Music Awards and has this year released two debut Singles. In September this year she will head to New York City to sing her songs and perform with her Band "Beautiful Souls" on Broadway.

### Residential Scholarships and Funding for First Nations students

At Ormond we encourage applications from Indigenous students planning to study at the University of Melbourne or Victorian College of the Arts. Ormond College and the University of Melbourne both have generous scholarship programs available to First Nations students.

Students attending the College may be eligible for ABSTUDY Residential Cost Option which would cover full fees to the College. The College also offers scholarships to cover additional costs while at university.

## Non-Resident Scholarships

Ormond is one of the few Colleges to have a non-resident option, and for Indigenous students, this is fully funded. Non-Residents are an integral part of our community, and enjoy a campus experience including access to Ormond's learning, enrichment, wellbeing, sports and Students' Club activities, they just don't live here.

# **HOW TO APPLY**

- Apply to be a resident or non-resident at Ormond College via the website (\$75 application fee is waived for First Nations students)
- If you would like to apply for financial assistance to help with fees, you can do so along with your application
- Attend an online interview
- Outcome known December or January depending on timing of application.



#### Need more information?

Contact admissions@ormond.unimelb.edu.au if you have any queries about the application process.



