****Student success stories****

****Meet Amber****

****Family upbringing****

**I grew up in the Riverland, in Loxton and Berri. I lived with my mum and I have three sisters so growing up was pretty hectic. Going down to the river is one of the things that I most enjoy. There’s not a lot to do up there but it’s really relaxing and I really enjoy it.**

****Cultural heritage****

**The only person in my family is my Poppa. He knows everything and I usually go to him. He tells us stories and things.**

****Primary school education****

**In my primary school days I wasn’t really focused on my education as I should have been. Looking back on it now I think if I had had more support from my family I would have really appreciated more what I had to do and had to achieve to get to where I am now.**

****Advice for future students****

**My youngest sister is about to go into Year 11 and I’ve already given her advice on how to tackle the assignments and I think one of the most important things is managing your time and really seeking the support that is out there. I leant on my teachers and the Aboriginal Support Officers there and it was really important in succeeding, to have good support.**

****SACE education****

**A few of my friends didn’t finish Year 12 and I don’t know what they’re doing at the moment. They had the potential to achieve but I think it can become so overwhelming and you can feel like giving up sometimes but it’s just about motivating yourself and really pushing yourself to do it.**

****SACE strategies****

**It was really hard. There were times when I really wanted to give up, but when you think about where you want to be, you’ve got to give it your everything otherwise it’s really easy to not make it.**

****Career goals and aspirations****

**I want to do paediatric nursing. I want to work with kids and I really hope I get there. I’m really proud. There’s been Aboriginal students that have come from really hard backgrounds and have had to go through so much adversity so I am really proud of how things have changed. My parents talk about how it used to be and how they had to overcome so much and it’s really changed now.**