****Student success stories****

****Meet Caleb****

****Family upbringing****

**I grew up in Kadina on the Yorke Peninsula living with my parents for the first eight years and then my parents split up and I was living with my Mum until I was 18.**

****Cultural heritage****

**Our heritage has, sort of, been a bit lost. My Grandma, she was raised in a white family and she lost all contact with any indigenous heritage and culture. In the last ten years I’ve been fighting to get that back especially starting university. My course allows me to really re-connect with a lot of my lost culture and I have actually found a few contacts of people that I can talk to and learn a bit more about where I’m from, so that’s awesome.**

****SACE education****

**Year 11 and 12 were pretty hard for me. I struggled a lot with time management and really just getting things in on time but at the end of the day I just told myself to stick at it and I had a good bunch of friends that helped me through and made it a lot easier.**

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

**Do something that you’re interested in as soon as you can. If you can’t find anything just get out there and look for something that you love because at the end of the day the happier you are doing what you’re doing, it just makes life easier.**

****SACE strategies****

**More alone time helped me through. I know that when I was hanging out with friends I was just postponing work. A lot of the time it was just, sitting down, getting assignments done turned out a lot easier than what I was preparing myself for. It wasn’t until my family started getting involved a lot more with my schooling when I was struggling in Year 10. They got involved and motivated me to do my best because at the end of the day I’m the only one affected by my choices.**

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

**I’ll finish my diploma this year at CASM (Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music). I’m also lucky enough to have recorded an EP with my band York so that’s going to be released in December. I’m pretty happy with how that’s sounding and I see all this hard work that’s been put in the last 3 years is really starting to pay off. I’ve just basically got a product to show for all this hard work.**