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Morayfield student wins inaugural teaching scholarship

An early childhood teaching student from Morayfield has been awarded the first ever C&K Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (Bachelor of Education – Early Childhood) Scholarship.

Susan Gardiner, who's in her first year of study at QUT Caboolture campus, is a mother and mature age student, who has returned to study to chase her dream of becoming an early childhood educator.

C&K has partnered with QUT's Oodgeroo Unit to offer the scholarship for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander early childhood education student to help with their expenses.

QUT's Associate Professor Susan Irvine says it's a great opportunity to support a student undergoing their studies, but also opens up new avenues for them in terms of professional experience.

"It's great to be working with C&K to support students in this way both during their studies and in their working lives.

"Susan has worked hard this semester and taken advantage of the support available at QUT Caboolture. Her win highlights the motivation and calibre of students who are going through our program at Caboolture", she said.

C&K CEO Michael Tizard says the scholarship offers the winner some unique opportunities.

"We were very happy to be able to host Susan Gardiner at our recent Early Education & Care conference in Brisbane where she had the opportunity to network and also hear about the latest research from our early childhood sector.

"As part of the scholarship, Susan will also be able to undertake prac teaching at a C&K service in the Caboolture region."

On completion of her early childhood studies Susan, who has previously worked in the insurance sector, has indicated she is interested in working as an early childhood teacher in a rural or remote location of Queensland.

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