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Indigenous student wins major teaching scholarship

An Indigenous teaching student from Everton Park has been announced the winner of the 2018 C&K Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Early Childhood Teaching Scholarship.

Rebecca Walsh is currently in her fourth year of a teaching degree at QUT. The scholarship is a joint initiative of the Faculty of Education – Early Childhood, the Oodgeroo Unit at QUT and C&K.

C&K CEO Michael Tizard says apart from providing assistance for an Indigenous student to complete their degree, the scholarship is also a great opportunity to boost the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander educators in C&K services.

“It’s great to be able to support students like Rebecca and I’m happy to hear she is interested in perhaps working for C&K in the future.

“It’s a positive outcome to have Indigenous educators working in C&K kindergartens and childcare centres inspiring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.”

The win will also see Rebecca attend the 2018 Queensland Early Education & Care Conference in Brisbane in June.

Rebecca says she’s looking forward to the opportunities ahead.

“It’s really important to me that Indigenous perspectives are represented in early childhood education.

“My dream is to teach in rural areas with Aboriginal children and to also return to Thailand one day where I have previously worked as a volunteer in schools.

“This scholarship will allow me to further my career goals in the early childhood sector and will open up so many avenues for professional development and further study”, she said.

“Early childhood teaching has been something I have wanted to do for a long time, so this will help me finish on a really positive note.”

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C&K is Queensland’s largest, not-for-profit early childhood education and care provider and has a proud history of educating and caring for Queensland children for over a century. C&K manages a range of early childhood education and care services including kindergartens and childcares. The C&K philosophy values inclusion and supports children with special needs, and from culturally diverse backgrounds.

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