



Valerie Ah Chee, *Yorgas Barloonginy*, 2021, acrylic on canvas, Curtin University Art Collection

2025 Moorditj Yorga Scholarship Graduate

Leanne Eades

Bachelor of Education (Primary Education)

My name is Leanne Eades, and I am a proud Noongar woman from Katanning.

In 2020, I began my journey towards a Bachelor of Education – Primary Education at Curtin University through the 'On Country Teaching Program' for Aboriginal & Islander Education Officers (AIEO's). Initially I was nervous and overwhelmed about studying at a higher education but that soon settled as I met some amazing and friendly educators who were on this journey with me.

My academic experience was challenging as research turned into long hours and that challenged my inner self, though I persevered to achieve the best outcome. The Moorditj Yorga Scholarship has supported my studies culturally, financially, academically, and personally. Being a part of this scholarship provided opportunities to meet other inspirational Moorditj Yorga's recipients who studied different degrees. To my donor Adbri, I sincerely appreciate and thank you for your generous contribution throughout my studies.

To graduate with a Bachelor of Education – Primary Education was such an honour and a proud memorable moment for myself, and my family are just as proud. It has given me confidence and strength as I continue to learn in the profession of teaching and within my classroom. For those starting their educational journey on a scholarship, embrace the opportunity and give back to those who gave.

Sincerely,
Leanne Eades

