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JAMES: Before I started at uni, I had a very limited connection to country, but the MTC has helped me find mobs that I've made connections with here at uni and with my own by inspiring me to find out more.

BIANCA: It's really allowed me to embrace and accept my culture. And it's also connected me to my mob, which has allowed us to find family, which is something that's really special.

DALTON: The Grampians trip was a On Country experience, which basically fosters our connection towards the land gets us out of this uni environment and gives us the opportunity to reconnect, ground ourself. It was what you wanted and what you got out of it.

JAMES: Yeah, so I've been on two Indigenous Nationals and two On Country programs, and they've all been amazing.

DALTON: The uni national games are a week long event where all the uni congregate at the host Uni and it was really good because it was more of a family environment, highlight of the year, for sure.

EMILY: So this Naidoc theme was For Our Elders. So I wanted to create a piece that really celebrated our Elders. It's just amazing to kind of see, like Blak excellence and the opportunities that they kind of provide for us. They're very prominent in our culture. One of the designs that I'm most proud of is this year's Swinburne's Indigenous jersey. Indigenous Nationals has been an important part of my university journey, and I just wanted to do something that celebrated our team.

JAMES: We've got our Indigenous learning circles, Acknowledgment to Country before every class, and even just having a voice in the classroom on specifically Indigenous issues, makes not only me but others feel welcomed and heard.

BIANCA: I grew up in the late 90s, early 2000s, and my education where being Aboriginal wasn't something that was really celebrated. So coming to MTC and it being something that makes me part of who I am as individual and is an integral part of what makes me up as a human. It's really been special.

JAMES: I was really proud to receive the Indigenous National Spirit Award, and it focusses and exemplifies the leadership that is presented while on Nationals. And I feel really acknowledged by

the staff and other students that I brought that to Nationals. And I try to bring that to every aspect of being at uni and being part of the MTC.

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