

## MAT JAKOBI Transcript

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Hi, my name's Mat Jakobi. I work at Victoria University in the School of Education and Moondani Balluk. I work with the fourth year Education students and I also work with our Indigenous students doing Bachelor of Kyinandoo. Prior to coming to Victoria University I was working as a Koori intern teacher. I am passionate about teaching because of how teaching addresses social justice and equity in our community . I found Victoria University to be not bound by the traditional rules of a university and we're a lot more innovative. We like to think about new practice. We're also committed to incorporating Indigenous perspectives and pedagogies within the teaching education program. The Victoria University students, compared to other universities, we're a lot more practically minded about what is needed to be done in the classroom. The challenge would be to meet all of their learning needs and we do that through our Partnership Day where our students go out in schools and work directly in classrooms and with that they get genuine understandings of what is required of them in schools. These students are very comfortable in working with classroom students. That practical experience, they just succeed it much more. Education students coming over to pick up Indigenous Studies units, they then will be qualified in what we call teaching SOSE methods and teaching Indigenous Studies within schools. It's important that Victoria University is addressing the social justice and equity issues that are required in our community. Victoria University is attractive for new students simply because we have a Partnership Day in schools. A lot of our students our still working and we have great outcomes. I know in the Teacher Education Program we have a high employment rate. One of the highest employment rates in Australia of Teacher Education students.