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**SIT and IYWIP**

*Marilyn Hart describes how the Sydney Institute of Technology library celebrates and promotes IYWIP*

Sydney Institute of Technology is a recently created identity within TAFE NSW which comprises the former Sydney, East Sydney, Randwick and Petersham Technical Colleges, a newly established specialist design centre at Enmore and, of particular significance this year, the EORA Centre for Aboriginal Studies. Sydney Institute of Technology Library provides a wide range of library and information services on all these campuses.

It is appropriate that SIT takes an active role in promoting the IYWIP, for the Institute is home to both the EORA Centre and to TAFE NSW's Aboriginal Development Division. Since its establishment in 1984, EORA has provided the skills, training and general education which have enabled Aboriginal people, of all ages, to realise their potential and to achieve recognition of their skills and abilities. The Aboriginal Development Division, which is based in the Ultimo campus of the Institute has a state-wide role to support Aboriginal Education strategies throughout TAFE NSW.

The Institute Library is actively supporting various activities initiated by the Institute to promote IYWIP and the Institute librarian is a member of the Institute's IYWIP Planning Committee. In addition, a number of library-specific strategies are being implemented throughout 1993 to assist in raising awareness of Aboriginal culture and contribution:

- a special purpose grant of \$15 000 has been made available by the Institute specifically for the purchase of resource materials relevant to indigenous people. These materials will be available through all the campuses of the Institute library;
- a library will be established at the EORA Centre. (Currently services are provided from the Petersham and Ultimo campuses.) Planning is well advanced and it is expected that the library will be opening in term 4, 1993;
- it is proposed that the librarian position which will be established to manage the EORA library will be an 'identified position' ie. Aboriginality will be an essential selection requirement;

- the library will be appointing an Aboriginal person to a vacant clerical officer position in the Ultimo campus under TAFE's Aboriginal Clerical Officer scheme, a scheme which supports TAFE NSW's objective to



*EORA students at the end of a successful performance*

achieve a 2% Aboriginal representation in permanent employment across all major occupational areas with the organisation;

- the library already employs 2 Aboriginal staff and actively encourages Aboriginal people with appropriate qualifications to apply for positions in the library, both permanent and temporary;
- a series of displays on IYWIP will be mounted throughout the Institute library at various times of the year with the assistance and creative energy of students from EORA;
- date due stamps have been devised to include a Year for the Worlds Indigenous People stamp so that resource materials borrowed throughout the year will bear not only a reminder of return date but also of the year's particular significance;
- EORA will be holding a competition for a bookmark design to promote IYWIP. The successful designs will then be used to produce bookmarks which will be given out at Institute library campuses, course information centres, student activities offices and other student contact points throughout the Institute and beyond.

Most importantly, the library will continue to actively support Aboriginal students and staff beyond the IYWIP both through the provision of library and information resources and services and through TAFE personnel policies.