

**Don Dunstan Indigenous Anangu Pitjanjatjara Scholarship
2005 Recipient, Ms Sandra Lewis**

Sandra's Story

My name is Sandra Lewis, I am a mature age Anangu student studying music at the Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music.

I came down from Ernabella an Aboriginal community in the far north west of South Australia for selection and interviews and was very please when I was given the opportunity to study at this University. This move was a big move for me. I had to leave my family and try and adjust myself to the city life. This move wasn't easy, things like accommodation, transport and finances were big issues for me. I have been given lots of support while here at the University. My husband Gary, my mother and other family members whom I miss still live at Ernabella.

I have chosen to study music because I love music. I want to develop and gain all musical skills and learn more about music. I also hope to develop and gain more knowledge in all the styles in music and be able to develop in all areas of literacy, reading of music, working together with groups of people, singing with the choir and maybe recording of my own songs in the future so that when I'm finished I can go back to my hometown Ernabella and teach the Anangu more about music, it is something that they love too.

With the encouragement and support that's given to me, I am sure that I can achieve.

Sandra Lewis.