

Reaching In Stepping Out

The Open Training and Education Network is the distance education college of TAFE NSW.

OTEN has a successful model of flexible delivery to correctional centres and juvenile justice centres, which can then be continued post release

The features of this model include:

- Short accredited modules and courses
- Complimentary delivery between OTEN and face to face providers
- Portability
- Self-paced
- Provision of VET pathways
- Choice of elective modules
- Customisation for client needs
- Professional development for Correctional Centre educational officers in OTEN delivery
- Intensive case management

Case Studies:

We have a *Work Opportunities for Women* program for Indigenous Women in Emu Plains Correctional Centre. OTEN has customised the distance leaning activities and materials to suit the needs and circumstances of these women. We also employ an Indigenous elder to mentor these women on site. This program has won the prestigious 2005 TAFE NSW Aboriginal Gili Industry Partnership Award.

We have customised the *Outreach* course to provide short relevant modules to offenders in several correctional centres and Juvenile Justice Centres, e.g. Dorchester ETU, Ivanhoe and Broken Hill Correctional Centres. We have run on-site workshops for education officers to ensure the successful delivery of our distance materials

Personal Profile

Wallace Blackley

Has 30 years teaching experience, 3 years on Palm Island, 12 years in the Northern Territory on Aboriginal Communities and 12 years in distance education at OTEN. Wallace is Institute Juvenile Justice Liaison Officer and Head Teacher for the Outreach Youth and Equity unit at OTEN. This includes supervising the Institute Correctional Centre Liaison Officer for OTEN.

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Carmel Gerrie

Has 25 years experience in NSW and NT TAFE colleges. This includes extensive experience in Aboriginal education. For the past 11 years Carmel has been working in the Aboriginal Student Support and Development Unit of OTEN. Carmel has a lot of experience with Correctional Centres and OTEN distance delivery and is currently co-ordinating the Emu Plains program.

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