

Role model leads way to success

This newspaper article is about a student named Tristan Cunningham. The author has used Tristan's full name, his first name, and *he* to refer to him several times. The author has also referred to Tristan as *the indigenous graduate* and *the former Year 12 school captain*.

As you read newspaper articles and other nonfiction, look for these types of descriptive words and phrases which are used to avoid overusing the subject's name.

ACTING as a role model for younger students across West Arnhem Land, Tristan Cunningham has given everything a go as he chases a career after finishing high school.

The Indigenous graduate of Jabiru Area School, originally from Cobourg Peninsula, this year reached several academic milestones, including the completion of Workplace Practices and Integrated Learning-Physical Education.

Tristan also acquired skills through studies in the Certificate III in Education Support and Certificate II in Construction.

But being an exemplary role model to his contemporaries and younger students was of prime importance to the former Year 12 school captain.

"Helping other students, especially the younger ones, to achieve positive outcomes is important in strengthening the local community," he said.

"You show them that it's not hard to do the right thing and be at school every day."

Tristan worked with the Clontarf Academy, the school engagement program enhancing life options for Aboriginal boys, and was also employed by the school to help younger students attend school each day.

Determined not to limit his career options, Tristan undertook studies ranging from automotive to tourism.

"I'll try everything to see what I'd like to do in the future," he said.

