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travel as far — my main goal is to get to the Olympics,' Mr Martin said. He currently competes in the under-20, 108-plus kilo division and is the Australian under-18 and under-20 record holder; Commonwealth under-18 record holder; and 1996 under-18 and under-20 Australian champion.

Weightlifting has taken Mr Martin from his home in Rosewood to many cities and countries around the world. He has competed nationally in Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth, and internationally in Austria, Malaysia, England, New Zealand and most recently Cape Town in South Africa.

Fellow Rosewood High aide Kaye Martin, no relation, said Mr Martin's ninth placing in the world under-20 108kg-plus category was a remarkable performance. 'Not bad going for an 18-year-old who had not even considered the sport three and a half years ago,' Ms Martin said.

The result was part of his personal plan to achieve his dream, as he wanted to come in the top 10 at this competition. This former pupil has come back as an aide to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, and is proving to be an ideal model for all our students.

Mr Martin is of Aboriginal heritage, originally from the Kimberleys in Western Australia.

'He has a great rapport with young people, and in his quietly-spoken manner he has made an impact on both staff and students at Rosewood,' Ms Martin said. 'Anthony has a strong wish to encourage school children to make the most of their abilities and achieve the best they can for themselves.'

Mr Martin has a busy schedule ahead with several national meets. The Australian titles are on in Adelaide this week, with the under-20 and open division competition in Sydney in October, before the Trans-Tasman Challenge in Adelaide in December.

Mr Martin said there was also a possibility of attending three other international events later in the year — in Austria, Colorado and China, through sponsorship from the Australian Weightlifting Association.

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### **Education for Self-Determination. Review of RCIADIC Recommendations Regarding Aboriginal Community Controlled Adult Education**

In August the Federation of Independent Aboriginal Education Providers completed a project under the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) commissioned research program. The project reviewed the implementation of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody recommendations as they applied to the policies and practice of governments in relation to their sector.

The project identified a total of 33 relevant recommendations, analysed current national policy and documented the perceptions of the six independent colleges which the Federation represents. A national workshop was held at AIATSIS in June 1997 which brought together representatives from the Federation and some researchers working in the field. The project report, *Education for Self-Determination*, is now available from the Federation or through the AIATSIS Library. Papers from the workshop will be published later this year in the AIATSIS Discussion Paper Series.

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