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The Community-based Delivery (CBD) Model in Indigenous higher education is not a new ‘thing’. This is not to denigrate this Model in any way. On the contrary, the Community-based Delivery Model in Indigenous higher education has, and continues to have, benefits from the collective legacy of predecessors. Furthermore, due to their intrinsic uniqueness, the Community-based Delivery Model is more readily able to adjust and re-adjust to rapid changes in higher education, including the swift developments proffered through technology. The Institute of Koorie Education (IKE) is founded in the CBD Delivery Model and implements this through a range of dynamic methods. Such dynamism allows for the CBD Delivery Model
to provide access for vulnerable minorities, in this instance Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, in attaining positive higher education outcomes. The following will illustrate what IKE’s CBD Delivery Model looks like and how it is implemented, optimally. In doing so, it is a natural corollary to then explain how IKE’s CBD Delivery Model works and what we as academics do at IKE in advancing such optimisation. Then finally, it follows, to provide an overview of the benefits of IKE’s CBD Delivery Model for vulnerable minorities.