ABORIGINES ON THE MOVE

In 1971, Kevin Williams, an Aboriginal Education Council student started an Electrical Engineering course at Sydney University. He was one of a growing list of young Aboriginal men and women who are now beginning to come forward and take their place in universities all around Australia.

Kevin’s family come from Billimari, near Cowra. There were six children in the family, Joan, 24—now married, Kevin, 21, Stephen, 19—a 4th year apprentice printer, Peter, 17—in the Navy, and two youngsters, Rodney, 7 and Diane, 2.

Mrs Dorothy Williams, who was a Grant before she married, moved to her Green Valley Housing Commission home in 1965. She says that she is “just a battler” but admits that she is happy to have helped Kevin to get where he is now.

“He was very pleased to get into Sydney University and he has taken the year in his stride,” she said. “I think it’s about the best thing that could have happened to him. University has helped his outlook greatly, because we are a small-town people. Now things are opening up to him that we could never have dreamt of, had we stayed at home. I’m glad that he has the ability and drive to respond to the opportunities that are open to him.”

Kevin Williams is not only positive in his studies. He is very active in his church’s Fellowship Movement at Eastwood. Here he is busy in social work such as taking underprivileged children on outings, helping old people around the house and so on. He considers that to do these things is to do what is important in life.

Kevin Williams

Stephen, Rodney, Diane and Mrs Dorothy Williams