CDU sets a new Australian standard

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CHARLES Darwin University is setting a new standard for Australian universities with its latest appointment.

Darwin-born Steven Larkin will be the highest-ranking indigenous person in an Australian university when he takes up the position of pro vice-chancellor of indigenous leadership in January next year.

"I'm still somewhat overwhelmed," he said. "This appointment is history-making."

The position, which is intended to make the university's indigenous studies the best in the nation, is the first of its kind in Australia.

Mr Larkin will work to include indigenous perspectives into mainstream university business, build relationships with indigenous stakeholders and help to make CDU a leader in providing outcomes for indigenous students.

He said he hoped it would contribute to closing the gap between 'indigenous and non-indigenous Australians, partic-