

STUDENT STORY



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University: Curtin University

Degree: Bachelor of Education (Primary)

Why did you choose to study the degree you are completing?

I actually wanted to do teaching straight out of school but I didn't get the UAI I thought I needed to do it, so I put it on the back burner. Then I started working as a Student Learning Support Officer (SLSO) in one of the primary schools locally and I realised teaching was still something I wanted to do because of the difference I could make in the lives of so many kids, and also kids are fun!

Where do you see your degree taking you and what inspires you about what you are learning?

I'd love to be working full time as a teacher in our local community. I'm inspired to help primary school students become the people they are. I'm especially keen to ensure all kids get the love and care they deserve.

How important is having the CUC in your local region and why?

Very, very, very, very, very, very, very important. It gives me a study place away from home that has the facilities and community that I require. There's lots of encouragement here and everyone is really helpful. From you being there and being able to look over my assignments, to other students sharing the experience of uni together: It's what you would get at a university campus without having to go to a uni campus. It's the equipment that people don't have access to otherwise and a great community. I have found the community and the supports just incredible.

What advice would you give to other people in rural and regional contexts considering studying higher education?

Do it! It's both important and rewarding. Also, sign up to your local CUC to get instant community, learning resources, and supports.

Any achievements you would like to share?

That I am studying at all is a huge achievement. I didn't think I could, but I am seeing now that I can. For my first 3 subjects of this degree I received 2 Distinctions, and 1 High Distinction subject grades.

Your favourite thing about the CUC?

It's something that every rural area needs. Without this it makes study so much harder, but this levels the playing field. People who don't otherwise have access to the technology and other resources needed for uni now can access it here – amazing.

