

STUDENT STORY



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I have studied in various industries such as Hospitality, Horticulture, Land Management, and Indigenous Education. As someone who loves learning, I find joy in exploring new ideas, acquiring knowledge, and expanding my horizons. Learning fuels my curiosity, empowers me to solve problems, and contributes to my personal growth. Recently, I completed a Certificate IV in Child, Youth & Family Intervention to enhance my ability to support young people and effectively respond to those in need. During my online studies, that I was doing from home with an old laptop, poor internet connection and with the intense summer heat, I struggled to keep up with the study load, feeling isolated and hesitant to seek help.

When I found out about the CUC, I shared my concerns with Jenni about falling behind in my studies and was considering withdrawing due to starting a full-time job. Jenni's unwavering support enabled me to catch up and excel by improving my time management skills, creating an efficient study environment, and benefiting from a dedicated, clean, and quiet work and study space. These changes have positively impacted my focus, time management, and overall productivity, while having someone supportive to turn to has been truly transformative.

I am incredibly grateful for the positive impact this initiative has had on not just myself, but our community, providing numerous opportunities for those who may not have considered studying in a remote setting. Now, in my current role, I can assist students who are studying remotely, drawing from my own experiences. It feels rewarding to give back to others in a similar situation.