

Care Experienced Students

Do you have experience of the out-of-home care system?

EVERYONE'S PATH TO TAFE OR UNI IS DIFFERENT. LET'S FIND YOURS...

Federation University is home to an increasing number of students who are in out-of-home care, and students who have a past experience of living in care - also known as Care Experienced Students, or Care Leavers.

When we talk about Care Experienced students, we mean people who have spent all or part of their childhoods in the care of people who are not their immediate family. This may include with foster carers, with extended family in kinship care or in residential care. There are many terms people use to describe themselves. Whichever term you identify with, we are here to support you. We welcome you, we support you and we want you to succeed. We know that students with a Care Experience are underrepresented in higher education. We want to help change this. We believe that all of us are missing out on the talent and potential that Care Leavers have to offer.

SUPPORT FOR CARE EXPERIENCED STUDENTS

Federation University is dedicated to help break down some of the barriers Care Experienced students face, offering financial, academic and personal supports, as well as scholarships and grants to support Care Experienced students in succeeding in their studies. Support is available to all Care Experienced students regardless of age.

Our Equity and Inclusion Officer can provide individual support on request for Care Experienced students. This can include enrolment, applying for scholarships, connecting with our academic preparation and support programs, peer mentoring programs and other internal and external support services.

Contact us for a chat about your individual circumstances and needs.

Student Equity and Inclusion

Email: equity@federation.edu.au or Phone: 03 5327 8516

Mt Helen Campus | Wadawurrung Country

[VISIT THE EQUITY AND DIVERSITY WEBSITE >](#)

RAISING EXPECTATIONS PROGRAM

Raising Expectations supports young people in out-of-home care and Care Leavers to aspire to, access, and succeed in vocational and higher education. Raising Expectations is a State Government-funded project that aims to increase the number of young people in out of home care and Care Leavers participating in higher education and vocational education and training programs across Victoria. At Federation University we are part of the 'Raising Expectations' network. That is, we want to be part of a new way of looking at education for young people in care, and who used to be in care.

[VIEW THE RAISING EXPECTATIONS WEBSITE >](#)



WHY CHOOSE FEDERATION UNIVERSITY?

At Federation University, the desire to transform lives and enhance communities informs everything we do. We celebrate the social and cultural diversity of our university community and support our students to succeed.

Federation University offers:

- A broad range of courses. With courses available on campus and online, we have something to suit everyone. View our full range of courses for higher education and TAFE at: www.federation.edu.au/coursefinder
- Access to Free TAFE courses at: www.federation.edu.au/freetafe
- Foundation Access Studies (FAST) program. Designed to give you the skills to start a higher education degree, the program is a great pathway for people who that don't have the academic background or study skills they need to start a degree. More information at: www.federation.edu.au/fast
- We offer student accommodation in Ballarat, Berwick and Gippsland. View our accommodation options via our website: www.federation.edu.au/fedliving. If you are under 21 and eligible for Better Futures or Home Stretch funding, this can be used for FedLiving accommodation packages.
- A huge range of scholarships and grants, with some available for Care Leaver students. Contact us for assistance in finding the right scholarship or grant. Visit: <https://federation.edu.au/scholarships>
- We also offer a range of pathways from TAFE into higher education, and you may be eligible for credit into a degree within a similar field of study. Visit: <https://federation.edu.au/pathways>
- Our Aboriginal Education Centre has a strong and vibrant cultural presence with 5 offices based across Mt Helen, SMB, Wimmera, Berwick and Gippsland. We have a wide range of courses delivered in a culturally appropriate way, including field trips, guest speakers and hands-on activities. These courses are especially developed for Indigenous Australians interested in working with Aboriginal communities or organisations that have close relationships with Aboriginal communities. Visit: www.federation.edu.au/aec

Federation University Australia acknowledges the Custodians of the lands and waters where our campuses are located and recognise their continuing responsibilities to care for country at these sites of teaching and learning. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and extend our respects to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander First Nations Peoples.

