

Partner Universities

Federation University Australia and La Trobe University are offering supports and services to help you study. To find out more and to answer your questions:

Contact Federation Uni Pearl Goodwin-Burns

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or visit federation.edu.au/care-leavers

Campuses at Ballarat, Gippsland and Wimmera.



Contact La Trobe Uni 1300 135 045

or visit latrobe.edu.au/careleavers

Live online chat visit latrobe.custhelp.com

Visit the Future Students Centre Monday to Friday
9am-5pm (Ground floor, David Myers Central Building,
Bundoora campus: latrobe.edu.au/melbourne/location)

Campuses at Albury-Wodonga, Bendigo, Bundoora,
Collins Street (CBD), Franklin Street (CBD), Mildura,
Shepparton.



“Higher education was not just about getting a degree. It opened my eyes to a world I might never have seen – it’s given me the confidence to go and be part of a professional environment where people view me as competent and I am respected”

– Thomas, formerly in foster care (propel.org.uk/is-higher-education-for-me/stories/thomass-story)

Raising Expectations recognises that people who have spent time in out of home care can face issues and challenges going on to and completing higher education. In addition to the supports and services at the unis, the Centre is developing education, information and resources for young people, carers, mentors and professional workers to better prepare and support young people leaving care who want to go on to higher education.

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Want to know more?

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**Are you living or have you lived:
In foster or residential care?
With grandparents/other family?
Permanently with another family?**

Want to go to TAFE or Uni?

Did you know that Fed Uni and La Trobe Uni have lots of supports and services to help you study.
Get in touch today!



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Things to think about

This brochure includes support services, useful resource and uni contacts for young people in care or leaving care who are thinking about going onto TAFE or Uni.

If you are still at school here are some things to start thinking about:

- Subjects you like and are good at
- Things you love to do outside school
- Spending a day at a TAFE or Uni to find out about courses
- Preparing to meet the entry requirements

If you have left school there are supports available to help you with:

- Deciding what course might suit you and how to apply
- Meeting the costs of study and accommodation
- Linking into other services and supports such as transition programs, mentoring programs, literacy support and counselling services
- Preparing for and feeling confident about your studies

Supports and services for you

Financial Supports

- **Scholarships, bursaries and financial assistance** contact Federation Uni and La Trobe Uni using the details on the back of this brochure
- **Indicate you have been in care** to access supports/ services by ticking the box on your application forms (VTAC or Uni)
- **Youth Allowance** for students between 16 and 21, or up to 25 if you are a full-time student. Call Centrelink 13 24 90 or search 'youth-allowance' at humanservices.gov.au
- **Study Assist** (financial support and info) studyassist.gov.au/sites/studyassist
- **Zero fee TAFE courses** if you are under 21 and leaving care. For the range of courses, search 'fee exemptions' at education.vic.gov.au
- **ABSTUDY** help for young Aboriginal people with study/apprenticeship costs. Call 1800 132 317 or search 'Abstudy' at humanservices.gov.au
- **Transition to Independent Living Allowance (TILA)** up to \$1500 for young people (15–25) leaving care via the Department of Social Services. Search 'TILA' at dss.gov.au

Other Supports

- **Leaving Care Helpline** for help with support and accommodation, call 1300 532 846 (10am-8pm weekdays, 10am-6pm weekends)
- **Post-Care Support Programs** for help with immediate/ongoing support and accommodation search 'leaving care' at dhs.vic.gov.au
- **Education Foyers** learning and student accommodation centres for young people who need support and a place to live while they study or train foyer.org.au/foyers-in-australia

Useful Resources

The following financial support is available:

- **YouthCentral.vic.gov.au** for information on study, jobs, health, housing, transport and money
- **MyFuture.edu.au** for information and resources on training and study
- **CREATE Foundation** supports young people in care and who have left care, call 1800 655 105 or visit createyourfuture.org.au
- **Sortli (sort out your life)** free mobile app for care leavers on where to get help and support (download via apply App Store or Google Play)
- **L2P learner driver mentor program** for learners under 21 years that need a supervising driver or vehicle. Search 'L2P' at vicroads.vic.gov.au

For more information visit:
cfecfw.asn.au/raisingexpectations