

# STUDENT STORY



## Laura

### Area of study:

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy  
(placement student at Bass Coast Health)

### Why did you choose your field of study?

My dad had an OT when he was in a brain injury rehab clinic and it inspired me.

### How important has CUC Bass Coast been to your studies? How have you benefited from the Centre's services?

I have used the resources whilst in the area in placement however this has only been once a week. It would make so much of a difference if I was here on placement full time or lived in the area. But otherwise it gives me a space to study and clear my mind. Having something like this growing up would have been amazing.

### How do you plan to apply your knowledge and skills after graduation?

I will move back rurally and take my expertise there as I know in my dad's case his OT had to make the 4 hour drive from Melbourne just to see him and vice versa. So many country residents would benefit from access to an OT.

### Share with us some of your proudest moments as a student.

Getting accepted into uni was a big thing for me but then also passing that first year while COVID was impacting studies was also a very proud moment because it reiterated that I could do this.

### Please share any insights you have gained along your learning journey.

It is important for students to make the most of the opportunities presented to them. Whether it is something like CUC or university specific grants etc. My little sister is about to enter her first year of uni now and I could not urge her enough to not put pressure on herself to get the same marks as she was getting in school as university is a whole new ball game and different pace.