

# STUDENT STORY



## Patrisha

### **Qualification:**

Bachelor of Education Studies – 2021

### **Why did you choose your degree and what do you enjoy the most about it?**

Straight out of high school, I completed an advanced diploma in hospitality management and furthered my hospitality education with an apprenticeship in commercial cookery. I worked in the industry for many years in a range of local hospitality venues. After taking some time off to raise my family, I worked as a chef in the childcare sector, after which I returned to TAFE to complete a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment. I am now following lifelong dream to be a food technology teacher.

### **How important is having the CUC in your local town to you and why?**

The CUC Bass Coast has been a lifesaver for me. The Centre provides me with a quiet and safe place to study without distractions. Our Centre Manager has been a massive support; she is always there if you need her. Her guidance around further study has been invaluable. I have recently utilised the Learning Skills Advisor when I doubted my abilities to complete an assessment. He was super supportive and reassuring, giving me the confidence, I needed to continue with my assessment. Without the CUC, I would not have been able to achieve the results I have so far.

### **What advice would you give to other regional and rural people who are considering higher education?**

My message to others wishing to return to study is to take the plunge and follow their dreams. Everyone deserves to be successful and happy. Finding the right university and applying can be a little daunting, but it is worth taking the time if it means achieving your dreams. Do your research and find the university that suits your needs. Not the one everyone says you should attend.