

A photograph of two young women sitting at a wooden table in a bright, modern cafe. The woman on the left has long, wavy brown hair and is wearing a white floral patterned shirt under denim overalls. The woman on the right has blonde hair and is wearing a white short-sleeved top with a lace-trimmed V-neckline. Both are holding white mugs and smiling at each other. The background is a blurred view of the cafe interior with large windows and modern decor.

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KRISTY NEWMAN-BROWN

CERTIFICATE III IN EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION & CARE

LISMORE

Through-out high school I always knew that my career path would be in early childhood education, I really love working with children, every-day is so different, things are never, ever the same.

My getting started story is simple; I was browsing subjects relating to Early Childhood and clicked on the ACE website. From there I was offered a Scholarship and here I am today with my Certificate III completed.

I learnt a lot from the other students in the course who were from a wide range of cultures and ages which made it interesting. We all helped one another and worked really well as a group, I found this to be very supportive.

ACE is a place you really want to be. I'm looking forward to a big and bright future. The next step is a Diploma in Early Childhood and then on to University.

TO ANYONE
OUT THERE
I WOULD SAY
GO TO ACE
AND GET OUT
OF YOUR
COMFORT
ZONE.



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DARREN KNIGHT

CERTIFICATE III IN INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT LISMORE

My background is in finance, but I decided on a complete career turnaround and found myself in the role of a support worker. The College here in Lismore gave me the perfect opportunity to upgrade, improve my skills and gain my Certificate III. I knew from the first day that I was going to get the education and training I needed. The trainer was fantastic, she made perfect sense.

This new career path means I can contribute something valuable to the community I live in. I really enjoy giving back and making a difference.

When trying something new you have to be prepared to open up, and interact with people. The rewards are there every-day. Yesterday was a perfect summer's day, part of that was spent helping clients at the beach in Byron Bay. I feel lucky to be in this new career. I'm part way through my Certificate IV in Aged Care and will be looking to combine my Degree in Music into my work in the Care sector as I go forward.

THE CARE
SECTOR IS
DEFINITELY
A GROWTH
FIELD. WITHIN
FOUR WEEKS
I SECURED AS
MUCH WORK
AS I NEEDED.

A portrait of Gail Waird, a woman with shoulder-length brown hair, smiling. She is wearing a blue and white patterned top and a necklace. The background is blurred.

I WOULD
LOVE TO
ENCOURAGE
OTHERS TO
STEP-OUT,
EXPLORE THEIR
DREAMS AND
PASSIONS.
LIFE IS FULL OF
ADVENTURES
WAITING TO BE
EXPLORED.

GAIL WAIRD

CERTIFICATE III IN EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION & CARE

LISMORE

I wanted new challenges and decided to make a transition into family day care after 25 years of holding a degree in Primary School Education and working in a range of children services.

Starting my own business is really exciting. One of the first steps in this new direction was to gain my qualification in early childhood education and care. The ACE College is just across the road which is very convenient, as a busy working mum time is important. After visiting ACE in Lismore and meeting everyone, I decided this was meant to be! They are so beautiful and flexible.

I can remember my first day in class, when I stepped into the room the atmosphere was immediately friendly. Even though I was feeling a little nervous I had a positive feeling that this is right for me, I felt safe in this learning environment.

Meeting the other students, making friends and sharing experiences was definitely a big unexpected bonus. I gained lots of new knowledge from the course and I'm so happy for that.



MARGARET SMITH

CERTIFICATE IV IN LEISURE & HEALTH
LISMORE

THIS IS GOING
TO SOUND
CHEESY BUT
IF YOU DO
YOUR COURSE
WITH ACE YOU
WILL NOT
REGRET IT.

I've actually completed a few ACE courses, but first found out about this qualification through a flyer in the mail box.

Really it was a no decision, decision. I'd had a good experience in the past, the teachers are so helpful and the location is really convenient for me. So I enrolled.

There were many moments along the way that were totally unexpected though. The truly outstanding support the trainer gave to everyone in the class and on an individual level really exceeded my expectation. She is a star. The trainer always had time to answer questions and we could email her in between classes if we needed support.

I have full time employment in the industry, I'm really happy using my skills to help provide quality service and care to the residents I work with.

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I'm new to the local area, busy getting to know the community and finding my way around. I saw the ACE College in town, picked up a course guide from the stand out the front and decided to go in and get started.

I have a Degree in Computer Science and was looking to broaden my skill set to increase my employability outlook here in Lismore. If you are thinking of signing up for a course I encourage you to try. I check all the new course guides as they come out to see what is new and happening next.

The accessibility of the College and the friendly, caring, professional trainers made all the difference for me.

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MICHELLE MICHELIN-LAW

CERTIFICATE III IN INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT
CERTIFICATE IV IN TRAINING & ASSESSMENT
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LISMORE

This all started with seeing a flyer in a shop window in Bangalow. I went along to a free workshop, talked with the team, then followed ACE Lismore on Facebook. Just when I became unemployed I saw a post for Certificate III in Aged Care.

This meant I would be going back to study after a break of 25 years, I questioned whether I could do this. I really shouldn't have worried. Since my Certificate III I've added my qualification in training & assessment to the mix. This gave me a different perspective and advanced skills in understanding the many different ways in which people learn, live and communicate.

I've discovered that training is definitely a positive for your employment prospects, but it is also empowering for personal growth and that's important. I'm now making a positive difference in people's lives and people love you for it.

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