

# CSU - the making of me!

Students from Malaysia share some special highlights from their time at CSU

"At CSU the lecturers are committed, friendly and very approachable, which makes my studies a lot easier. We have smaller classes, encouraging interactions among students and lecturers. We often have guest lecturers coming in to share with us their experience in the dietetics field, giving us a broader aspect of what dietitians do. Also, my first clinical placement in third year gave me a great learning experience and I knew I was on the right track!

Living on campus has been fun. I love the kangaroos hopping around the student accommodation anytime of the day! The campus is quiet, peaceful and carefree. There are few distractions here compared to other major cities in Australia, thus making it easier to concentrate on my studies. CSU is the place to be to mingle with fun loving Australians, and learn about the true Aussie culture. This has been one of the best decisions I've made in my life, I would truly recommend it."

**Yee Shien Wong, Bachelor of Health Science (Nutrition and Dietetics)  
CSU at Wagga Wagga**



*Yee Shien Wong*

"I wanted to obtain a degree that was recognised worldwide by various medical science associations. This CSU distance education course is very interesting and great for students who are working full-time. The course is organised and well structured, and the staff are friendly and quick to answer emails and providing information. The CSU forums make studying by distance education easier. My studies are providing me with good decision making skills, independence and self advancement. The work placement trains you to make good decisions and I found that what is taught is directly relevant to the workplace. Grab the opportunity to study at CSU and don't waste it!"

**Gurbash Singh, Bachelor of Medical Science by distance education**



*Gurbash Singh in Melbourne*

"Studying through distance education was convenient to me, especially working full time. I couldn't find any other university that suited my needs and I was given immediate assistance when I needed help. I liked the online forum, discussions and meeting so many other students who were studying by distance education. The exchange of ideas and experiences was amazing. I'm currently pursuing my Masters degree and believe that it will prepare and sharpen my ideas and techniques that will be useful in the future, and give me opportunities to be in the research world. If you have the will to study and succeed, anything is possible. CSU is able to provide that."

**Ann Santhanamary Pallis, Masters Medical Science (Pathology)  
by distance education**



*Chatting with fellow students online.*

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Etain Vong feeding the kangaroos.

"I heard about CSU whilst studying my undergraduate degree in Malaysia, as my external supervisor for my clinical and thesis was from CSU. I wanted to study in a university that was not located in a big city. The campus in Albury-Wodonga is a close-knit community and the CSU staff are very friendly and helpful. I have learnt to mix and socialise with students not from my own culture and loving it. I would highly recommend students to come to Australia and study at CSU because the country life is great! It is not busy and congested like the cities where everybody seems to be always rushing to go somewhere; yet it is not too isolated or slow-paced. It has just the right kind of balance of nature and fun."

**Etain Vong, PhD in Speech Pathology**

**CSU at Albury-Wodonga**

"I have always wanted to study abroad and I chose Australia because of its close proximity to Malaysia. CSU is in regional Australia and the living expenses here are much more affordable compared to Australia's major cities. I prefer a smaller city such as Wagga Wagga as it is similar to my own hometown in Malaysia. I have enjoyed the experience of meeting new people, growing up to be independent, getting help from friends, and the environment - which is friendly and comfortable in all ways to tackle daily living. Whilst at CSU I have developed my career, personal development and life skills."

**Sze Fang Num, Bachelor of Health Science (Nutrition and Dietetics)**  
**CSU at Wagga Wagga**

"I have studied for one year at CSU and I have really appreciated the time here. I have made a lot of friends from different countries and I love to explore foreign cultures. When I am so far away from my family and home country, I am glad that my friends here are so supportive and helpful. I enjoy both CSU and Bathurst! The staff and lecturers are very friendly and I am not afraid to talk to them or seek further advice. I would say overall I have enjoyed the study experience at CSU and my stay in Bathurst. Working together with Australian students is a very good experience and the cultural exchange is cool. Take a chance to explore and enjoy something different from your country. Just come and you will adapt to everything here very soon."

**Ying Hui, Bachelor of Arts (Communication - Advertising)**  
**CSU at Bathurst**

"I would recommend a university like CSU in Wagga Wagga. Although Wagga Wagga is the biggest inland city in Australia, it is not a very busy or crowded place, and residents here are friendly and easy going. The tranquil and comfortable environment makes me feel relaxed, so I can concentrate on my study. I think the quality of education that I am receiving is excellent and invaluable. Lecturers at CSU are friendly, and the teaching methods used here are easy to understand. I also think that the emphasis upon "hands on experience" contributes to making the students more well rounded and knowledgeable."

I have the opportunity to enhance my studies and embellish my life by taking part in the many extracurricular activities. The things I particularly like about studying at CSU are the cultural diversity, the high standards of education, and the Australian way of living. The multicultural perspective of Australia allows me to meet people from over 200 countries all over the world. Lots of friends make it easy to live happily and feel at home in Australia."

**Kah Yaw Ee, Phd in Food Science**  
**CSU at Wagga Wagga**



Kah Yaw Ee on a ski trip to the Perisher Valley.