

# STUDENT STORY



## Olivia Verrier

### **Qualification:**

Bachelor of Criminology

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

I chose my degree because it opens a huge range of jobs opportunities. My biggest fear is being locked into the same job forever. I love listening about people's origin stories. I love understanding why we are all unique and how the context of a person can shape an experience.

### **What has been your learning journey to date?**

I started learning from my brother who used to play teachers with me - doing algebra before I started Kindergarten. I believe this sparked my love for learning. I went to school in Narrabri. I have completed a Cert III in Hospitality; a Certificate of Workforce Essentials for the NSW Police Force; and a Diploma of Arts through UNE. I'm also currently working through a Cert III in Therapeutic Equine Studies.

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

CUC enables people from all backgrounds to continue to develop their skills in what they are passionate about. Learning via distance is hard as there is no direct contact with the learning providers to stay on track with studies. You have to be extremely self-disciplined. CUC provides a quiet, distraction free environment. It opens up a whole new world for people studying. It gives us opportunity to break the social structures that small towns have - it opens doors our parents never had.