



International Student Testimonials



Kylie Dragan (Leadership and Management Student)

I came to Australia in 2010 from the USA to study and experience a new culture. I wanted a course that would complement my studies, add to my qualifications and help send me in the direction I want to go in life. I chose Bedford's Diploma of Leadership and Management because I found the quality was unmatched and the staff and students were so welcoming. The community found here is unique and the way the staff encourage, teach and genuinely believe in the student's potential makes for an inspiring environment. At Bedford, I had the opportunity to practice my leadership skills as the president of the Student Representative Council. I have built relationships for my future career and apply practical business skills in my current part time work position.

As an international student with different needs and concerns than domestic students, I highly recommend Bedford because of the attention and care that comes from the staff and students. The support I have received in all matters was beyond my expectations, and I am so grateful for the expertise and sincerity of the staff. I have been welcomed and fully embraced as a part of this community and cherish the people who get to call Bedford their alma-mater. I know that the valuable, practical skills I have learnt are helping to shape the future I see for myself. Bedford College has been the foundation of my education and one that I will be proud to have on my resume.

Caroline Broscareanu (Business Student)

I am an international student from Sweden. I chose to study the Diploma in Business at Bedford College because of the high quality of teaching and a step towards what I want to be doing next. The course provides professional and useful knowledge about the business world and offers pathways into University for further study.



The teachers are skilled and helpful and they even offer an additional hour after college where students can stay back and ask for extra help with assignments and tasks. The building itself is very fresh, offering air-conditioning and a lunchroom, with fridges and microwaves for the students to bring and store their own food. There are also cafés close by. The location of the College is great too, with buses nearby that take only 10-15 minutes to get into the city center. I am very happy I chose Bedford College and I would recommend it to everyone.



Claudia Stuchi Cruz (Leadership and Management Student)

I am an international student from Brazil. I was working as a lawyer in a bank in Brazil and decided I wanted to expand my professional career overseas. The Business Diploma improved my knowledge and skills in every area of the business and prepared me well for my professional life, interviews and employment in Australia. The course was not all theory and included numerous practical presentations and team tasks.

My study at Bedford College offered a great opportunity to experience the cultural diversity of the students and Australia in general. The students, teachers and all the materials and resources that Bedford provided played a positive and valuable part in my experience. I really enjoyed the feedback from the teachers and the content of the course. I have fond memories of the teachers who were always there to help me by taking time to answer any questions. Studying in a different country has made me appreciate how beneficial an international study experience is for my career and further studies and I know now I am capable of learning in a completely different environment and culture. I am very glad and contented to have been part of an Institution such as Bedford College.

Jay Ar Lacuna (Business Student)

Moving to Sydney from the Philippines and enrolling in a Business Diploma for one year was a big challenge for me. As an international student, at first I thought it would take me some time to settle and get along with all the people at Bedford. I was wrong. The staff and teachers treated me with smiles and everyone was very welcoming. What I really liked about Bedford were the well-structured programs and the small class sizes, which promoted student interaction and allows for one-on-one time with the teachers.



My stay at Bedford was definitely worthwhile. I gained the knowledge, skills, and experience in both theory and practical aspects of business. The teachers provided me the support and encouragement I needed as an international student to complete my Diploma. Bedford is not just about studying and gaining skills for life - it is also about gaining and building friendships that will last forever.

Ni (Winifred) Wang (Early Childhood Student)

Studying Early Childhood Education and Care at University in Australia was a wish of my family and myself. I chose Bedford College originally as a pathway to University, and was glad of my choice as I gradually realised that this College was the right choice for me. When I needed advice with regard to my life in Australia, my assignments, and my practicum placement, the teachers and staff always willing to help. They encouraged me to be more enthusiastic and passionate about my future career and gave me lots of support for my study, which I appreciated very much. I also made many friends from other countries and we supported each other during the busy study periods.



I want to continue my study and have enrolled in a Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood Education) at Macquarie University. Thanks to the Diploma I gained at Bedford College, I will be able to gain part-time or casual employment while studying at Macquarie University and apply my experiences and knowledge to my work and further study.



Tin Wan (Toby) Wong (Early Childhood Student)

I am an international student originally from Hong Kong and studied the Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care. I was directed to Bedford by my agent, and am glad it was recommended for me because my experience at Bedford has been positive. In Hong Kong I worked with teenage students as an instructor for high ropes courses, but working with younger children has always interested me, so I came to study Child Care as a new challenge.

It is a family style community here; there were not any aspects of the College I did not like. The teachers are very passionate about teaching their students and supporting them; every time I came to them with an issue they were very patient and helped me to find the answer. My classmates were also very welcoming and a great support network. When it was outside of College hours I could always turn to them for help or advice in assignments and classwork. I enjoyed my time at Bedford and would recommend it to everyone!

Elena Bertolini (Early Childhood Student)

I won a scholarship at my university in Rome, Italy, which allowed me to come to Sydney to study Child Care. I was not sure about which college to choose to undertake my Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care, but after almost three terms here at Bedford College I'm sure I have made the right choice. This College is excellent, the course is valuable and the teachers are very professional and ready to help if you need it. I feel I have already learned a lot thanks to Bedford College. I can't wait to graduate and start working in a Child Care Centre!



Roshani Bopage (Early Childhood Student)

My time at Bedford was really positive and interesting. As an international student from Sri Lanka, it was comforting to know that the trainers were aware of the needs of international students and they always made time and acted upon those needs. When it comes to study, the course was flexible and efficient. We always had opportunities to talk to our trainers and get insight into assessments and industry practices and any discussion with the staff was received warmly and openly. We participated in excursions and Play Sessions, which opened our eyes up to the charm of working with children. International students attended a reflection class, which offered personal support time with the head teacher and allowed me to connect with my peers. The environment at Bedford is open, with many local and international students. It is a multicultural atmosphere and is a great place to be.

Currently, I am studying to become an Early Childhood Teacher through TAFE, where I was able to gain 2.5 years RPL due to my studies at Bedford. I also work for *Only About Children* and with the help of my studies at Bedford my future horizons are broadened. My long-term goal is to finish my studies and settle into Australia. I would recommend Bedford to any international student.

Weiyan Li (Early Childhood Student)

I came from China to Australia to study and to have a new experience. Before I come to Bedford College, I was studying at the University of Sydney - Foundation Program but I realised it was not related to Early Childhood. Then, I found Bedford College on the internet and loved the structure and content of the Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care and in addition, able to complete the Diploma of School Age Education and Care in the same year. It is a good pathway to get into university and valuable my future career. The Teachers and College administrator are very kind, patient and professional. They always provide a helping hand when needed. I am glad I chose to study at Bedford College and I have accepted an offer to study a Bachelor in Early Childhood Education at ACU next year.

