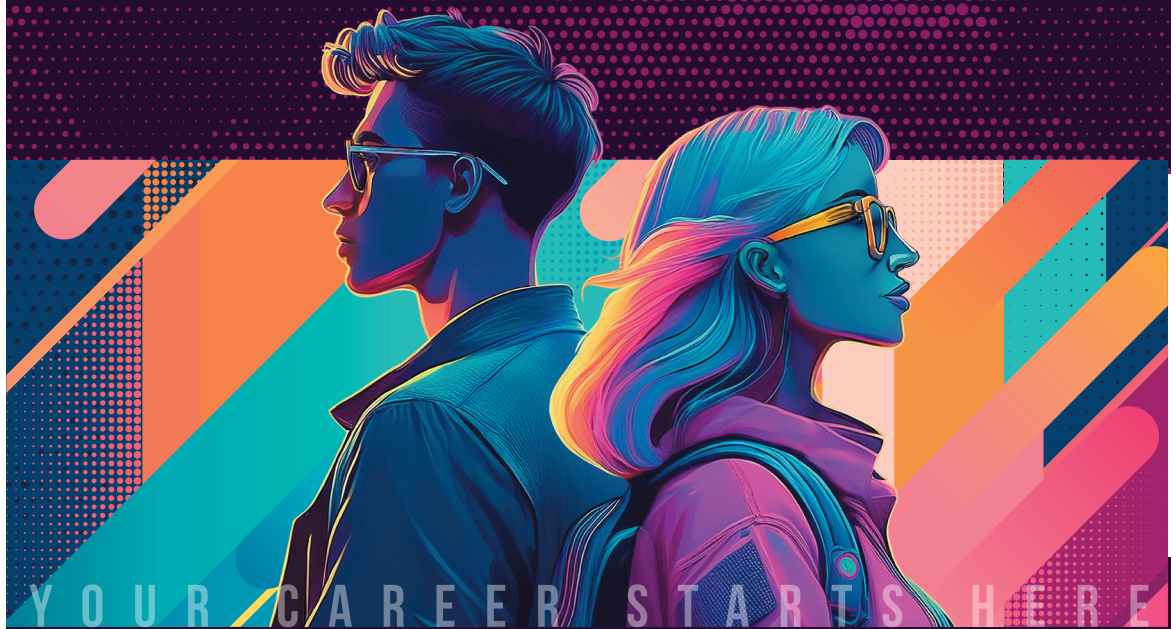


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WELCOME

At Experience Gold Coast, we are passionate about shaping the future of our region by connecting talent with opportunity. The Careers Festival is a celebration of ambition, innovation and possibility, bringing together students, job seekers, and industry leaders to explore exciting career pathways.

The Gold Coast is a dynamic and thriving hub for business, health, screen, science, education, and emerging industries. Whether you're taking your first steps, looking to upskill, or seeking new career horizons, this festival is your gateway to valuable insights, expert advice and meaningful connections.

There's a world of opportunity within your reach - whether your passion lies in medicine, technology, tourism, the arts, or tackling global environmental challenges. The Gold Coast offers exceptional education, training and career pathways, making it the perfect place to build your future.

I encourage you to make the most of this festival - engage with employers, participate in workshops, and be inspired by those who have walked this path before you. The connections you make here can shape your future.

Our team is here to support you in seizing every opportunity. Enjoy the Festival and may your career journey be everything you aspire it to be.

Welcome to the Careers Festival!

JOHN WARN

Chief Executive Officer
Experience Gold Coast



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GET STARTED

Start by thinking about where you are in your career journey.

No matter where you are
- exploring options, making a change,
or leveling up - we're here to help
you find your path!

EXPLORE

The Careers Zone helps you take the next step - whether you're exploring career options, finding your perfect fit, or landing your dream job.

With expert guidance, interactive tools, and virtual reality experiences, you can step into different careers before making a move.

CONNECT

Now's your chance to chat with education institutions and industry experts!

Check out the map on pages 5-6 and explore the event. Don't forget to say hello to our Gold Coast Student Experience team too to discover incredible programs, support services, and unique opportunities to boost your study journey in our stunning city!

EXPERIENCE

Head to the stage to hear from guest speakers, industry experts, and current students about different careers and what tertiary life is really like on the Gold Coast.

Check out the stage schedule on pages 7-8!

REFUEL

There's a lot happening and plenty to absorb at the Gold Coast Careers Festival.

Take time for a break and refuel on everything from tasty treats to barista made coffee.

CHANCE TO WIN!

Join us Thursday evening from 5:30pm for a chance to win one of two \$3k career change makeovers - complete with your very own stylist! Plus, be in the running to win a one-on-one career coaching session and plenty of other prizes and giveaways.

REFLECT

Before you head out, stop by the Reflection Zone and share your thoughts.

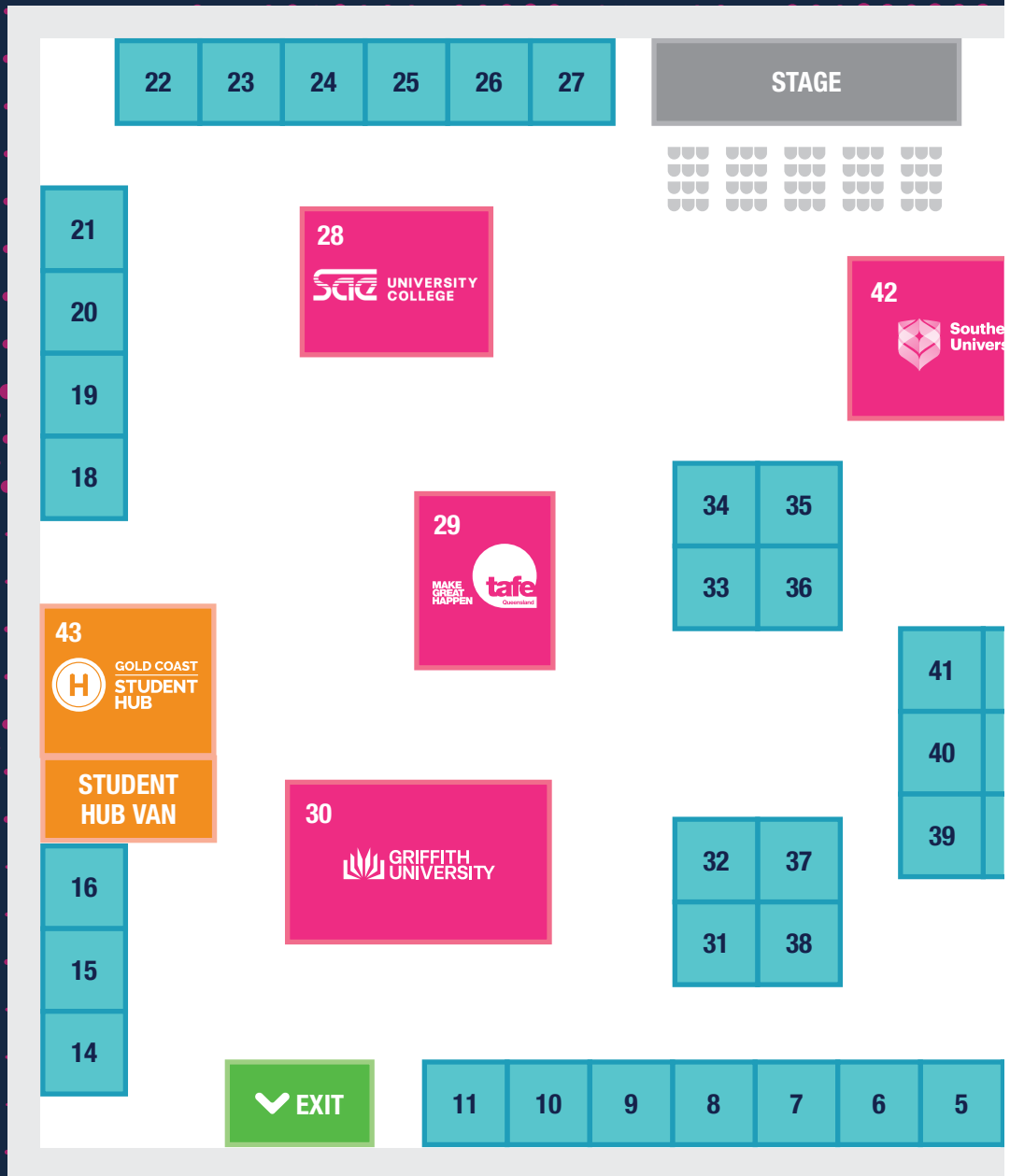
It's a great way to boost your career planning and pick up some awesome merch!

FESTIVAL DIRECTORY

BOOTH	EXHIBITOR	✓
59	ADF CAREERS	
52	AIR GOLD COAST PILOT TRAINING	
7	AMERICAN SUMMERS - CAMP JOBS	
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16	BLUE DOG TRAINING	
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60	BOND UNIVERSITY	
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14 & 15	CITY OF GOLD COAST	
9	CURRUMBIN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY	
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30	GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY	
32	GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY VILLAGE	
48	HOTA - HOME OF THE ARTS	
39	HUXLEY SCHOOL OF MAKEUP	
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BOOTH	EXHIBITOR	✓
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EVENT SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY 14 MAY

TIME	TALK	PRESENTED BY
9:30am	AUSTRALIAN ARMY BAND BRISBANE	ADF Brisbane
9:50am	EDUCATION AMPLIFIED! HOW TO SUCCEED IN THE MUSIC INDUSTRY	Music Industry College
10:00am	CAREERS IN THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE	ADF Brisbane
10:15am	WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I FINISH SCHOOL? A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY AWAITS!	Student Panellists from: Bond University, Griffith University, Southern Cross University, Tafe Queensland
10:30am	SERVING WITH PURPOSE: CAREER PATHS IN CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	Queensland Corrective Services
10:40am	HOW TO CHANGE YOUR CREATIVE PASSION INTO YOUR CAREER?	JMC Academy
10:50am	BUILDING A CAREER ON THE WATER: EXPLORING THE BOATING INDUSTRY	Boating Industry Association
11:00am	CAREERS CHOICES - HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR OPPORTUNITIES	Student Panellists from: Bond University, Griffith University, Southern Cross University, Tafe Queensland
11:15am	MIXOLOGY MASTERCLASS	HOTA - Culinary
12:05pm	CAREERS AT CITY OF GOLD COAST'S PRIMARY WATER SERVICES DELIVERY PARTNER!	GCI Solutions
12:15pm	WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I FINISH SCHOOL? A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY AWAITS!	Student Panellists from: Bond University, Griffith University, Southern Cross University, Tafe Queensland
12:30pm	YOUR PATH TO A REWARDING HEALTHCARE CAREER	Gold Coast Hospital and Health Services
12:40pm	AUSTRALIAN ARMY BAND BRISBANE	ADF Brisbane
1:00pm	BEHIND THE BADGE: BUILDING A CAREER IN THE SERVICES	Ambulance and Corrective Services
1:15pm	CAREERS CHOICES - HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR OPPORTUNITIES	Student Panellists from: Bond University, Griffith University, Southern Cross University, Tafe Queensland
1:30pm	LANDSCAPING A GREENER TOMORROW	Landscape Queensland Industry Association
1:40pm	FROM SCREEN TO SOUND: EXPLORING CAREERS IN THE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES	SAE University College
1:50pm	AUSTRALIAN ARMY BAND BRISBANE	ADF Brisbane
2:10pm	SCHOOLIES ISN'T JUST A HUGE PARTY...	SCHOOLIES.com

EVENT SCHEDULE

THURSDAY 15 MAY

TIME	TALK	PRESENTED BY
9:30am	AUSTRALIAN ARMY BAND BRISBANE	ADF Brisbane
9:50am	ENGINEERING YOUR FUTURE: CAREERS IN MANUFACTURING	QLD Manufacturing Hub
10:00am	CAREERS IN THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE	Australian Defence Force
10:15am	WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I FINISH SCHOOL? A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY AWAITS!	Student Panellists from: Bond University, Griffith University, Southern Cross University, Tafe Queensland
10:30am	AUSTRALIAN ARMY BAND BRISBANE	ADF Brisbane
10:50am	PATHWAYS INTO THE INDUSTRY AFTER FINISHING THE DIPLOMA OF BEAUTY THERAPY	Demi International
11:00am	CAREERS CHOICES - HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR OPPORTUNITIES	Student Panellists from: Bond University, Griffith University, Southern Cross University, Tafe Queensland
11:15am	SCIENCE ON THE GO! JOIN IN THE FUN WITH ENGAGING SCIENCE DEMONSTRATIONS FOR THOSE KEEN TO GET THEIR CHEMISTRY ON!	Science on the Go!
12:00pm	BEHIND THE BADGE: BUILDING A CAREER IN THE SERVICES	Ambulance and Corrective Services
12:15pm	WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I FINISH SCHOOL? A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY AWAITS!	Student Panellists from: Bond University, Griffith University, Southern Cross University, TAFE Queensland
12:30pm	A CAREER IN CONSERVATION	Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary
12:40pm	AUSTRALIAN ARMY BAND BRISBANE	Australian Defence Force
1:00pm	FLYING: CAREERS IN THE AIR	Air Gold Coast
1:15pm	CAREERS CHOICES - HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR OPPORTUNITIES	Student Panellists from: Bond University, Griffith University, Southern Cross University, TAFE Queensland
1:30pm	BENEFITS OF AMERICAN SUMMERS PROGRAM	American Summers - Camp Job
1:40pm	YOUR PATH TO A REWARDING HEALTHCARE CAREER	Gold Coast Hospital and Health Services
1:50pm	THE INS & OUTS OF MEDICAL ADMISSION SUPPORT: KEY ROLES	Medview Education
2:20pm	AUSTRALIAN ARMY BAND BRISBANE	ADF Brisbane
2:40pm	EDUCATION AMPLIFIED! HOW TO SUCCEED IN THE MUSIC INDUSTRY	Music Industry College
3:20pm	RESUME ESSENTIALS	Career Development Association of Australia
3:40pm	INTERVIEW TIPS	Career Development Association of Australia

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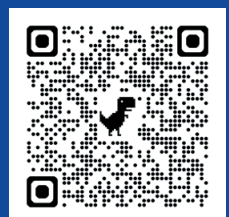
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Graduate Carmel Smithers has found the beauty in business after landing the role of Brand Manager for skincare brand A bit Hippy.

"I love the versatility of my role, we're a small high-performing team, so I manage all of the marketing campaigns, from developing social media content, to EDMs (email direct mail marketing), to live brand activations," Carmel said.

Carmel credits a marketing internship undertaken as part of her Bachelor of Business for launching her career in brand management. The internship provided the networking opportunities to land a graduate role as Marketing Assistant at MooGoo Skincare.

Within five years, Carmel has quickly risen in the company and is now Brand Manager of their sister companies A bit Hippy and Dr Zoo. Carmel says her degree provided

foundational skills in business and marketing. "Having a degree is invaluable. It is essential for anyone to build the foundations of skills and knowledge in their chosen profession," she said.

"In your first year of the degree you cover all sorts of foundational subjects like accounting, economics and marketing. As soon as I did the marketing unit, I loved it and knew it was exactly what I wanted to do," she said.

CARME SMITHERS

Bachelor of Business



A law degree has taken Emily Williams across the globe, from the United Nations in New York to embassies in Europe and the South Pacific.

After graduating, Emily secured a prestigious role in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) graduate program, completing rotations in commercial law, the COVID response team, and the Afghanistan crisis response.

Following the program, Emily worked in Serbia and Australia, with a highlight including attending the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York in 2024.

Now, as Vice Consul at the Australian Consulate in Noumea, New Caledonia, she applies her legal expertise daily.

"I am interpreting policy and legislation every day in my role, and I also need strong analytical and writing skills, so having a law degree under my belt has been really helpful," Emily said.

"I think coming from Southern Cross gave me an advantage because I had so many amazing opportunities that my lecturers encouraged me to apply for. I don't think I would have had the chance to have all those experiences at a bigger university."

EMILY WILLIAMS

Bachelor of Laws

As a Gold Coast local, I had always heard of Bond but honestly never gave it serious thought until years 11 and 12 when I completed five of their Learn for Credit courses and Student for a Semester.

Engaging in these experiences made me fall in love with Bond and set my pathway to psychology here in stone. Although I only attended Bond casually as a high school student, I still felt like a true Bondy from day one and knew that I would struggle to settle for anything less than the personability and familiarity Bond gave me.

Now that I'm studying full-time at Bond, I can truly speak for the impact that the smaller class sizes and the inspirational students and academics have had on my ability to be (and better) myself whilst letting my passion for psychology thrive.

I am also grateful for the opportunities Bond has presented me to reward my ambition: from being president of the Bond Psychological Society to assisting in research and interning at psychology clinics, and now going on exchange to Norway this year. I am so excited to continue using my time at Bond to the fullest extent.

AIDEN VAN ELST

Bachelor of
Psychological
Science



Going to Bond was, by far, the best decision I could have made. I remember sitting down on 'ATAR day' and feeling incredibly overwhelmed by the uncertainty before me – what degree to do, what university to choose – but from the moment I first stepped onto Bond's (beautiful) campus, the choice became clear.

Everything seemed to fit me perfectly - from the welcoming atmosphere to the passionate and driven people I met (many of whom I now call my closest friends and peers), Bond immediately stood out as a university like no other. The tight-knit community, incredibly supportive faculty, and unbelievable opportunities, both academic and extracurricular, have shaped my university experience in ways I never imagined.

Whether it's competing in international mooted competitions, having the opportunity to serve

on students' associations, or just spending time with the diverse, inspiring, and unfailingly kind people I get to see every day, Bond has truly felt like home from day one. I'm excited to complete my degrees at Bond, knowing that the support I've received here won't end at graduation. Being part of this community is something that lasts well beyond my time as a student – once a Bondy, always a Bondy!

INDIGO CHEETHAM

Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor
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Aboard a 62-foot yacht in the Whitsundays, Chelcie Jones faced a crisis. With the engine failing and the boat drifting toward rocks, she dove in, tools in hand. When it roared back to life, so did her future.

"That was the moment I knew—I loved fixing engines more than sailing them," she said. Chelcie transitioned from building luxury motor yachts to hands-on mechanical repairs. Now in her fourth year of a Heavy Diesel Mechanics course at TAFE Queensland's Ashmore campus, she's proving skill, not gender, defines success. Chelcie has had to prove herself repeatedly—not just to others, but to herself.

"Being a woman in trade means constantly proving that I deserve to be here," she said. "There's always going to be that one person who doubts you, but I've learned to let my skills speak for themselves."

At five feet tall and 50 kilos, she's had to work smarter, not harder. "If I can't do something the way I was shown, I figure out my own way."

Her advice to other women considering a trade career?

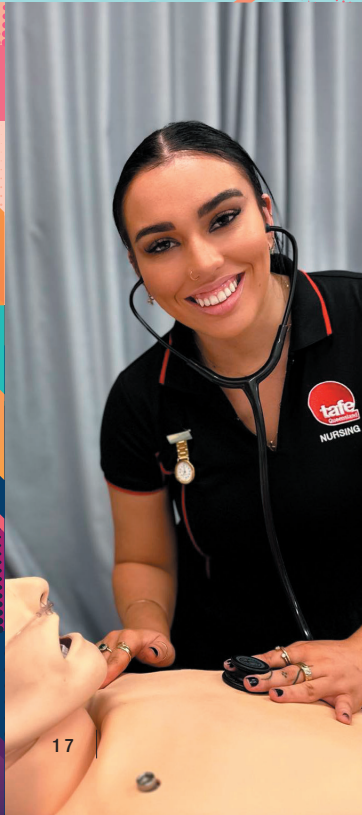
"Confidence, adaptability, and perseverance are key," Chelcie said. "Believe in your skills, find your own way, and as you grow, bring other women along with you."

CHELSCIE JONES

**Certificate III in
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For Jade Anderson, nursing isn't just a career—it's a calling. Studying both the Diploma and Bachelor of Nursing at TAFE Queensland has shaped her journey, equipping her with the skills, confidence, and passion to make a real difference in people's lives.

"TAFE Queensland gave me the foundation to pursue my dreams. It's why I want to keep going—my Bachelor's, my Master's, and one day, opening my own clinic," she said.

Jade's passion for nursing was ignited by pivotal moments, including administering life-saving CPR at 18 and assisting in a birth. These experiences solidified her calling.

Choosing TAFE Queensland's Southport campus was an easy decision. "The hands-on learning and real-life experiences are incredible. Our teachers are practicing nurses who truly care," she said. The immersive training gave Jade

confidence, preparing her for the workforce. After completing her diploma, she secured a graduate position at Gold Coast University Hospital and is now advancing her studies to become a Registered Nurse. Her ultimate dream? Opening an Indigenous birthing center that merges First Nations practices with Western medicine.

"Thanks to TAFE Queensland, I'm not just becoming a nurse—I'm shaping a future where cultural connection and clinical excellence go hand in hand."

JADE ANDERSON

**Diploma of Nursing
& Bachelor of Nursing**

Sachin Ramsamy's goal was to find a field where he could make the greatest impact and contribution to society with his IT degree. He says, "I believe that security development holds immense potential to make the internet a safer place for everyone."

One of the highlights of his study at Griffith was the work-integrated learning component. "I was incredibly fortunate to complete my placement at the IBM Development Lab on the Gold Coast, where I had the opportunity to work alongside brilliant minds and experts. I was introduced to cutting-edge authentication technologies that are playing a crucial role in protecting digital identities online."

Sachin also participated in the Griffith Industry Mentoring Program twice. "Through this program, I attended networking events, met industry professionals, and received

valuable advice for my career, which was instrumental in my professional growth."

He says, "Griffith has played an important role in shaping me into an effective learner, equipping me with the skills and mindset needed to adapt and thrive. These skills will not only help me stay ahead of the curve but also empower me to tackle some of the world's most challenging problems in software development."

SACHIN RAMSAMY

Bachelor of Information
Technology



Lucy Wilkins always had a passion for helping others and a curiosity about human behaviour. Griffith's emphasis on practical skills and clinical components made it her top choice.

"I knew that studying this field not only promises a fulfilling career for myself but also has the potential to positively impact countless lives," she says. "The Scientist Practitioner model taught at Griffith allowed me to integrate theoretical learning with hands-on research and practical experience. This has greatly enriched my education."

A highlight of Lucy's studies was her observational placement at a Queensland Health Hospital.

"Working alongside a clinical psychologist gave me insight into all aspects of the profession, from planning sessions to collaborating with multidisciplinary teams. Witnessing clients' moments

of vulnerability reinforced the importance of trust, empathy, and active listening."

For future students, Lucy advises: "I would highlight the value of building positive relationships with peers, academics, and mentors. These connections not only offer invaluable support but also provide a wealth of knowledge that contributes to personal and professional growth."

LUCY WILKINS

Bachelor of Psychology
(Honours)



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