



### Centre Manager's Message

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#### Happy birthday to us!

How time flies. On 15 December, CUC Mallee will have been open for two years. A great deal has happened in that time, with almost 300 students making use of the facilities and support offered by our Centre.

#### Student numbers

We were excited to see a large number of students complete their studies in the middle of the year however this has meant that our student numbers have dipped this semester. Despite this we have had over 150 students register to use the Centre.

#### Partnerships

Plenty of progress has been made on our Partnerships work. As part of this, the Employment Support Program (ESP) has seen a number of our students gaining local employment in their field of study. This program benefits both the students and employers with career readiness and local workforce growth.

One other aspect of our Partnerships work is assisting local employers to encourage prospective students to their industry. This applies to secondary students and members of the community who are thinking of returning to study.

As part of this we are currently assisting a number of

employers to develop Employment Packages that CUC Mallee can promote in schools and throughout the community. As part of this work we have developed a Partnership Prospectus which outlines how CUC Mallee can support our students and local employers to work together to address local workforce needs. If you would like a copy of the prospectus, or would like to be part of the program, please contact the Centre.

### CUC Mallee AGM

Last week we held our AGM. Our board will again be led by Michelle Haeusler (Chair), Chloe Keogh (Deputy Chair) and Troy Thamm (Treasurer).

### End of Year

As this is our last newsletter for the year, I would like to thank everyone for their support of CUC Mallee and wish everyone a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Hayden Hogan  
Centre Manager

## Our Students

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### Student Socials

This semester the Centre has run two mental health focused social events for our students, such as coffees for Are You OK? Day and a breakfast for Mental Health Day.



### Employment Support Program (ESP)

Stacy has begun implementing our ESP with several students which has had really great success so far! One social work and one primary teaching student have gained work locally within their fields of study. We also have one accounting student who has had the opportunity to do placement with a local accounting firm.

## High School Students

During this year's SWOTVAC and VCE exam period we have opened the Centre up to VCE students to support them in preparing for Year 12 exams. We have also made the Centre accessible to VM students studying a Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care, to support our up and coming childcare educators and to assist the council in addressing the staffing shortage in this industry.

## Community Engagement

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### Outreach Events

Our staff have been busy participating in a variety of community events this semester, such as:

- SuniTAFE's Open Day
- Real Industry Job Interviews run by the Murray Mallee LLEN
- Swan Hill Show
- Swan Hill's October Market
- Balranald Health Expo

- La Trobe University Open Days in Bendigo and Mildura.

### Open Day

We also ran a successful open day for the Centre, gaining several new registrations. We greatly appreciated all the additional stall holders that joined us; La Trobe University, GMG Accounting, Murray Ace, Headspace Swan Hill, Axis Employment, Are-able, Skills and Jobs, and Mallee Family Care.



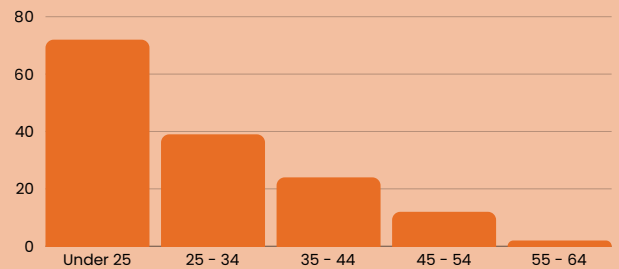


# SNAPSHOT OF CUC MALLEE

Semester 2, 2025

**152**  
students

## Student Ages



**35** different institutions

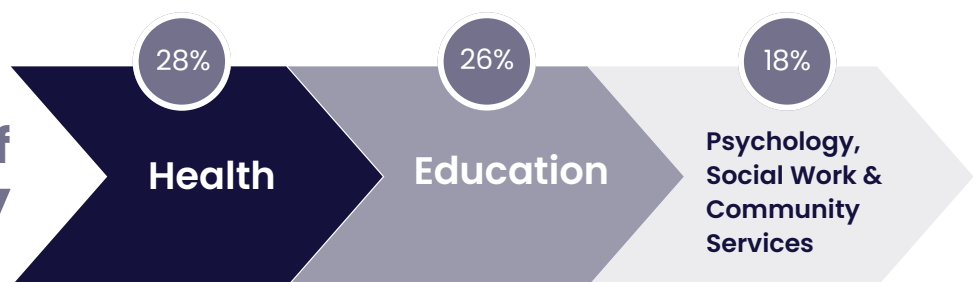


**78%**  
Re-Registrations



**22%**  
New Registrations

## TOP Areas of Study



## TOP 3 Universities

