

## **This is me at UB! – Student Profiles**

Higher Ed

Calling all prospective students! As a student just completing my four years here at the University of Ballarat I would just like to take this opportunity to convey to you all a bit of advice and to tell you what its like here.

First week of uni - O week. I can't stress the importance of getting into as much as you can, this is your opportunity to have a bit of fun, meet people in your course, learn all about the wonderful services the uni provides such as health services, employment opportunities, the cheap pool and gym memberships and various sporting and recreational clubs, get involved! During this week you will also become acquainted with your student mentor, this is a fantastic feature of the uni whereby an experienced student in your course tells you the ins and outs, checks on how you are travelling in those first weeks with regular meeting and is your first point of call if you are unsure about anything and have any questions.

As a higher ed student you need to be aware that the learning style is very independent but the support is there for you if you need it, don't be afraid to ask questions of peers and welcoming staff to access the support you need whether it be academic or otherwise. The welcoming atmosphere and friendly faces are a definite feature of UB, you can't walk from the cafeteria to the library without stopping for a chat or sending out a g'day to people, even to people whose name you don't know. One final bit of advice, get out there, get involved and be a part of the friendly community that is Ballarat.

Best of luck for your bright future at UB,

Alana Wearne.