

## Student Life

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This video is to talk about what RTOs provide and how it may a role in your life as a student as well as how it can help you decide which course to pick.

Sometimes, being a student can be stressful with exams, deadlines, etc. – it can be fun too; you get to mingle with new people with same interests, and you get to learn about yourself too.

In life, you don't know what will happen, and there are circumstances you cannot control. This can affect your studies as well as your quality of life.

This is why some RTOs provide a range of student support. What services RTOs provide depends on their size and funding, so some RTOs may not provide services that other RTOs provide.

Services come in range from providing assistance in finding accommodation for people who live in rural or access to childcare via children services. This is something you should consider if you are a parent.

Also, if you are an athlete competing at a national or international level, either in a hearing or deaf competition such as the Deaflympics, it may be a good idea to look at which RTOs that provide assistance for athletes with their studies such as time extension, flexible assessment, assistance with timetable, etc.

There is more, such as counselling or mentoring and library services.

Furthermore, some RTOs have a student body, like Melbourne Polytechnic's SLAM (Student Life and Media) for example. Usually, the aim of a student body is to organise events to create opportunities for students to socialise and network.

Scholarship is another thing you can look at: some RTOs might have their own scholarship or know where you could apply for a scholarship.

When you enrol in a course, RTOs usually give you some information about what discounts you can get – but you could contact them before you enrol to see what kind of information they have for students.

So, as you can see, there is a range of student support services for everyone because there is more to student life than just studying. We encourage you to ask around, so you can see which RTO is more suitable for you -- or if you are already enrolled in a course, you could also ask your teachers or fellow students or even your DLO -- it is a great opportunity to socialise and network. Be mindful that not all the RTOs provide the same services.

Good luck and thanks for watching me!