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Mallee Family Care and SuniTAFE celebrate partnership supporting local students in community services

Mallee Family Care (MFC) and SuniTAFE are celebrating their ongoing partnership, providing hands-on learning opportunities for local students undertaking placements across the Mallee region.

In 2025, MFC hosted 10 SuniTAFE students, most completing their Diploma of Community Services.

Students have gained invaluable experience across a range of MFC programs, including Child and Family Services, Intake and Homelessness, and Playgroups – Early Years Education, Training and Research (ETR), at sites in Mildura, Dareton (NSW), and Swan Hill.

MFC CEO Teresa Jayet said the organisation is committed to supporting and developing a skilled, passionate local workforce.

“By providing students with meaningful placement experiences, we’re helping them build the confidence, skills and knowledge to succeed in their careers, whilst also strengthening the wellbeing of our communities,” Ms Jayet said.

The initiative allows students to meet their study requirements while gaining a deep understanding of the real challenges and rewards of working in the community service sector.

Ms Jayet also highlighted the mutual benefits for both students and staff.

“It’s inspiring to see the passion and dedication students bring to their placements. Our staff also benefit from the new perspectives they offer,” she said.

SuniTAFE CEO Brett Millington said the partnership reflects a shared commitment to supporting students and demonstrates the value of learning beyond the classroom.

“We are delighted to continue our long relationship with Mallee Family Care across many facets, and this one helps us to continue putting our students at the forefront of everything we do in terms of their future career prospects,” Mr Millington said.



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“The practical application of skills in the real-world context not only benefits their learning, but also their employment prospects as well. Our partners, such as MFC, benefit because there are more skilled people in the community to help fulfil their workforce needs.”

The partnership continues to support the development of a skilled, community-focused workforce across north-west Victoria and south-west New South Wales.

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