**Mature-age Testimonial – Darren Austin (Bachelor of Physiotherapy)**

I’m a mature-age student studying my final year of physiotherapy here at La Trobe University.

I initially applied straight out of year-12 but didn’t get accepted, so took some time off to go travelling and work.

After speaking to a number of leading professionals I was really enthusiastic about returning as a mature-age student to study at La Trobe. I was a little bit nervous at the start – due to my age – but once I started I realised that there are a lot of people who are a little bit older and since then I’ve met a lot of people and made a lot of friends both within and outside the course.

The social life at La Trobe is awesome. There are a lot of social events throughout the year. I’ve loved going to the uni ball each year, I’ve met a lot of friends in the course camp and I’ve even had the experience of representing La Trobe interstate at the University games.

The facilities at La Trobe are awesome with the library, the grounds, the cafes and the sporting facilities.

The lifestyle – I love it.