

Frank Goi

Country: Papua New Guinea

Course: Diploma of Community Welfare

Institute: TAFE NSW – Hunter Institute, Newcastle College

Scholarship: AusAid Australian Development Scholarship (ADS)



A passion for rugby league led Frank Goi to Australia. “I chose to study in Newcastle because I support the Newcastle Knights team,” said Frank Goi with a smile. Frank is a recipient of an AusAid Australian Development Scholarship (ADS). He selected community welfare studies because of the need for development workers in Papua New Guinea (PNG).

Frank loves Australian sports and the Australian weather and, while he finds it challenging to understand the Australian accent and vocabulary, “the teachers are very helpful, they are approachable and provide additional tutorial support.”

TAFE NSW – Hunter Institute is located approximately two hours north of Sydney. Newcastle is the second largest city in New South Wales and a great study location. The Hunter region features NSW’s premier wine growing area and outstanding tourist attractions in Newcastle, Gosford and Port Stephens.

The Hunter region offers plenty of part-time employment opportunities for students.

“The weather in Newcastle is perfect, it is not that hot or cold. It is just right. Newcastle is also not expensive, it is safe and there are beautiful beaches.” Frank is impressed with the various facilities at TAFE NSW – Hunter Institute including the support services. “I think it is great to be able to discuss in class, share ideas, beliefs and cultures.”

TAFE NSW – Hunter Institute has a diverse group of international students from the Middle East, Europe and Asia with an annual enrolment of 50,000 local and international students.

When Frank graduates he will return to Papua New Guinea and apply what he has learned in the Diploma of Community Welfare to undertake development work there. He is also planning to study Medicine in the future.