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“I wanted to study overseas, so I did some research and decided to come to Australia. Firstly because I have family here and secondly, Australia is a very beautiful country with similar weather to Bangladesh. Australia has a good culture. The people here are very friendly and have strong family values.

Then I went through a local education agent who guided me through the entire student visa process. I sat for an IELTS test and achieved a score of 7.0.

I started studying at TAFE NSW after only one week in Australia. I was excited, but scared and homesick at the same time. I kept wondering what the teachers and students would be like. Would they talk to me or would they treat me like a stranger?

When I look back I feel silly for those thoughts because today when I look around I don't see strangers — I see friends; people who love me and care for me. It's been two years already but it doesn't seem like a long time because of the warmth and affection of the people here.

Two years at TAFE NSW has been an extraordinary experience for me. The teachers have always been supportive and understanding. The local students have been very friendly and helpful.

TAFE has given me a good foundation by bringing out the best in me. For this reason I have decided to continue my bachelors degree here in Sydney.

I have been studying Diploma of Information Technology (Network Engineering) in TAFE NSW - Western Sydney Institute, Mount Druitt College, for almost two years. Next year I will go to the University of Western Sydney to complete my degree.”