

## **(Job 13297) Matt**

My name's Matt. I'm from Northern New South Wales. I've been up here for three years studying Environmental Engineering and I really like the challenges which are associated with my degree. I've always been interested in Maths and Physics and as I got older I figured that you could either be an Engineer or a Scientist, and I felt that I was more like a people person and they persuaded me towards Engineering because you get a bit more interaction with people. You learn a bit more people skills, management skills, so that really appealed to me. The area I study in is the Environmental field. I really like the challenges associated with that, not only the technical issues associated with Engineering, but also the socio-economic and environmental issues associated with the world we live in.

### **What's your typical at on campus?**

A typical day on campus. I regularly arrive on my motorbike. There's plenty of parking, parking's free for motorbike riders and I also catch the bus on the odd day as well to save me a bit of petrol. Go to a lecture or a tutorial in the morning, then perhaps go the library and check some emails or work on a group assignment. Then I might go to a laboratory, and work on an experiment, analyse some data and perhaps produce a report from it. I meet with some friends at the cafe for some lunch and catch up, have a bit of a chat. I might then go to the Goanna Lounge and have a bit of a lay in the sun, read a book maybe. I play a bit of sport with the social clubs at the uni and I also help out at the Engineering School with a bit of promotional activity. Last semester I did a bit of mentoring. I had a group of five first year students, just helping them with their assignments, helping them fit into uni that bit easier.

I find the people at Griffith really welcoming and there's a lot of support services around from the Student Administration Centre dealing with all the enrolment issues to the people down in the Student Services which deal with health issues, welfare issues and they're a really good support for international students as well. Griffith has a nice relaxed feel, as you can see around the campus there's a lot of trees and everyone feel at home whether you're from the bush or from the city, it appeals to both sides. The people are really down to earth. The lecturers know their stuff and I just find that combination really works.

I often use the library and the computer labs to do my assignments and I find them a real help on a late night when I'm trying to nut one out. I work at Leighton Contractors during the week, I'm doing a bit of Soil Engineering work there. I'm glad to not only be able to use my technical skills there, but also incorporate my environmental values there as well.