WHAT IF I CHANGE MY MIND?

- Your views and experiences at this time are important and if you do not wish to continue to have a midwifery student with you at any time then please contact the person listed on your consent form immediately.

- We respect your right to change your mind at any time. Your choice not to have a midwifery student with you will not affect your maternity care in any way.

GRiffith UNIVERSITY MIDWIFERY PROGRAMMES

- Bachelor of Midwifery
- Master of Midwifery

Thank you for considering a midwifery student and we wish you well on your journey to motherhood.

Having a Baby?
Consider support from a Midwifery Student
HAVING A BABY?
Consider support from a student midwife
Would you like to share your experience of pregnancy, birth and the early weeks after your baby is born with a midwifery student?

WHO IS A MIDWIFE?
A midwife is someone who is qualified to provide care to a woman during her pregnancy, childbirth and following the birth of her baby. Midwifery care focuses on normal pregnancy and childbirth and midwives work alongside other health professionals if complications arise. Midwives can work in the community, in hospitals, or in women’s homes.

WHO ARE STUDENT MIDWIVES?
These student midwives are studying at Griffith University in order to gain the knowledge and skills to be able to register as a midwife in Queensland. They work under the direct supervision of a registered midwife. As part of their midwifery studies, they need to gain an understanding of pregnancy and becoming a new mother from a woman’s perspective. This is best achieved by sharing some of the experiences a woman has during her pregnancy through to the early weeks after she has given birth.

WHAT WILL THE STUDENT MIDWIFE DO?
The student midwife will firstly meet you and your midwife at one of your antenatal visits. If you agree to have the student with you, you will be asked to sign a consent form. The student midwife will:

- Attend some of your antenatal appointments
- Contact you to talk about your pregnancy experiences, thoughts and feelings
- Be with you at the birth of your baby if you wish to have this happen, and if the student is available at that time
- Contact you and visit you after the birth of your baby

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?
- You will get to know the student midwife and they will also get to know you during your pregnancy
- The student midwife will be able to offer you support
- It will be an invaluable experience for the student midwife to hear about your thoughts and feelings over this time
- The student midwife will be able to learn about the experiences of women during the first few weeks with a new baby
- This experience will also help the midwifery students to understand more about midwifery and how they can work with women
- Women who have had this experience advise they have enjoyed having a student travel their birth journey with them

WHAT IF I AM INTERESTED IN HAVING A STUDENT MIDWIFE?
If you would like to share your childbirth experience with a student midwife, please talk with your midwife or student midwife in your antenatal visit or you can supply the following information via phone, email or online form. A student will contact you as soon as possible.

1. Name
2. Phone
3. Address
4. Due date
5. Health care provider

Contact
School of Nursing and Midwifery Secretary
PH: (07) 338-21272
EMAIL: studentmidwife@griffith.edu.au

Complete the online form at the following link