Julia Eberhard
An international student shares her experience of doing the Youth Work Field Education course

Julia Eberhard is studying Primary School Education in Karlsruhe, Germany. As part of her 3 year university degree Julia decided to come to Australia as a study abroad student. Julia completed a semester of her degree with RMIT.

As part of her study abroad experience, Julia enrolled in Youth Work Field Education and successfully completed a 35 day placement with Kamaruka, a school specifically designed for students with ADHD, Aspergers syndrome and other challenges impacted on student’s capacity to learn.

Julia said it was really straightforward in getting the work placement organised.

"I was quite nervous going to the interview, I didn’t know what to expect, and I was worried that my English wouldn’t be as good as they wanted and they wouldn’t take me because of this"

"I went to the interview and was accepted and it ended up being really straightforward to get the placement set up"

Julia spoke about the benefits of the placement for her learning.

“What was really good about the placement was I could take all the knowledge and experiences from the school and apply it to my course work. I will also be able to apply it when I return to Germany and do further placements”

“The assessment was also useful, you had to go through all the stuff you experienced and think about it again”

Julia described the unique opportunity offered by the placement with Kamaruka for when she returns to Germany.

“Germany has very few specific schools like Kamaruka for students with learning difficulties. I can now take this knowledge with me to give advice to teachers in German schools”

Julia also felt supported by staff at RMIT and Kamaruka during her placement.

“The teachers at Kamaruka were really helpful and explained everything to me. They also gave me the opportunity to teach and I also had the chance to go on a surf camp with the school”

“And if I had any questions there was lots of support from the youth work field education staff at RMIT”

“I would recommend doing the youth work field education course to other international students. It was totally great!”