Deadly Alumni: Mikaela Miller

My name is Mikaela Miller and I am a proud Wurundjeri woman. My current career is an Early Childhood Educator Assistant at RMIT City Campus Children's Centre.

When I studied for my bachelor's degree, the course provided me with new insight, knowledge, and experience to perform my duties at my workplace. It was an interesting course and I always look back on what I had learned, while I also learn new things every day from my co-workers who have been amazing to me.

Three things I have learned in my career so far are:

- 1. You should never use stencils in early childhood education when it comes to art activities. Stencils can heavily restrict the movements and marks that can be created by children and diminishes their development and creativity.
- 2. How to create an early learning environment for children that is both inviting and enriching for children.
- 3.1 have also learned a lot of incorporating all different cultures through music and artwork.

I am very happy where I am. I think in the future someday I might do a course in Primary teaching, but now I love being an early childhood educator. I have been working at the centre for nearly three years now. My hobbies include reading, writing fanfiction online and going to theatre shows when I can.

After I completed high school doing both VCAL and VCE, I went on to complete my Diploma for Early Childhood Education and Care at Kangan Institute for nearly two years, before applying to study at RMIT University for my Bachelor Degree in Education (Early Childhood).

What I enjoyed most about Ngarara Willim was how supportive they are to all their students. Such as providing tutoring services and career services. I also made great friends and had enjoyed the many events they had organised. My favourite event was definitely the Indigenous Games.

My message to future Ngarara Willim students would be to not be afraid to ask for help when it comes to your studies.

After my studies, I had been to so many job interviews with very few success. Ngarara Willim however informed me of a job opportunity at RMIT.

My message to our mob who may be be consider studying at RMIT would be to definitely apply here, because at RMIT, you will definitely have the support you need and all the resources you need as well and at RMIT, you feel a huge sense of belonging and part of something huge.

