

# WFWP Pasifika Scholarship: Esther Mamai

## Sydney, Australia



My dream is to open a kindergarten school in my village to nurture young children about the importance of education. I hope to teach them life-changing skills which foster independence, compassion, and resilience. I want children to grow up in healthy and loving environments. I'm passionate about supporting children in Pacific Islander communities. Their standards of living differ in many ways from western countries. Growing up in the rural areas of my country wasn't easy, due to the lack of resources. I first came to Australia to work as a full-time staff member at my church and saw how lucky children are here to have access to clothes, education, and food. I decided I wanted to study to become a kindergarten teacher. While I was

still working for the church in 2020, I enrolled in Greenwich College to study English. After learning English for 6 months, I continued for another 3 months to complete a Cambridge course. At the end of 2021, I sat the IELTS test.



In February 2022, I enrolled at SCSCC Community College to complete a Certificate III in Early Childhood Education. While I was studying, I was offered a job from my assessor and friend at an Early Learning Childcare Centre. After I finished my certificate, I continued working as a casual early childhood educator, and eventually became a part-time permanent

staff member. Last year in February, I decided to continue with a Diploma of Early Childhood Education.



That's when I decided to apply for the WFWP Pasifika Scholarship Fund for help with my tuition fees. Thank you for believing in me. I believe in

God, and I have people who have supported me in many ways. Thank you WFWP for supporting me to attain my educational qualification. With this qualification, I can use it to educate young children and their families. I truly appreciate all your generosity, kindness, and support. I will graduate from my Diploma soon.

I hope my dream will come true and that one day, I'll have my own kindergarten school.

Written by Esther Mamai

### **Pasifika Scholarship Fund:**



The Pasifika Scholarship Fund was initiated in 2017 by the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) Australia. WFWP Australia is committed to provide young adults living in the Pacific Islands an opportunity to access empowering education

programs. The scholarship is for persons who do not have the financial means to attend university, but who have a driving desire for education.

The program supports young adults who are passionate about getting an education to become future leaders, and who align their beliefs and goals with the values of WFWP International: 'Living for the sake of others'.