

# Enhancing Practice 2022 Conference

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*20:20 Vision – Transforming Our Future  
Through Person-Centred Practices*

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**WEDNESDAY 6 – FRIDAY 8 APRIL 2022**  
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# Creating a flourishing environment to support students in a small regional campus



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## Healthful relationships:

"Healthful relationships are evident when persons experience a sense of "being" together whilst supporting each other to seek their full potential" (Mackay, 2020)

**Our shared vision:**

**We want to support students to flourish  
when they study at our campus**

**We want them to have a sense of belonging  
and community**



# This is (some of) us welcoming students!



**New students- recognising this life transition:  
Orientation as a way to welcome, share ourselves, begin to  
build relationships and skills, identify supports and role  
model life-long learning**





# Orientation:

Active learning designed to encourage students to consider the resources and strengths they already possess and what they may need to develop

Identify the supports in place: faces and names as well as roles

Getting-to-know each other and us

Let's try one!







Artist:  
Jenefer Philp

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# Research (unpublished)

3 regional campuses with different cohorts (undertaken Pre-Covid)

Staff (professional and academic) and students

Focus groups

Themes:

Cultures of community and support

We have a strong sense of belonging (students and staff)

Person-centred approaches were recognised, with students feeling they were treated respectfully as individuals with specific needs.

Staff were visible, available and provided sympathetic presence.

Staff felt they were a very supportive team with strong values of care for each other and the students.

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