



*Recipients of 2018 Undergraduate Bursaries.*

**Melissa Bartels – Bachelor Social Science (Psych)/Bachelor Criminal & Justice**

Melissa is aged 35 with a GPA of 6.81. She left home at an early age; and, after surviving a challenge past, Melissa chose to seek a better future for herself and her children. Melissa returned to her parent's property where she lived in a shed powered by a generator to complete the first year of her undergraduate degree. She is in her third year of a double degree and is very enthusiastic about working with Corrective Services, and in making a difference. After successfully completing a student placement at the Probation and Parole office in Maroochydore, Melissa was offered a part-time job, which she accepted.

**Nicole Lambert – Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)**

Nicole is 45 years of age, with a GPA of 6.6. As a school leaver, Nicole had wanted to attend university and study psychology, but had been discouraged by her parents, who saw the woman's role as "to get married and have a family". As a 43-year-old sole parent of three children, and wanting a better life for the family, Nicole made the decision to attend USC. She borrowed the QTAC application fee from a friend and completed the first semester gaining high distinctions in all 4 subjects. Nicole is very focused on studying people's behaviours in differing environments and the impact their behaviours have on broader issues. She is currently employed by USC in Student Services and Engagement.

**Asha Sara – Bachelor of Nursing Science**

Asha is aged 42, with a GPA of 6.9. Before commencing her university studies, Asha worked as a hairdresser for 10 years. She currently studies at the Fraser Coast campus and has been instrumental in the formation of the first student club there, called the *USC Fraser Coast Social Calendar*. Asha and another student have also founded a student-led academic drop-in session for students, where mutual support can be found. She is a casual employee of USC, working as a Career Development Assistant wherein she assists fellow students write their resumes and covering letters. Asha has also been MC at 2 of the Fraser Coast's orientation days. Upon completion of her undergraduate degree, Asha would like to become an honours student, with the view to eventually completing her PhD.

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**DETAILS**

**Times: 7.45 am for 8.15 am**

**Costs: \$30 continental breakfast (children under 15 - \$15).**

**Parking is free at weekends.**

**Dietary requirements catered for – just email or phone when booking.**

**Seating plan – please ask for specific seating, if required.**

**Bookings and pre-payment are essential.**

**RSVP by Saturday June 30 to:**

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