

PILOT PROGRAM TO COMMENCE

Careful evaluation of Mater Dei's Family Resource & Residential Program (FRP) has identified the additional benefits of introducing a new model of service provision to the program. Next Term, the FRP program will be creating more short to medium term placements in the



Cookbooks are consulted at residence.

program to specifically target skills students require in areas such as personal care, basic domestic tasks and social development.

The residential staff will be supported by the newly created Project Officer (Life Skills Support) position, who will work between the residence and the family home to ensure that the skills learnt at residence are reinforced at home and vice versa.

“The idea is to work even closer with families to develop programs that will be used in both the residential placement *and* at home to build skills and capacities in designated areas. It is anticipated that students will spend two nights per week in a residential placement in which time staff would work intensively with the student to develop and strengthen identified skills” says Jenine Purdy, Manager FRP.

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