

# From Strangers To Best Friends



3 years ago, both Taylah Kilpatrick and Britney Noonan were involved in the co-design of Latrobe Youth Space and were introduced to each other. When Latrobe Youth Space was looking for the Youth Governance Committee, both Taylah and Britney applied and got the role. They started hanging out and became best friends.

“It feels like I’ve known Taylah all my life”, Britney looked at Taylah and smiled. The chemistry between them is undeniable. They love hanging out over the weekends and play monopoly. “She always beats me at monopoly!” said Taylah.

Taylah and Britney are now paid casual workers at Latrobe Youth Space. But even when they clock off, they stay back to work, volunteering their time. They spend every day in Latrobe Youth Space, even when they are not scheduled to come in for that day. “It’s like our 2<sup>nd</sup> home!” they said at the same time. Both Taylah and Britney love the environment and the team, it’s like a family and everyone takes care of each other.

Britney has also volunteered at Scouts, in a leadership role, since she was 16 years old, whilst Taylah volunteers with Ladder, helping young people develop life skills. They both love working with young people.

Latrobe Youth Space has helped shape their future career path. Taylah and Britney have registered for Community Services courses at TAFE. Taylah has always wanted to do sport but when she found Latrobe Youth Space, she said, “It’s the best thing that has ever happened to me.” Britney said, “I have already found my dream job here, I hope I can continue doing it.”

To people that are thinking about volunteering, both Taylah and Britney said, “Just do it! This place is awesome!”

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