Introducing Audrey Hoo

Audrey found the ACE Program at the Pooraka Farm Community Centre through marketing in the local community in 2013. Audrey is a migrant from Indonesia who had experienced failure in her earlier educational experiences. Although she is an extremely intelligent woman, she underestimated her abilities and wasn't confident about undertaking further study. Trainers recognised straight away that Audrey was an engaged and eager learner who was always questioning and wanting to understand all aspects of what she was learning. Audrey was a natural teacher, with trainers commenting on her ability with children, however teaching was out of her grasp due to personal and economic reasons.

Following her initial training, Audrey started volunteering at the centre, until an opportunity for paid crèche work became available. Audrey adored this work and this prompted her decision to undertake the Certificate 4 in Child Care. She found this extremely fulfilling and knew this study would allow her to find permanent paid work.

Audrey has recently started working as a School Services Officer at Paralowie R-12. Audrey’s story is a great example of persistence and dedication. Audrey’s journey didn’t happen quickly but with confidence in herself and her involvement in the centre, she was able to keep on moving forward to her goal. Teaching is still not an option for Audrey in her current situation, but for now she is loving being in the school and earning an income to help support her family.