

This service can help you to:

- Build confidence, hope and self-esteem
- Access supported tertiary education
- Open doors to employment opportunities
- Find a sense of well-being and work towards personal goals

Referrals and bookings

To make a booking or enquire about this service please contact your nearest office.

Fees

There is no charge to access this service.

The Clemente program is jointly funded and run by Australian Catholic University.



Additional supporting bodies include Ballarat City Council, The Ballarat Foundation, Federation University, The Smith Family, and Central Highlands Regional Library.

About us

At CatholicCare Victoria we are committed to empowering communities and building strength and resilience, to enable everyone to reach their full potential and live life to the full.

Our services are available to all individuals or groups regardless of race, religious beliefs or economic status.

CatholicCare Victoria is the social service agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne and the Catholic Dioceses of Ballarat, Sandhurst and Sale.

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Clemente Higher Education Program



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Education that changes lives

It takes courage to take a risk and move in a new and better direction. If you have experienced issues such as addiction, homelessness or imprisonment, or if you are living with mental illness or a disability, the Clemente program can support you to build confidence and open doorways to further education and employment opportunities.

The Clemente Program offers free, supported tertiary education to people who are or have experienced significant disadvantage. The program provides weekly lectures and tutor sessions, along with access to counselling, and support from a volunteer learning partner.

Each Clemente student is matched with a volunteer learning partner who provides one-on-one academic support and encouragement through the process of learning.

It is through this collaborative and supportive approach the Clemente offers more than academic achievement. Students gain hope, a sense of well-being and renewed self-respect and determination.

“Clemente has opened up a whole new world to me. It has provided a nurturing and supportive environment for learning and has inspired me to achieve personal growth.”

Daryl, Clemente student

About the service

Clemente is a free higher education Liberal Arts program which provides a safe, supportive and encouraging community environment for learning and personal growth.

Clemente students participate in one unit of study every six months. After completing four units of study, students receive a Certificate of Liberal Arts from Australian Catholic University or Federal University (depending on location). This can lead students to further tertiary education and/or employment opportunities.

Run by university lecturers and supported by your volunteer partner, you will be given the tools and support to excel in your study and personal goals. To participate in the Clemente program, students must have:

- A desire to learn
- A commitment to attend weekly lectures and sessions with learning partners
- Stable housing
- Basic literacy: the ability to read and understand a newspaper
- An Australian citizenship or a student visa

Students must also:

- Be 18 years or older
- Not be currently enrolled at university or other higher education

Finding the right support for you and your family

At CatholicCare Victoria we offer a range of services to suit the needs of our local communities.

If you're not sure what service is right for you or your family, contact us to discover how we can best support your needs.

Other services you may be interested include:

- Counselling for children, adolescents, adults and families to help deal with mental health issues, addiction, stressful or traumatic events, relationship problems and any other personal challenges or problems.
- Jobactive assists job seekers to prepare for, find and retain suitable employment.
- Alcohol and Other Drug Service provides specialist support for individuals and families struggling with the effects of addiction.

View all programs and services on our website at www.catholiccarevic.org.au