

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a post-graduate student at Flinders University. I don't use childcare, I don't use the health food store, I'm not part of any Flinders University clubs, I'm not an international student, I've never used the counselling service, I'm not disabled, I have my own computer and printing facilities and I've missed all the Post-Grad Students Association functions. I study part time, I'm self-supporting, the only interaction I have with other students is at bi-monthly meetings. I turn up to uni, I do my work, I go home again. I rarely participate in anything supported by the student union. So when VSU comes in, I won't notice much change.

BUT that means that when all the support and services for people for who aren't just like me disappear, then, gradually, so will all the people at university who aren't just like me. I'll be studying at an institution that has nothing new to offer. There'll be no new ideas, no different perspectives, nothing but an institution full of students who have nothing to do with each other or the society that they're part of, whether it's their university or Australia and the world in general. I don't want to try to learn things at a place like that. What's the point in trying to study somewhere full of people who aren't a part of anything? Who don't need childcare? Who can afford their own computer and know how to use it? Who don't need any extra support? Who don't have any interests outside of study? Who can afford private counselling? What will that institution have to add to our society, our country and my education if it only represents that small section of it?

Sincerely,

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