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Mother-daughter duo from Fulham Correctional Centre continue to inspire

Committed to providing the best possible support to men in custody, an inspiring mother and daughter who joined the corrections industry together have recently graduated with Undergraduate Certificates in Mental Health – both with high distinction.

At Fulham Correctional Centre, Aboriginal Liaison Officer Vivianne Everett and Correctional Manager Georgia Everett became the first mother and daughter in Victoria to graduate from the same Correctional Officer Pre-Service course in 2016.

While working full-time and studying over many late nights during 2023, the Everetts have each attained an Undergraduate Certificate of Mental Health, from the faculty of Medicine Nursing and Health Sciences at Monash University. They graduated on 15 May at the Monash University Clayton campus.

The Commonwealth-funded course placements were offered to all custodial staff at Fulham Correctional Centre. The offer was embraced by the pair as a great opportunity to implement their learnings to better support the men while in custody, and to complement the existing work they are already undertaking in their respective roles.

Vivianne said: “It was tough juggling work and study, but I truly believed it would equip us to deliver best practice in mental health support for the men at Fulham and in turn better outcomes for them post-release.”

Georgia said: “I can agree with Viv that there were tough times managing work and study, however I am more knowledgeable in how to best support the men at Fulham as they transition through their sentences whilst also providing an involved, supportive leadership to my direct teams.”

Fulham Correctional Centre General Manager Natalie Greenfield congratulated Vivianne and Georgia on their outstanding achievements in the course and for the leadership they show other women working in the challenging industry of corrections.

“These are two very inspiring women who remain dedicated to delivering the best possible outcomes for the men in their care. Vivianne and Georgia’s commitment to GEO, along with their own personal success, is truly commendable.”

*Photo caption: Vivianne (left) with her daughter Georgia on graduation day.

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