## **Transcript**

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#### Virginia Kilborn, Chief Scientists

So I've known about the giving program for a little while and can see the benefit that a program like this can have for students at the university and thought this is a great way of making a difference

#### Luke Bell, Director, Advancement

Being a student can be tough particularly when you're trying to study you're trying to work part-time I would hate the idea that someone was not able to achieve their full potential because they couldn't afford to go to university.

### Virginia Kilborn, Chief Scientists

These scholarships can really help somebody who may not have come to university or may not have studied this particular degree actually have an opportunity to do that.

## **Rory - Scholar**

I used to live 4 hours north of Melbourne So it was quite a trip to come down here and growing up especially in the country my family made quite a lot of sacrifices so that I could get a decent education.

### **Marion Ware, Head of Enterprise Marketing**

There are several people that come to mind um who would have not been able to consider study Individuals who had families and children people who had special needs people who come from disadvantaged backgrounds

#### Cinder - Scholar

Receiving the scholarship has meant that I've been able to reduce hours of work So then I've had more time available to study and really commit to getting the highest grades that I can with my degree It's taken off so much pressure and definitely makes a much bigger impact than people realize.

#### Virginia Kilborn, Chief Scientists

It kind of feels like getting back lost time to adversity Literally filled out a form and chose the areas that I wanted to give to and then the university takes care of the rest.

## Luke Bell, Director, Advancement

One of the best parts about Swimburne Amplify is that the university has taken a decision to match all of the contributions from staff for 12 months up to \$100,000 When we have enough money raised to provide one scholarship for a student the match giving fund enables us to provide two So it's double the impact of your gift

# Marion Ware, Head of Enterprise Marketing

Swinburne really did open the doors for me professionally and personally and I wanted to give other people the opportunity that were not so lucky to being able to embark on that quest of becoming better at what you do and changing other people's lives.

# Virginia Kilborn, Chief Scientists

I like knowing that I'm contributing to students welfare and to their futures and really believe in the power of education If I'm able to help in another way then I'm really pleased to be able to do that

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