



SIMONNE'S STORY: CARERS SUPPORT LEAVE

VIDEO TRANSCRIPT

My name is Simonne and I'm a Client Account Management Associate Director at Accenture. I'm originally from the UK, 5 years ago I moved to Australia with my husband and 2 kids.

At 4 years old, my son Euan was diagnosed with high functioning ASD so school and homelife has always been a bit bumpy.

Around 9 months ago, he started to fall behind in school and was getting into trouble. This started our journey to look for different schools and doctor appointments. He has now been diagnosed with anxiety and ADHD and currently on medication.

During that time, the Carers leave benefit has certainly helped and it has enabled me to take the time out needed to support Euan without me having to use personal leave.

It's mentally challenging especially when it was at its peak - I need to be a wife, mum, working and managing a team and stakeholders, not wanting to let anyone down.

For me, family should be number 1 priority and it's great to have a team and stakeholders who are so supportive and understanding of my situation and to work for an organisation that allows me to manage my work and life commitments.

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