

What advice would you give to students today?

Childhood is short. Don't grow up too quickly. You are old a long time. Pay attention to the world around you because this is what's real. The stuff on your phone is made up. Live in the real world.



## Megan Briggs - Alumni

### What year did you leave school and where are you now?

I graduated Year 12 in 1995. I live in Melbourne, although I have also lived in Canberra and Sydney.

#### What is your occupation?

I am a police officer with Victoria Police. I graduated the Police Academy in 2005 and currently work as a Uniform Sergeant at Heidelberg Police Station, a busy suburban station in Melbourne.

# Is your current occupation what you thought you would do when you left school? Could you briefly describe the different career paths you've explored since leaving school?

When I left school, I had ideas of being either an English teacher (!) or getting into the music industry. Thankfully, I chose the music industry and after some further study, I spent almost 10 years as a sound engineer, working in music studios, live performances, radio and corporate functions.

#### Can you describe a typical workday?

Work as a Uniform Police Officer can be diverse and dynamic. There is way more paperwork than anyone ever tells you. But at the end of the day, it's a job about people and relationships. So, my typical workday involves a whole lot of talking - and listening!!!!

#### What do you find most enjoyable about your job?

Every now and then, you realise that your actions or your presence have made a difference in someone's life. You can't go to work each day aiming for that - you would quickly burn out. But it happens enough to make you feel like a worthwhile contributer to society.

#### What is your favourite thing to do outside of work?

When I'm not at work, I love traveling. I have traveled a lot overseas over the years, and lately I've been really enjoying camping with my family. Just getting out and seeing something new.



#### What is your fondest memory of MHS?

I really enjoyed my 6 years at MHS, hard to pick a favourite. I think I enjoyed the fact that even though it was a small school with limited resources, we had teachers and an engaged community so we achieved a lot with regular school plays, performances, field days etc. Maybe I'm looking at that with adult eyes....