

WHS ALUMNI Q&A



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WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO SINCE GRADUATING FROM WHS?

Since graduating high school, I moved out of home to start my studies at the University of Wollongong. I lived on campus during the 2021 lockdowns, which surprisingly turned into one of the most rewarding experiences— I have made lifelong friendships, and I've called Wollongong home ever since, completing a Bachelor of Nutrition Science and now nearing the end of my Master of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Over the past five years, I've also been lucky enough to travel overseas—both solo and with friends where I've made some of the best memories to date! I've lived with some of my best mates, worked in a job role I never expected to be in, and learned so much along the way. Now, I'm proud to be on the brink of finishing my masters degree in something I'm incredibly passionate about !!

WHAT EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES WERE YOU INVOLVED IN AT SCHOOL?

Ski Racing, Duke of Edinburgh, sporting teams (probably close to all of them to be fair hahaha), Cross Country and athletics and Hospo Cafe.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVOURITE MEMORIES FROM YOUR TIME AT WHS?

Hands down Ski Racing and the Duke of Edinburgh trips. Those experiences were seriously the best—full of laughs, challenges, and moments I'll never forget. Whether it was the early mornings on the mountain, the boys forgetting their tent poles and 4 of them having to bunk into a 2 man tent or hiking through the Snowy Mountains, they were such a big part of what made school so memorable. Sport was another huge highlight—from solo events like track and cross country to playing in the open girls soccer and touch teams, I loved being involved and those moments really shaped my time at WHS

HOW DID YOUR TIME AT WHS INFLUENCE OR HELP YOU DISCOVER YOUR PASSIONS AND INTERESTS?

My time at WHS really gave me the space to explore a range of different interests—whether it was through sport, art, academics, or other opportunities. I felt encouraged to try new things and figure out what I enjoyed and where I wanted to go.

WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKES OUR SCHOOL SPECIAL?

The range of opportunities WHS gives students to get out into the real world and try new things. For me, ski racing and the Duke of Edinburgh program were huge highlights—they gave me the chance to step outside the classroom, challenge myself, and make some of the best memories. On top of that, there were so many different groups and sporting teams to get involved in. No matter what you were into, there was always something to be a part of.

