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Where Are They Now?

Can you tell us about your time at Wee Waa high School?

“My memories of WWHS are really positive ones. My year group was quite small with only about nine of us in Year 12. We were all really close.

Mr Catt was my favourite teacher and he was also my Year Advisor.

My favourite subjects were Ancient History and CAP – Computer Applications which I am not even sure still exists.”

Tell us about what you thought you would do after high school and what you are doing now?

“During high school I had wanted to be a Primary Teacher, but it is funny how things change. I decided to have a gap year after year 12 to work to save.

I was offered a 12 month traineeship with the ANZ bank and found I really loved it. As my traineeship was coming to an end, the bank offered me a permanent position and I stayed. In fact, I just left in April this year after 13 years. My time with the bank was very enjoyable and I learnt a great deal, but it was the people that I enjoyed the most.

Earlier this year I came across a role at Cotton Seed Distributors and decided it was time to take up a new challenge. My role at CSD is a broad administrative position and I am learning a lot about the cotton industry, which I love.

Even though I grew up on a cotton farm, this is a whole new field of learning for me. Like with the ANZ, it’s the people here at CSD that I most enjoy as well as learning something new every day.”

Can you tell us what you think the secret to success is?

“I have found with work and life generally the secret to success is seizing every opportunity. I am doing something totally different from what I thought I would do and I love it.

Also, I think it is about balance. My husband Ben and I have two small children so I really appreciate having an employer who understands the need for me to have a work life balance.”

Do you have a motto you live by?

“Be kind to people. You never know what someone is going through.”



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