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Where Are They Now?

Tell us about your time at Wee Waa High School?

Where did you grow up? Wee Waa, Burren, Pilliga, other town in the shire?

“It feels like such a long time ago, but in reality it is only 18 months since I graduated. My strongest memories of high school are about sport. I was always playing sport whether it was cricket, touch football, netball or basketball. I love being active.”

What were your favourite subjects?

“English and PE. I’ve always loved sports and I could have taken my cricket further, but in reality it wasn’t what I saw myself doing professionally. I represented the school all through from Yr 7 to Yr 12 for the North West area.”

What are your best memories of being a student at WWHS?

“Would you be surprised if I said it was all the sport I played?”

While at high school, what career direction did you think you would head in?

“I had been seriously thinking about the Navy and I did try out and got a long way down the track, but then didn’t get in. And like they say, when one door closes and even better one opens.”

Can you tell us about your first four years after finishing high school?

“I was working casually last year up until September when I secured a position as a Teacher’s Aide at St Joseph’s Primary School. It’s funny how things turn out, I was really disappointed about not getting into the Navy but once I started at St Joseph’s I was hooked on the idea of teaching and immediately began making plans to study my Bachelor of Teaching (Primary) degree. I am studying with the University of New England through distance education which I find works well for me because every time I begin a new subject I can immediately relate it to my job.”

What do you love about what you do?

“In my role as a Teacher’s Aide, I am mostly with one class – Year 3/4. The day is always interesting as there are so many topics the students cover. Each day, each week and each month is very varied. I also really love to be able to see how the students are growing and developing in their knowledge. Being able to play a part in that is really rewarding.”

What do you think is the secret to success in life and work?

“Focus, knowing what you want and working hard to reach that goal.”

Do you have a life motto?

I think it would have to be like I said earlier ‘When one door closes, another opens’. I am proof of that.



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