

# SCHOOL GRADUATE STORIES

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**Degree:** Bachelor of Business & Commerce/Bachelor of Laws  
**Year of degree:** 2nd  
**Campus:** Campbelltown  
**High School:** All Saints Catholic Senior College, Casula  
**Completed Year 12 in:** 2007  
**Scholarships held:** Academic Excellence



**Is the degree or course structure what you expected?**

It is definitely better than I expected. There is ample guidance and many opportunities to choose your specialisation. Within Law you do the base units and then choose which area of law you'd like to specialise in. I can tailor my education to what I enjoy. Also, the staff of UWS throw extra-curricular opportunities your way, such as employment, which I really appreciate.

**How is university different from school?**

In university you are forced to be more independent. You're responsible for organising yourself regarding nearly every aspect of your studies, which can be overwhelming coming out of high school. However, being able to study what you're passionate about is what thoroughly trumps high school. I enjoy all my classes and I love the extra freedom in university.

**How did high school help you in preparing for university?**

The careers advisors helped me decide which university to set my sights on and provided me with endless information. The support of my teachers was incredibly important through a pretty rough time during my HSC and I think the greater freedoms and responsibilities given to senior students help to prepare you for university.

**What is the most interesting thing you've done at university this year?**

The retreat with the UWS Aspire Leadership Group at the beginning of the year was awesome, as was the seminar on workplace conflict I participated in.

**What are some of your achievements since you started university?**

Winning the Academic Excellence Scholarship, being invited to join the Aspire Leadership Group, doing a 9 week internship at New York Lawyers for the Public Interest (in New York) and two other internships. I'm also proud of the good grade point average I've maintained.

**Have your career aspirations changed since you began studying?**

Although they are more specific I'm still unsure about which area of law I'd like to specialise in. Working in different law firms has given me more confidence in what I can achieve, so I am setting higher goals.

**What advice would you give to students at your high school about pursuing university study?**

Choose what you enjoy in your HSC subjects and university preferences. I do what I love which helps me achieve well and enjoy my studies, leading to a career I will love and achieve well in.

**Why did you choose to study at UWS?**

The convenience of being close to the Campbelltown Campus was a big factor, but more importantly, the course I wanted to do was structured best at UWS, then there were the UWS scholarships and the Aspire program, which I wanted to be a part of. I'm very grateful to have benefitted from all of these factors.

**Any other comments or observations about university study?**

The social opportunities are amazing, such as the Uni Ball, the end of semester Harbour Cruises, the Uni Games (a uni equivalent of the Olympic Games) and the Mooting Competitions.

# Course Information

## Bachelor of Business & Commerce/ Bachelor of Laws



Where is it held (campus)?

Campbelltown

How long is it?

5 years full time

Recommended studies:

Law - Advanced English  
Business & Commerce – Mathematics and any 2 unit English

Career opportunities:

Law examples include: solicitor, barrister, corporate management, education, publishing, finance, banking.  
The Business & Commerce course provides graduates with an understanding of the spectrum of business operations and with competencies that will enable you to act strategically and independently in your chosen field.

Subjects include:

Law: law foundation, criminal law, constitutional law, professional responsibility and legal ethics, commercial law, criminal procedure and evidence.  
Business & Commerce - after a common first year you can specialise in a key area of study. For students who know which area they would like to specialise in, subjects can be taken from the first semester.

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Law = 90.00  
Business & Commerce = 60.10 – 66.70 depending on the course and campus chosen

Additional information:

Law – this course combines a broad liberal legal education with a strong practical orientation. It is designed to equip students with the required knowledge and skills for legal practice.  
Business & Commerce - this course is a broadly based, multidisciplinary course offering flexibility and choice through a range of 19 different key programs, each of which reflects a particular business discipline. Students may select any key programs offered on their home campus.

For more information:

Visit the UWS website course information at  
<http://future.uws.edu.au/>