

SCHOOL GRADUATE STORIES

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Degree: Bachelor of Business & Commerce/Bachelor of Laws
Year of degree: 2nd
Campus: Campbelltown
High School: Macquarie Fields High School (2006 – 2007)
Casula High School (2002 – 2005)

Completed Year 12 in: 2007

Scholarships held: Academic Excellence and Smart Start Scholarships

Is the degree or course structure what you expected?

It is quite similar to what I had expected.

How is university different from school?

In university we do a maximum of four subjects (or units) per semester. You learn everything about those four units in 14 weeks and are examined on it at the end of the 14 weeks or at the end of the semester. We don't have specific break or meal times.

How did high school help you in preparing for university?

- By allowing uni personalities (marketers, academics, graduates and current students) to come to our school and speak about university life and the courses we could choose
- By informing us about uni open days and course specific seminars at different universities.

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

Working as a Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS) facilitator coaching a group of students for the Accounting Information for Managers unit. Working as an Orientation Assistant, helping first year students settle into university by answering general queries about transport, getting around campus, clubs and societies. I also helped them with administration tasks such as tutorial registration, using student email, registering for semester units etc. Undertaking pro-bono volunteer work at the Australian Law Teachers Association Conference, hosted by UWS. Volunteering at the UWS Open Day by helping visiting students choose their career paths. Participating in the UWS UniM8s program and mentoring a year 11 student for a day. Participating in a 'witness examination' at the UWS moot court, as a member of the UWS Law Students' Association.

What are some of your achievements since you started university?

As above.

Have your career aspirations changed since you began studying?

I've aspired to be a lawyer since I was in year 12 but by studying, meeting various academics and doing volunteer work, I am considering what type of lawyer I want to be.

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

University is an excellent option after year 12. University is lots of fun and you meet lots of different people. However, you must also study hard while maintaining a study-life balance. Homework is important as exam questions are usually similar to homework questions.

Why did you choose to study at UWS?

UWS was my first choice and was recommended by my careers advisor. UWS has a moot court and has won various mooting competitions. It also provides summer clerkships, part-time work and casual and volunteer work options. The tutorials and lectures at UWS are quite small and past students said they could debate, argue or ask questions in class without feeling intimidated. UWS academics are very knowledgeable and have lots of practical experience in their fields. I preferred UWS Campbelltown campus because of its beautiful, clean and peaceful environment and modern buildings. The scholarship was also a major reason for my choice.



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.

UAI (2009)

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:

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<http://future.uws.edu.au/>