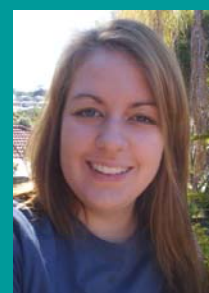


# SCHOOL GRADUATE STORIES



**Name:** Rebecca Abend  
**Degree:** Bachelor of Science (Forensic Science)  
**Year of degree:** 1st  
**Campus:** Hawkesbury  
**High School:** Penrith High School  
**Completed Year 12 in:** 2007  
**Scholarships held:** Academic Excellence Scholarship

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

Yes, I chose UWS for this particular degree as it is well rounded, has a practical base and is flexible. The course allows for specialisation and the pursuit of individual interests.

**How is university different from school?**

University provides a lot more freedom and many more choices. Everything is up to you. You choose what you study and when you study and that makes uni more desirable.

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

Mostly my school instilled a strong work ethic in its students and nurtured a great understanding of peer support as well as independence and the balance between social pursuits, interests and study. My high school also helped me by providing information on all the avenues open following the HSC. It helped me source universities and courses that I was interested in and to apply for degrees and scholarships.

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

I'd have to say meeting so many new people this year has made my time at university so much more interesting and enjoyable.

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

I've started a choir on campus and become part of the Resident Assistant's team. I've proven to myself that I am self-reliant and able to manage the demands of uni and a social life.

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

After hearing about the Master of Education at UWS that can be undertaken after graduating from any Bachelor degree, I've decided to broaden my employment opportunities by adding it to my future academic plans.

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

If it's what YOU want, do it! University ultimately opens new doors to a future in whatever direction of study or life you are passionate about. Get out there, try it, give it a go. You will meet new people and discover new things about the world and yourself. It can only be a positive experience from which you can learn.

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

I thought UWS would be a relaxed, diverse and flexible university, and I was right, but it also maintains high academic standards. What I like most about UWS is that we are treated and respected as individuals and everybody is so friendly.

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

I enjoy the fact that I can see the direct results and rewards that I achieve when putting in the effort. Knowing that this is something I want to do and it is through sheer self-motivation that I am doing it.

# Course Information

## Bachelor of Science (Forensic Science)



**Where is it held (campus)?**

**Hawkesbury Campus**

**How long is it?**

**Three years full time**

**Assumed knowledge:**

**At least two of biology, chemistry and mathematics**

**Career opportunities?**

**Australian Federal Police, State and Territory police services, Customs, Environmental Protection Authority, WorkCover, Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service, forensic researchers and academics, drug testers in human and animal sports, government health departments and analytical chemical laboratories**

**Subjects include:**

**Digital Forensic Photography, Biology, Chemistry, Biometry, Forensic Science, Crime and Criminal Justice, Forensic Analysis of Physical Evidence, Molecular Biology, Forensic Archaeology, Toxicology**

**UAI (2009)**

**Hawkesbury – 86.25**

**Additional information:**

**The wide skill base in this course means that graduates can also work in analytical chemistry and microbiology laboratories, quality control and assurance, biochemistry and molecular biology, scientific research, education and the chemical industry.**

**An honours option is available as an additional year for high-achieving students.**

**For more information:**

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