

# SCHOOL GRADUATE STORIES

**Name:** Jef Miles

**Degree:** Bachelor of Business and Commerce (Advanced Business Leadership)

**Year of degree:** 3rd (2011)

**Campus:** Parramatta

**High School:** Chifley College, Dunheved Campus and St Marys Senior High

**Completed Year 12 in:** 2007

**Scholarships held:** Academic Excellence (for above 90 UAI/ATAR)

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

The course structure offers significant flexibility which allows students to specialise in areas that interest them. Advanced Business Leadership specifically is what I expected.

**How is university different from school?**

There is definitely greater responsibility for learning placed on the individual. It is important to ask questions if you are unsure about anything rather than assuming. Independent learning is emphasised.

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

I was fortunate in attending a senior school (years 11 and 12) where the teachers provided guidance and assistance but motivation was largely generated by the student. The school promoted an adult-learning environment which allowed for a smoother transition into university. It also helped by providing university transition sessions.

**What is the most interesting thing you've done at university so far?**

In mid to late 2010 I undertook a semester of study in Canada. This provided me with an opportunity to see the world whilst studying and making new friends that I will likely have forever.

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

Academically I was awarded a scholarship to support my study abroad and was named on the 2010 and 2011 College of Business Dean's Merit Lists. I've also become involved in community initiatives such as the UWS Indigenous School Student Mentoring Program. Additionally I am currently on a student engagement committee.

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

No, not particularly. I still have ambitions of being highly successful in a Human Relations firm/practice.

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

Do your research about courses. Ensure that you ask other students and your lecturers about assignments. This will assist you in understanding complex course content and developing the critical analysis skills required to be successful in this learning environment.

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

The location is a definite asset, along with the emerging reputation of the university for quality graduates.

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

Get involved in clubs/societies or study abroad initiatives as this will broaden your experiences and make you more attractive for gaining employment. Build friendships rather than focusing entirely on academic pursuits. Find out about university services, such as the Careers and Co-operative Education Unit, to make the most of the university experience.



# Course Information



## **Bachelor of Business and Commerce (Advanced Business Leadership)**

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

**Parramatta**

**How long is it?**

**3 years full time**

**Recommended studies:**

**Mathematics and any two units of English**

**Career opportunities:**

**This degree will equip students for management traineeships or management consultancy as well as for careers associated with the discipline in which they complete a key program.**

**The intention of the course is to provide a foundation for the development of Australia's future business leaders.**

**Subjects include:**

**This is a broadly based, multidisciplinary course offering flexibility and choice through a range of 16 different key programs, each of which reflects a particular business discipline. The degree seeks to equip its students with a high level of knowledge relevant to business issues in general as well as knowledge relevant to a specific business discipline.**

**ATAR (2011)**

**91.10. This course is made available to high-achieving students only.**

**Additional information:**

**In addition to entry, students must continue to perform at a high level by maintaining a GPA of at least 5.0 across three consecutive semesters (with their performance to be reviewed annually). Students that fail to meet this performance requirement will be transferred to another UWS course that is deemed relevant in terms of completing their undergraduate studies.**

**For more information:**

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