

SCHOOL GRADUATE STORIES

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Year of degree: 2nd
Campus: Bankstown
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Scholarships held: Academic Achievement Scholarship



Is the degree or course structure what you expected?

Yes, everything I had read about the subjects for this degree has met my expectations.

How is university different from school?

Having to be an independent learner and looking outside a tutorial/classroom environment for answers. The age range of the students is also diverse.

How did high school help you in preparing for university?

Although very little information was given on what universities like UWS had to offer, our school did ensure that we would all go into the HSC exams and achieve our best possible marks to get into uni.

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

The 'Child Draw a Person' investigative study for the subject Social and Developmental Psychology. This project was immensely pleasing because I would love to work in this field of psychology. All of my subjects this year have been relevant to past and present life experiences.

What are some of your achievements since you started university?

Learning to work in a team or forming a study group, improving my knowledge about the world around me, participating in volunteer work and socialising with people of all different cultures, backgrounds and ages.

Have your career aspirations changed since you began studying?

Not really. This course is what I expected in regards to structure, however, being at uni has taught me that it is an individual's drive to succeed that determines changes in career goals and aspirations.

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

It's definitely worth it! Even if you have no idea what you want to be once you finish your degree, university changes the way that you think about things in general and teaches you how to become an independent learner. Then there are the social aspects of uni for the not so studious...

Why did you choose to study at UWS?

UWS was close to home, I had more than enough UAI (now ATAR) and I was offered a scholarship.

Any other comments or observations about university study?

It is a big change to high school. Settling in sometimes takes a while and initially you notice a big difference in the workload. However, it is definitely a terrific experience on the whole. It is great that you have free time to do uni work when it pleases you and tutorial times are flexible. University teaches you how to interact with people at different stages in their lives.

Course Information

Bachelor of Psychology



Where is it held (campus)?

Bankstown

How long is it?

4 years full time

Career opportunities:

Examples include: psychology or research positions, industrial and organisational psychology, counselling psychology, vocational psychology, clinical neuropsychology, developmental disability and educational psychology, forensic psychology and sport psychology.

Subjects include:

Examples include: Genetics and Bioscience for Psychologists, Social and Developmental Psychology, Behaviour and Environment, Personality, Motivation and Emotion, Human Learning and Cognition, Abnormal Behaviour and Psychological Testing and Neuroscience.

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Additional information:

This program has been designed to train psychology scientists/practitioners. Students have the opportunity to study electives from other disciplines including law, education, business, science, information technology and health.

The fourth year of this course, if you meet the requirements, is an Honours program, involving specialised research. Fourth-year students not undertaking the Honours program will study a Specialist Psychology program comprising one core unit in psychological assessment, two electives, research methods, and an empirical research project presented as a thesis.

For more information:

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