

# SCHOOL GRADUATE STORIES



**Name:** Lauren Moses

**Degree:** Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery

**Year of degree:** 2<sup>nd</sup> (2011)

**Campus:** Campbelltown

**High School:** Santa Sabina College

**Completed Year 12 in:** 2009

**Scholarships held:** Academic Excellence Scholarship

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

What I expected was a serious and highly demanding course full of non-stop study. I was so surprised to find that whilst medicine is a challenging degree that requires much time and effort, it is also an exciting course full of outrageous personalities, dynamic and discussion based tutorials and contact with patients at an actual hospital from the first week.

**How is university different from school?**

Whilst high school was filled with last minute preparation for regular assessments and exams, studying medicine is more like an ongoing commitment to the accumulation of knowledge. It involves learning about the way the body functions, the nature of disease, and practical skills such as measuring blood pressure.

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

I experienced generous guidance from my teachers, seminars on exam technique, fantastic pastoral care and the opportunity to engage in a rich co-curricular program. Santa Sabina fostered in me a love of learning that I've brought to my university studies.

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

An assignment involved interviewing a patient in Campbelltown with a chronic illness, then writing from her perspective about how it had affected her life. This creative task was an eye-opening and inspiring opportunity to understand the physical and emotional challenges some people face every day.

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

I was thrilled to be included in the UWS Aspire program, which offers a variety of volunteering, networking and learning opportunities to develop leadership and teamwork skills. This year I became a mentor in the UWS Indigenous School Student Mentoring program.

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

My aspiration to be a doctor hasn't changed, but my experience of clinical tutorials at Blacktown Hospital has strengthened my motivation to become a dedicated health care professional within Greater Western Sydney.

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

Work as hard as you can throughout high school to study your passion at university. But it's not all about marks! Immerse yourself in co-curricular life and have a great time. Remember that if you don't get into your dream degree, there will be many alternative paths and options available to you

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

UWS is a dynamic, innovative university with a warm and friendly atmosphere. The technology available in medicine is cutting edge, and the lecturers' work at the forefront of their fields. I chose UWS because I knew I would be able to engage in progressive, problem-based learning that is as personal as it is professional.

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

University is awesome! It provides freedom, flexibility and fun times.

## Course Information



### **Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery**

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

**Campbelltown**

**How long is it?**

**5 years full time**

**Recommended studies:**

**Chemistry**

**Career opportunities:**

**Medical practice (either general or specialised), medical administration and medical research. The MBBS program is fully accredited by the Australian Medical Council. Graduates will be eligible for registration as a medical practitioner by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency.**

**Subjects include:**

**As a first and second year student, you'll be set a problem each week, and the lectures, resources, clinical practice and research for that week will focus on the learning that this problem creates or poses. From third to fifth year, you'll rotate through clinical placements across the whole of Greater Western Sydney and rural NSW, ensuring the utmost competence and confidence in your future career.**

**Selection Criteria:**

**As well as submitting a UAC application, applicants must satisfy other selection criteria. Visit the School of Medicine website at [www.uws.edu.au/medicine](http://www.uws.edu.au/medicine) for more details.**

**Additional information:**

**You need to have the capabilities to perform all aspects of standard medical practice such as history taking, physical examination and routine medical and surgical procedures in order to meet the program requirements. The initial two years of study will be at UWS Campbelltown campus. Further study may require rotations in various rural and Sydney metropolitan settings incurring travel, accommodation and other expenses.**

**For more information:**

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