

Past Student Spotlight Chelsea Dohle (2014)



I graduated from St George State High School in 2014. (School Vice Captain)

Before graduating I was unsure about what I wanted to do after school, I decided to enrol in a dual degree study a Bachelor of Laws/ Bachelor of Business at the University of the Sunshine Coast, so I would have many employment options after University. After three years I realised Law was not for me and spent my fourth year at Uni completing my Bachelor of Business, majoring in International Business. During Uni I worked two jobs in hospitality and customer service to support myself and was also lucky to travel throughout my degree to Europe and the USA and Canada.

After graduation I moved to Melbourne and got a job in customer service at Red Energy, a 100% Australian owned company. After a few months I moved into a development coach role where I individually coached my team on new processes, regulations and increasing customer satisfaction. I was able to continue this work and work remotely after I moved back to Queensland.

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My most rewarding role was at a local Sunshine Coast charity, Youturn. I began working at Youturn in the People & Culture (HR) team and moved into the CEO's team to work as a Project Officer after a year. My role as a Project Officer was very dynamic and changed regularly depending on the needs of the business, I spent a lot of time working with the marketing and events team and also directly with our clients in our Homelessness program. One of my last projects with Youturn was constructing our float in the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers parade in 2022.

In 2023 I had a very exciting career change. I became a European Trip manager for Contiki. After seven weeks of training through Europe I started running my own tours. This job is equally challenging and rewarding. My day to day varies so much we can have a travel day where I will give a few talks during the day about the countries we are visiting, the history and about the city we are arriving to. On city or non travel days I could be doing anything from taking my travellers on a walking tour through Rome, a river cruise in Budapest or paragliding in Austria. I am also responsible for the admin, booking and coordinating the trip, with my driver.

I can have up to 53 travellers on one trip and we spend anywhere from 9 days to 45 days together depending on the trip. While this is an extremely demanding job, I am so lucky I am able to show my travellers some of the most amazing places in the world. I get to meet and connect with people from all over the world and all walks of life.

In 2023 I travelled to 15 countries for work and another 6 countries while I was on holiday. I worked during both Summer and Winter and was in Europe for 10 months including training. This year I will head back to Europe in March and I'll spend a month doing further training in Spain and Portugal before starting another European Summer season.

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