

Past Student Spotlight

Corrie Grimmatt (2009)



Corrie Feldman (Grimmett) – Graduated as School Dux for the Class of 2009.

Arts and Culture were a strong feature of my schooling at St George SHS - from rock band, stage band, instrumental music, choirs, eisteddfods, debating and musicals; somehow day-to-day school fitted in!

As science was the dominant focus of available subjects at school; it was unsurprising that I commenced a degree in medical science in 2010. Going from my largest class size of seven (English), to an auditorium of over 1,500 people (Biology) was overwhelming to say the least. It was amazing to see how the universities operated and supported each person even with such large classes. However, with an extreme aversion to medical facilities - medical science was going to be career limiting

for me.

Returning to St George at the end of 2010 I bug-checked over summer, reset, and commenced a Bachelor of Business the next year having zero idea what business was or what I was walking into.

My first class was Economics and finally the world all made sense! I was able to apply my love of maths, social science and human behaviour all in one - it's far more exciting than the Finance report on the news!

Whilst working for the state farming organisation AgForce and the Livestock Biosecurity Network, I completed my Bachelor of Business (Majors of Economics and Management), Graduate Diploma in Economics and Master of Economics all whilst traveling extensively across Australia.

I'm now based in Brisbane and work as an Economist and Principal Policy officer for Queensland Government providing financial assistance. It's extremely rewarding, working across many different industries supporting primary producers, small businesses and not-for-profit organisations.

I've also been a part of the Women in Economics Network (Qld) as Executive Director and Vice Chair - encouraging take up of economics in schools and greater representation of women. I was fortunate enough to be the keynote speaker for the Queensland Economic Teaching Association (QETA) a few years ago and hope that my story can encourage those who may not have exposure to all subjects at school to think and aim bigger.

Charlie Mackesy writes beautifully in 'The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse'
"I can't see a way through" said the boy,

"Can you see your next step?"
"Yes"
"Just take that" said the Horse

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