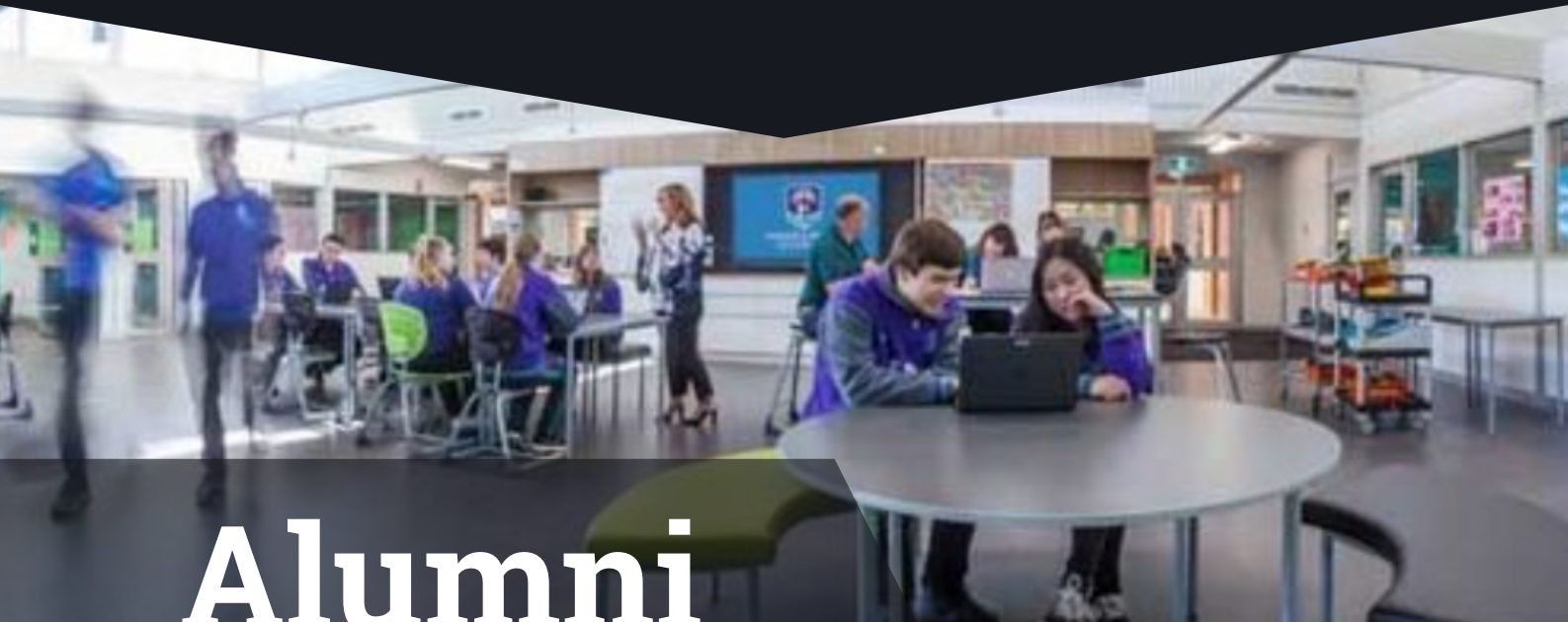


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Alumni

During high school I changed my career choices more than once and for different reasons. Everyone is different, some people go through school with a clear goal and stick with it while others will change their pathway.

I am a strong believer in doing something that you enjoy regardless of how much money you earn or what other peoples' opinions are. From Year 10, I developed a strong interest in design and technology and enjoyed helping and teaching others. After some research and advice, I decided I would focus on going to uni and studying to become a design and tech teacher.

My first year at uni was both enjoyable and overwhelming. I decided to take the following year off from study and work in a hardware store as well as security. I also spent my spare time building different projects.



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I returned to uni the following year with a different mindset. I decided not to worry any more about how quickly I completed the course but just to get it done. This was a huge help as it has allowed me to enjoy uni life more while not overloading myself with work. I found my balance.

Tips

One piece of advice I would give to anyone commencing uni, is not to hurry. Do things at a pace that suits you. This may mean dropping a subject or even taking some time away from study all together as long as you are committed, you will finish eventually.

Making sure you have a good group of people around you is very important. Working together with others to complete assignments also helps develop your understanding.

Overall, my main advice would be to find something you love to do. Don't always expect that to happen quickly, some people don't find what they really enjoy until later in life so remember it's never too late to learn something new. Don't overload yourself with work and make time for friends and hobbies.

Finally, make the most of high school because once it's over you will miss it.

2022 Update

Dylan is now in the final year of his education degree and we are lucky to have him completing his placement with us at GDC.



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