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Intern at John Hunter Hospital

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ATAR: 94.95



Training

- Bachelor of Medicine/ Bachelor of Surgery (UNSW, 2011)

Special Educational Achievements

- Conference presentation "Give up the smokes: a smoking cessation program for Indigenous Australians" at the 10th National Rural Health Conference in Cairns 2009.
- 3rd in Obstetric Gynaecology final exam

Jobs

- Division of General Practice, Coffs Harbour. Project Manager of Smoking Cessation Programs for 6 months in 2008
- Currently Intern at John Hunter Hospital

What are you doing now?

Currently I am an intern at John Hunter Hospital working in the rehab ward mainly with stroke patients. I spend 10 weeks here before moving on to work in general surgery, general medicine and the emergency department. My goal is to become an interventional cardiologist before settling in a rural/regional area however this will take another 8 years of training. You may remember that I had a baby (Dakoda) just weeks before the HSC so she is now 6 and has started primary school. I also had another daughter, Shania in 2008 (during my 2nd year of uni) so she is currently 4. Andrew Bailey (also from Chatham High) and I got married in July last year, just 6 weeks before my final exams for university. He has been the stay at home Dad to our girls for the past 6 years.

Memories from Chatham High

Mainly my memories are around hanging out with my friends playing handball and soccer. I would really like to thank all the teachers that I had in year 11 and 12 as they were all so dedicated and allowed me to reach my full potential. I would also specifically like to thank Mrs Dixon not only for being a great English teacher and finally getting through to me in my analytical way of thinking but also for being there and supporting me to continue school while I was pregnant.

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Tips for Students

During HSC

1. Work hard and consistently. It really is only 1-2 years of your life which will pass in no time but what you do in the lead up will really make it easier closer to the exams. I knew I would have a newborn baby before the exams so I worked hard all year and there was no need to cram at the end.

2. Find what works for you. This will also continue through university. I discovered that reading notes for me is no good. It goes in one ear and out the other so when I am reviewing notes I have scrap paper and write key points. It just makes things stick better.

3. Have a life outside of school/uni. Having a family is an easy distraction but for the typical student it is a good idea to find hobbies that give you some downtime between studying.

Going to Uni

Live at college. It really helps you meet people not just from your degree but from all different disciplines and has such a broad range of social activities to get involved in. This was the one thing I missed out on having a young family. But for you young single kids it would be fantastic.

Getting a Job

If you do medicine once you graduate as a doctor you are allocated a job, no interviews, no resumes, not dependant on your marks...easy. All Australian citizens are guaranteed jobs.