

# Martin McLean

## Former Professional Basketball Manager – SNP Security

HSC Year: 1987

### Training (eg TAFE, University etc)

- X 2 years Civil Engineering (University of Newcastle) – deferred to play basketball
- Master of Business Administration (external via Southern Cross University ) – part time, still completing
- Cert IV in Risk Management

### Jobs (at university and afterwards):

- Professional Basketball Player – Newcastle Falcons (NBL) 1990 – 1998
- Newcastle Falcons Development Manager/ Sales & Marketing 1996 – 1999
- Newcastle Breakers (NBL) Sales & Marketing Manager 1999 – 2000
- National Entertainment Services – Event Manager 2000 – 2002

### What are you doing now?

- Branch Manager – Regional NSW – SNP Security
- President of Basketball Association of Newcastle

### Relevant Experiences since leaving school

- Playing the sport I loved for a job for 10 years.
- Travelling the world and Australia, again playing sport.
- Wife & 4 kids, now watching them achieve – is my biggest achievement
- The effort I put into playing Basketball earned respect from peers, therefore created opportunities elsewhere.

### Interesting Experiences

- I went to Newcastle to go to university, I had not aspirations to play NBL. I worked hard and created my own luck, this has opened endless doors since then.



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## Other comments /Memories from Chatham High Days

I still have a weekend away once a year with guys from school (approx.12). We were given every opportunity at Chatham to make our own choices regarding what we could do in life e.g. sport and career.

## Tips for our students

- **Whilst completing HSC (eg how to gain the desired UAI)** – ensure you know what you want to do, be focussed on what is required to achieve that.
- **Going to University (eg living away from home tips, university life)** – surround yourself with people who are also focussed on outcomes, not just a good time.
- **Getting a job (during and after university)** – time management is important. You need to unwind, therefore \$\$ is important. Look for something that can fit into your schedule.
- **Other Tips** – sometimes opportunities just appear, if you are prepared for them, you can take advantage and succeed!!