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Field Officer - Mid Coast Group Training

HSC Year: 2003

Training (eg TAFE, University etc)

- Licensed real estate agent, stock & station agent & auctioneer NSW Real Estate Training College
- Certificate IV in Business Marketing TAFE
- Diploma in Business Management TAFE

Special Educational Achievements

- NSW Trainee of the Year
- NSW Small Business of The Year

Iobs (at university and afterwards)

• Real Estate Agent at Century 21 Taree for 7.5 years

What are you doing now?

I finished with Century 21 earlier this year and am now Field Officer with Mid Coast Group Training (MCGT) a branch of Hunter Valley Training Company (HVTC) the largest group training company in Australia. I cover Macksville in the north to Bulahdelah in the south and employ apprentices and trainees and place them with host businesses for the term of their apprenticeship/traineeship. As well as full time apprentices and trainees we also employ and organise school based traineeships and apprenticeships.

Getting married in May 2012 and building my second house.

Relevant Experiences since leaving school (eg special achievements)

- Selected in 2007 'Top 100 Brightest Young Minds'.
- Member of Australian Apprenticeship Roundtable 2008/2009.
- Public speaking at Parliament house state and federal.
- Emceeing government and private functions.
- Completed online Harvard Business Management Course

Other comments / Memories from Chatham High Days

- Make the most of any travel opportunities that come your way
- Start thinking about your career options early. I wish school based traineeships / apprenticeships were around when I was at school as they are the best way to kick start your career regardless of whether you are going to university or not.

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Tips for our students

- Whilst completing HSC (eg how to gain the desired UAI): don't leave study to the last minute. If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail.
- **Going to University (eg living away from home tips, university life):** that you don't have to go to university to be successful in life.
- **Getting a job (during and after university):** Presentation is the key & "fake it 'til ya make it!"
- Other Tips: school based apprenticeships/traineeships are the best way to progress your career early on regardless of whether you plan to go to university or do vocational training. And you can start as early as year 10, which is a great bonus!