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# BECKWORTH ALUMNI - WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



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Years at Ballarat Grammar: 2013 - 2015

**What Art and Design subject(s) did you study when you attended Ballarat Grammar?**  
I studied Art, Studio Art and VCD.

**What did you enjoy about these subjects?**  
As much as it was draining at times, I really enjoyed the folio part of the subjects. I like to be organised, therefore, having my thoughts clearly laid out in a folio was satisfying and so cool to look back on. I loved seeing how my ideas changed and evolved over the year and I still sometimes have a flick through them over 5 years later! Of course creating the final product was a highlight too and I still have every one of my final artworks hanging on walls.

**What skills do you believe you gained from studying these subjects?**  
I think the most important skills I learned was how important it is to be able to rationalise your ideas. When you have to justify every single thing you put in three different folios, you get pretty good at it. When I got to Uni, I was grateful that I had already had to do that so it made it all a little easier. The elements and principles of design I will forever remember thanks to Mrs Dunne. I can still hear her voice in my head whenever I refer to them!

**What did you create in your Art and Design subject(s) which you are most proud of?**  
I am most proud of the art piece I created in Studio Art 3/4 in Year 11. I spent weeks cutting out fine details of a tree with a stanley knife in a piece of paper so that it was essentially a huge cut-out silhouette (I don't know how to explain this properly haha). I was crazy to do it but it certainly paid off. It's still hanging in my parents house now.

**What were your biggest achievements in Art and Design when you were at Ballarat Grammar?**  
My biggest achievement was getting a study score of 50 in VCD. It was a complete shock because I thought I had completely stuffed up the exam.

**What was one of the most valuable things you learnt during your time in the Beckworth?**  
I think the most valuable thing I learnt during my time in the Beckworth was basically just the fact that I could do all the things I did. I was never confident in my art or design skills but the teachers in the Beckworth were fantastic and really encouraged me to pursue my ideas even when I thought they were too advanced for me. They were supportive from day one and the confidence I have in my own ability now is largely thanks to those teachers. I can confidently say I wouldn't be where I am now if I had never had my time in the Beckworth.

**What do you do now?**  
I am a Graphic Designer at a Newspaper.

**What are your major achievements since leaving Ballarat Grammar?**  
My major achievements include:  
Graduating with a Bachelor of Design and securing a Graphic Design internship in New York City. It was literally a dream come true and I had the most incredible few months over there. Unfortunately COVID cut my plans short but nevertheless it was an amazing experience.

**Would you suggest studying an Art and Design subject in Year 12?**  
I would definitely suggest studying an art and design subject in year 12. By doing so, it gives you a major head start at Uni and makes that transition that little bit easier.

**Would you suggest the creative arts as a career?**  
Yes. I love my job in the creative arts and I would recommend it to anyone who is even the slightest bit interested. Every day is something new and interesting, and seeing your designs in real-life context, down the street, on the side of a car, etc. is the most exciting thing!



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