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## BECKWORTH ALUMNI - WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



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Years at Ballarat Grammar: 2006 - 2011

**What Art and Design subject(s) did you study when you attended Ballarat Grammar?**

I took VCE Art in Year 12, with a focus on painting and drawing.

**What did you enjoy about these subjects?**

I loved the freedom to explore and experiment with different ideas and mediums and the space to create and challenge myself artistically.

**What skills do you believe you gained from studying these subjects?**

For me studying VCE Art marked a foundational shift towards understanding the importance of process and experimentation in art and design as much as the final produced work. Learning to experiment with ideas and mediums and let the art take me on a journey to somewhere I couldn't have conceived at the start of the process has been an invaluable lesson to learn and something which is very much applicable to the way I approach my creative work today.

**What did you create in your Art and Design subject(s) which you are most proud of?**

I am most proud of a series of acrylic landscape paintings which drew inspiration from rural scenes I saw on my way home from school each evening. They explored and attempted to capture the atmospheric qualities and emotional connection to a landscape only experienced whilst passing through in a vehicle, where the experience was simultaneously familiar and repetitive but also fleeting and ephemeral. This focus on capturing the essence of a landscape experience has been an idea which has continued to inform a lot of my creative output since.

**What were your biggest achievements in Art and Design when you were at Ballarat Grammar?**

Achieving a score of 49 for Art.  
Getting shortlisted for Top Arts.

**What was one of the most valuable things you learnt during your time in the Beckworth?**

Sometimes artistic ideas that don't work out can lead to the most interesting final concepts, the important thing is to try things out and see where they lead.

**What do you do now?**

I work for an architecture practice called Jackson Clements Burrows in Melbourne designing and documenting high-end bespoke contemporary homes.

**What are your major achievements since leaving Ballarat Grammar?**

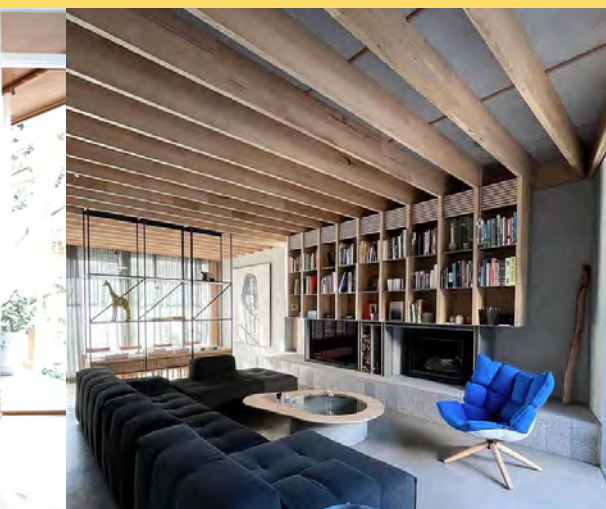
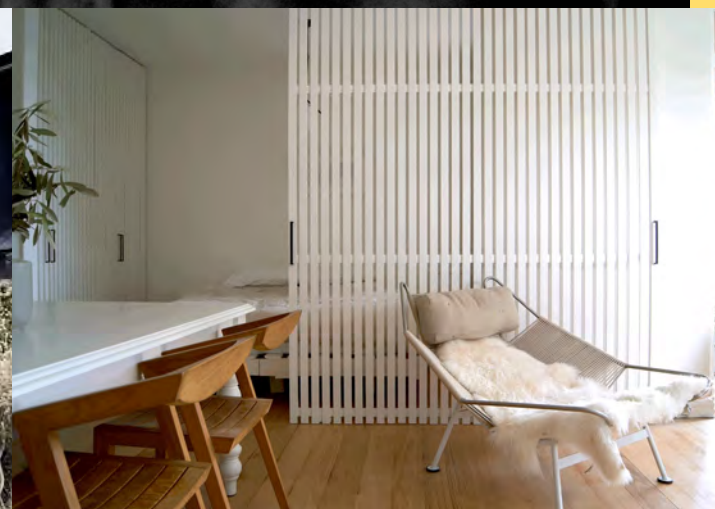
Completing my Masters of Architecture at RMIT in 2017.  
Completing my first private solo architecture project from start to finish (St Kilda East Apartment, 2018).  
Getting to work alongside many fantastic architects, designers and clients on some incredible homes in Victoria and NSW.

**Would you suggest studying an Art and Design subject in Year 12?**

Yes definitely, I found studying art to be an immensely rewarding part of my Year 12 experience.

**Would you suggest the creative arts as a career?**

Yes absolutely. If you're prepared to put in the hard work, creative careers have the potential to be incredibly rewarding.



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