

# BECKWORTH ALUMNI - WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



## TEGAN HAMILTON

Years at Ballarat Grammar: 1998 - 2004

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

I studied every art and design subject I could! I did VCE;  
Visual Communication  
Design Technology,  
Art  
Studio Art

### What did you enjoy about these subjects?

I loved that I could do something practical and creative that allowed me to think outside of the box. Also the art history component really allows you to see the world in a different way.

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

Definitely the ability to think outside of the box, and of course I gained new art skills across different mediums.

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

Some slip cast figures that I airbrushed and a silver jewellery set with a wooden box.

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

I was shortlisted for Top Designs for my silversmithing, was the inaugural Arts' captain and had two large oil paintings which were acquired and placed in the swimming pool.

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

I learnt that I loved sculpting! I'd never touched any three dimensional medium until I did ceramics with Rob Hurley and was on the backstage crew for the Rock Eisteddfod.

### What do you do now?

I'm a glassblower and I also work as Operations Manager at a Fine Arts Company.

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

I've exhibited in shows throughout Australia and Internationally, including several solo shows and in Germany and the United States. I've been featured in Craft Arts International and shortlisted for the Western Australian Art Gallery's Tom Malone prize, Ranamok Glass prize, Deakin Contemporary Small Sculpture Prize and The Waterhouse Natural History Prize at the Museum of South Australia. I also recently demonstrated for an international conference.

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

Definitely! Even if you don't intend to have a career in the arts, it really enriches your life and gives you a mental health outlet down the track!

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

If you have a passion for the arts, I'd definitely suggest it. There are a lot of options out there outside of being a practicing artist too.

