

Award winners share their stories

QCE Achievement Awards

Transcript of video

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Liam Harris

All Saints Anglican School

My name is Liam Harris and I attended All Saints Anglican School on the Gold Coast.

Ruby Turner

St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School

My name is Ruby Turner and I went to St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School.

Kelly Park

Somerset College

I'm Kelly Park and I went to Somerset College on the Gold Coast.

Patrick Cummins

St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace

My name is Patrick Cummins and I attended St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace.

Sophie Tomassen

Varsity College

My name is Sophie Tomassen and in Grade 12 I went to Varsity College.

Rachel Hauenschild

Kenmore State High School

My name is Rachel Hauenschild and I attended Kenmore State High School.

Lucinda Colbert

Forest Lake State High School

My name is Lucinda Colbert and I went to Forest Lake State High School.

Rupert Dwyer

St Peters Lutheran College

My name is Rupert Dwyer and I come from St Peters Lutheran College at Indooroopilly.

Stuart Moss

Brisbane Grammar School

My name is Stuart Moss and I went to Brisbane Grammar School.

Balancing study

Liam Harris

All Saints Anglican School

My secret to balancing study with other activities is to set out the activities you want to do and then plan your schedule so you can accomplish everything effectively.

Ruby Turner

St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School

My secret to balancing study with other activities is to treat your extracurricular commitments as your breaks so you can have healthy habits when you're studying.

Kelly Park
Somerset College

Choose the activities that you really enjoy, then your results will be a natural consequence.

Patrick Cummins
St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace

Stay organised and communicate well with my teachers and coaches.

Rachel Hauenschild
Kenmore State High School

Be selective and then plan your time effectively to fit everything in.

Lucinda Colbert
Forest Lake State High School

Time management. If you're good at that you'll definitely have room to fit everything in.

Sophie Tomassen
Varsity College

If you can't take it on, don't take it on.

Rupert Dwyer
St Peters Lutheran College

In balancing study with other activities, I found they facilitated each other. For example, with my athletics I found I was able to use this as a method of relaxation.

Stuart Moss
Brisbane Grammar School

Time management and good preparation, not procrastinating. Making sure that I still had time to fit in everything that I wanted to do.

2018 plans

Ruby Turner
St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School

My plans for 2018 are to move down to Canberra and begin studying a double degree in Bachelor of Mathematical Sciences and Bachelor of Science at ANU.

Lucinda Colbert
Forest Lake State High School

For 2018 I'm taking a gap year and I'm going to be working in aged care as well as hospitality.

Liam Harris
All Saints Anglican School

Commence a Bachelor of Science majoring in Engineering at the University of Melbourne.

Kelly Park
Somerset College

I'm studying a Doctor of Medicine at UQ.

Patrick Cummins
St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace

I'll be studying a Bachelor of Biomedical Science at the University of Queensland.

Sophie Tomassen
Varsity College

I'm getting straight into a dual degree of Engineering and Biotechnology at UQ.

Rachel Hauenschild
Kenmore State High School

I am going to be studying a Bachelor of Mathematics at the University of Queensland.

Rupert Dwyer
St Peters Lutheran College

I plan to commence a Bachelor of Medical Science at Griffith University.

Stuart Moss
Brisbane Grammar School

I'm commencing a Bachelor of Law/Commerce (Honours) at the University of Queensland.

Anticipation

Ruby Turner
St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School

I'm most excited for the hall life and learning all about Canberra.

Lucinda Colbert
Forest Lake State High School

I'm just really excited to have time to visit my family, who I haven't seen for a number of years.

Liam Harris
All Saints Anglican School

I'm excited about moving to Melbourne and also pursuing my passions for maths and physics in tertiary education.

Kelly Park
Somerset College

Looking forward to meeting like-minded peers who are studying the same course as me.

Patrick Cummins
St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace

I'm really looking forward to just getting into university life.

Stuart Moss
Brisbane Grammar School

I'm really looking forward to meeting new people and getting to study something that I'm really interested in.

Decisions

Patrick Cummins
St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace

I've always known what I wanted to do after Year 12, or for a while now at least. Being out at the Royal Flying Doctor Service at Brisbane Airport, I've been influenced a lot by the doctors and nurses that work out there.

Liam Harris
All Saints Anglican School

I attended an international physics competition in Singapore, and then during this competition I decided that I really wanted to pursue maths and physics in tertiary education.

Lucinda Colbert
Forest Lake State High School

Even in the last days of Year 12 I was still running around seeking advice, trying to figure it out. But I'm very interested in med, so I'm looking forward to taking up Medicine at the University of Melbourne.

Kelly Park
Somerset College

I definitely didn't know what I wanted to do at the end of Year 12, but after talking to a lot of med students and current doctors I realised that med would be the right choice for me.

Ruby Turner
St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School

Throughout Year 12 I really didn't have a clue, but I just took what subjects I liked studying at school and decided to continue with them.

Rupert Dwyer
St Peters Lutheran College

Through talking to my friends and friends of friends, I found that this medicine course at Griffith would be new and interesting.

Stuart Moss
Brisbane Grammar School

I didn't always know what I wanted to do, but in senior I decided that once my grades in humanities subjects started getting better, I liked English. And with the influence from my family, I decided that Law/Commerce was something I would really be interested in studying after Year 12.

Rachel Hauenschild
Kenmore State High School

I've always had a passion for maths, so I decided that I wanted to pursue this at university.

Sophie Tomassen
Varsity College

I definitely didn't know what I wanted to do in Grade 12, even up until the first offer round, which from then I changed the next week to Engineering and Biotechnology. And I'm now going to complete that degree at UQ.

Career goals

Kelly Park
Somerset College

My career goals would be to find something to specialise in as a doctor that I really enjoy and do that in the long run.

Liam Harris
All Saints Anglican School

To work for a large company, perhaps Apple or Google in America. And I would really like to use my skills and passions in the area of maths and physics to help change the world.

Ruby Turner
St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School

I have a passion for maths and science, and I'm hoping to pursue those fields in aviation or maybe meteorology.

Patrick Cummins
St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace

My career goal is to combine a specialty in oncology with some research so I can be interacting with patients whilst developing new treatments.

Rachel Hauenschild
Kenmore State High School

To work in a maths-related field. It's extremely diverse, which is very exciting.

Lucinda Colbert
Forest Lake State High School

My careers goals are to become a doctor and work in the emergency department of a hospital.

Rupert Dwyer
St Peters Lutheran College

My main career goal would be to end up somewhere in the medical profession obviously, wherein I have an interesting job that provides me with challenges each and every day.

Stuart Moss
Brisbane Grammar School

Work overseas as a lawyer or financier. And if I got into law, probably humanitarian law, because I'm really interested in immigration law and human rights.

Sophie Tomassen
Varsity College

My career goals are to change the world. There are lots of things I feel I can change about this world and if I can fix even one issue, I'd be happy with that.

Inspiration

Kelly Park
Somerset College

My biggest source of inspiration is my senior Physics teacher Mrs Lynch. She inspired me to try hard in my senior studies and also inspired me to want to become a successful woman.

Patrick Cummins
St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace

My parents inspire me in their sacrifice to help get the opportunities that I've been lucky enough to have.

Liam Harris
All Saints Anglican School

My parents and my brothers have always been incredibly supportive of me.

Sophie Tomassen
Varsity College

There are lots of them. My friends, my family, my sister.

Ruby Turner
St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School

I found inspiration a lot from my teachers at school. They really provided a lot of support.

Rachel Hauenschild
Kenmore State High School

I'm inspired by my parents, who have always motivated me and supported me throughout my schooling.

Lucinda Colbert
Forest Lake State High School

My main inspiration for my entire life has been my grandfather. He was always very active in

Rupert Dwyer
St Peters Lutheran College

the community and he was always the type of person I've wanted to be.

The person who inspires me most is my grandfather, namely his determination and work ethic that I've seen throughout his life. He's 79 and he still works regularly.

Stuart Moss
Brisbane Grammar School

Innovators such as Elon Musk, Bill Gates, people who solve world problems and who really help society.

Liam Harris
All Saints Anglican School

My teachers at my school and also the support of all of my peers.

Motivation

Ruby Turner
St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School

I've always been self-motivated and I enjoy reaching my goals and knowing that I've put a lot of effort in.

Patrick Cummins
St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace

To always put my best foot forward and make the most of the opportunities that I'm given.

Sophie Tomassen
Varsity College

What motivates me is much the same as my career goals. So, even though I'm only one person, I want to change the world for the better.

Rachel Hauenschild
Kenmore State High School

I'm motivated by my desire to achieve the best results that I possibly can.

Lucinda Colbert
Forest Lake State High School

The support from my family, particularly my grandfather. He always thought that I could be amazing, and I wanted to live up to the expectations people had of me.

Kelly Park
Somerset College

My motivation would definitely be my friends and family, who constantly support me through the ups and downs.

Rupert Dwyer
St Peters Lutheran College

I'm extremely competitive and love the experience of competition. But also I'm highly internally motivated and want to achieve the best that I can in every situation.

Stuart Moss
Brisbane Grammar School

My classmates and my teachers, who really pushed me and drove me to succeed. And of course my parents again, who were very influential in my good traits and good character.

Advice

Liam Harris

All Saints Anglican School

The best piece of advice I received about school is to take advantage of all the support you have available to you, be it teachers or your peers.

Ruby Turner

St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School

The best piece of advice I received about school was to take any disappointments in your stride and that the next thing that you have to do will be completely separate.

Kelly Park

Somerset College

To always keep things in perspective and, although academics in Year 12 seem really important, it's not the most important thing in the world.

Patrick Cummins

St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace

The best piece of work I received about school is to be constantly revising the course work just so that it remains prominent in your brain and really focused.

Sophie Tomassen

Varsity College

If you want to succeed, you must go above and beyond.

Rachel Hauenschild

Kenmore State High School

The best piece of advice that I've received about school is to always pursue subjects that you're interested in because it will be more enjoyable and it will work out well in the end.

Rupert Dwyer

St Peters Lutheran College

The best piece of advice that I've received about school is that you have to be able to put certain things aside if you need to focus on a night of studying. Whether that be a bad test mark or something in your personal life, you have to be able to let that go.

Stuart Moss

Brisbane Grammar School

The best piece of advice I received about school was to make sure to leave no regrets, to make sure you get involved in everything, to do what you want to do, to be happy doing what you do, and to do as best as you can.

Lucinda Colbert

Forest Lake State High School

The best piece of advice about school was from my mum in primary school, and she told me to take every opportunity because you would never know when you'd need it.

In 10 years

Liam Harris

All Saints Anglican School

In 10 years, I see myself working for a large company, hopefully Google or Apple in America, and being able to change the world through my passion for maths and physics.

Rupert Dwyer

St Peters Lutheran College

I'm not really sure where I see myself 10 years from now, but that's what I find the most exciting about my future career.

Ruby Turner

St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School

In 10 years time, I hope to be travelling the world and pursuing something that I love and am passionate about.

Kelly Park

Somerset College

I hope to be specialising in a pathway of medicine that I really enjoy.

Stuart Moss

Brisbane Grammar School

Hopefully with a job, probably working overseas.

Sophie Tomassen

Varsity College

I hope to be at the forefront of technology.

Rachel Hauenschild

Kenmore State High School

I hope that I've been inspired to pursue an interesting and fulfilling career.

Patrick Cummins

St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace

In 10 years from now I hope to be finishing my specialisation, getting into the hospital and getting hands-on.

Lucinda Colbert

Forest Lake State High School

I hope to be out of university, in the real world, making a difference in people's lives.

The awards

Liam Harris

All Saints Anglican School

I was quite surprised when I found out I'd won a QCE Award. However, I was also quite pleased that my hard work throughout Year 12 was being recognised by this accolade.

Ruby Turner

St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School

When I found out that I'd won an Achievement Award, I was just so surprised and so stoked, but I was incredibly thankful for it.

Kelly Park

Somerset College

When I found that I had received a QCE Award, I was really surprised and I'm so grateful to be given this opportunity.

Patrick Cummins
St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace

I was ecstatic when I found out I'd won a QCE Achievement Award, I was really surprised.

Sophie Tomassen
Varsity College

I was very surprised, but I am so honoured.

Rachel Hauenschild
Kenmore State High School

When I found out I'd won an award I was extremely excited. It was amazing to be recognised for all my hard work in Year 12.

Rupert Dwyer
St Peters Lutheran College

I was shocked and surprised. I didn't know these awards existed, let alone that I would be able to achieve high enough to get one, to the point where I didn't actually apply for any university scholarships.

Lucinda Colbert
Forest Lake State High School

When I'd won the award, I was very shocked. My mum messaged me. I was overseas at the time. Definitely not what I thought I'd be hearing that day.

Stuart Moss
Brisbane Grammar School

I was very excited when I found out I'd won a QCE Achievement Award. I told my parents and it just felt great to be recognised for all the hard work that I put in during my senior years.