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Collegian Profile

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Throughout my seven years at Rouse Hill Anglican College I was lucky enough to participate in many amazing opportunities, both curricular and extra-curricular roles. The best to memory would have to be my overseas service trip to Hong Kong and Vietnam where the students volunteered at Crossroads packing shipping containers with donated goods.

In Year Twelve I applied for entry entrance to the University of New England (UNE) and was awarded this through Principal's Recommendation. As a result I was set to begin my life of study at UNE in the field of Science (Chemistry/Physics/Geology) and Secondary Education. The move to Armidale was an eye opener, however one of the best things I have done as this allowed my independence to grow which has set me up for my current career choice as a teacher. Although I was in Armidale on my own, I did move in to the on-campus accommodation (St Albert's College), which allowed me to live in close-quarters with 300 other people who had also just moved out of home.



As my study continued I was looking for a challenge that would allow for me to grow and develop mentally, physically and emotionally, so I joined the Australian Army Reserves in 2012. My job in the Army Reserve is a Light Cavalry Scout whose main role is operating in both mounted and dismounted reconnaissance patrols with an armoured vehicle capability. Over the last several years I have had the pleasure to work with members from other Defence Forces such as Malaysia, Singapore, United Kingdom, Unit-



ed States, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and the Netherlands.

My study life was then starting to draw itself to a close. I began to work on a casual basis at Terra Sancta College until I was offered a permanent position with the Department of Education through a Science Teacher Scholarship Program in outback NSW. This position was as a Science, Maths and Agriculture teacher at Ivanhoe Central School in western NSW.

I love every second of being in this remote community. Ivanhoe is a very small town (population approx. 130), is 200km from everywhere (Hay, Griffith, Menindee, Wilcannia and Cobar) and only has one sealed access road from Hay. To say the least, this has been quite an amazing experience as the Central School has a Kindergarten to Year Twelve student enrolment of 38 students (much different to life back at RHAC!)

I highly encourage those students who are thinking about becoming a teacher to strive to complete their studies and look to the opportunities and the amazing benefits of teaching in remote communities.

