



Rouse Hill Anglican Collegians

Alannah Hughes (Class of 2015) is 19 years old and a missionary. How did this happen?

I am currently volunteering full time with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) in Newcastle, Australia.

YWAM is an international Christian missions organisation whose purpose is to "know God and make God known". They have over 1100 centres in 180 countries and a focus on training, evangelism and helping people in need.

The foundational course in YWAM is a Discipleship Training School (DTS). It is a six month program that involves two components: lecture phase and outreach phase. Lecture phase students live at the YWAM centre and go to class. During outreach students go to an international location to participate in evangelism and serving communities.

After I graduated from Rouse Hill Anglican College, I knew I wanted to take a gap year. I wasn't ready for university just yet, and wanted to take some time to travel and grow more personally and in my faith. While looking into many programs, my Dad told me about the DTS he did with YWAM when he was younger. It sounded so amazing and life changing. After finding out there was a centre so close to home, I applied. I spent



Alannah teaching English in Indonesia

six months of my life learning about my relationship with God, and travelling to Papua New Guinea and Indonesia. It was one of the best seasons of my life, and as a result I wanted to be part of this for longer.

I now work with YWAM Newcastle as a DTS staff, which means that this July I will be leading a group of students along the same journey I had. I'm so excited to see lives changed, and people learning the truth about themselves - that they are loved and cherished by God.

Working full time in missions means that I don't get paid, so I am partnering financially with different people to support me in this role. It's a great opportunity to help me to share the love of Jesus in both local and international settings. If this is something you would like to do, feel free to contact me through the College office. You can also follow my journey on my blog at <https://alannahjoy.wordpress.com>.



Alannah with her new friends at YWAM in Long Island



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