

DE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT STORIES



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I attended Strathfield Girls High School for Years 11 and 12 in 2017 and 2018. It was a challenging process, but it was also rewarding, as I made so many wonderful memories within these 2 years.

Since day one, I had lots of supports from the school principals and teachers. My teachers always stayed back during breaks, or even after school to re-explain the lesson content, helping me to understand them better. Not only that, they also regularly checked on my homestay status and my mental health, to ensure that I stayed healthy both physically and mentally.

I made lifelong friends within these years, who helped make my high school experience much better. When I was in Year 11, I was elected into the SRC (Student Representative Council) team after a month studying here. This achievement was not the biggest, but it is the most meaningful for me as it was the first thing I achieved since I got here. This achievement launched me into the leadership field and I later became a Prefect in Year 12. These roles opened many opportunities for me to join leadership conferences and expos, which sharpened my skills and deepened my knowledge.

In high school, I really enjoyed learning science and maths. My favourite subject was always Maths, which was also my best subject. I liked it so much that I solved maths questions every day. My hard work paid off, as I got first in Extension Maths in both Years 11 and 12 and first in Physics for Year 12, and earned myself the title 'Dux of the school' in 2018. My passion for maths and science is still growing, so I chose to do a Bachelor of Actuarial Studies and Bachelor of Science at the University of New South Wales (UNSW) so I can follow my passion.

In the future, my career goal is to either become an actuary and work for the Big Four firms, or be a chemist with ground-breaking research and potentially gain a Nobel Prize.