

# DE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT STORIES



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My name is Dany Teang and I am from Cambodia. I graduated from Cabramatta High School in 2021.

For me, the best part of doing the NSW Higher School Certificate (HSC) is that it provides a variety of ways of learning, a lot of different subjects, skills and diversity. I learnt not only about my subjects, but also how to think critically, and I benefitted from experiences that may inform my choice of career and observed many different cultures.

What I really liked about my school was the multiple ways that they offered for us to learn things. This included the homework centre, after class learning, study club, and many extracurricular activities. Our wellbeing was well looked after, and I was always motivated to achieve my study goals.

At Cabramatta High School, my favourite subjects were English and Visual Art. I struggled with my emotional balance so writing and creating art, with

no right or wrong answers, were the most encouraging ways to express my feelings, and have become my spiritual support.

The achievement that I am most proud of from my time at high school was joining extracurricular activities that allowed me to improve myself and make a better world for all of us.

Living in NSW, my lifestyle has completely changed, as the life in Sydney is so busy involving school, work and my personal life, which made me much more independent than before.

Since completing the HSC, I am doing an aged care course in TAFE as the beginning of my understanding of the health industry. Next, I will further enhance my career path in university by pursuing a nursing degree.

Based on my experiences, I would like to share my tips for future students coming to NSW:

- If you can, participate in school activities as much as possible, because it is the most effective way to build friendships with others, support the community, and enhance your confidence in your English skills.
- Do not hesitate to seek help from friends, teachers, or school counsellors, because your wellbeing is the most fundamental factor in your life to achieve your goals, ambition, and studies.
- Lastly, take your time management very seriously by applying effective study methods to optimise your performance.



*Dany, exploring Sydney*