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Senior School Subjects

- Year 11: English, Mathematical Methods, Biology, Studio Arts, Youth Ministry.
- Year 12: English, Further Mathematics, Biology, Music (Performance), Health and Human Development.

Why did you choose these subjects? I chose these subjects because I was looking at studying something related to the environment but I was not sure specifically what. I chose music and art because I like doing those things.

What resources did you use to choose subjects? To choose my subjects I went to the Senior School Information Evening where you ask teachers what would be good to study for what you're interested in.

What is your course like? My course is great. I learn about things that I am interested in and the structure of the course is great too. The campus and teachers are great, also there are good resources and the lecturers are helpful. There is a really great supportive community within outdoor education as well and I really like my classmates in the course. My course is like learning about the environment and people's views on it and how people perceive it, and learning about how you can teach them about it and also keep them safe in it.

What has been a highlight of your course so far? The highlights of my course have been going hiking through the alps in Victoria for 5 days. It was crazy to see the views and see how far you walk. We also learnt so much about leading on that trip it has been really helpful.

How did the subjects at school prepare you for your course? Biology has been the most helpful as the plant and animal science parts are helpful in understanding how environments work.

Give students an example of a 'day in the life' of your course: A day in the life of my course would involve going to a couple of classes and talking about our readings then preparing for the camp that would be at the end of the week.

What is the best piece of advice you've received about following your career goals: The best advice I received and highly recommend is, follow your heart and choose something you would enjoy doing everyday.

What advice can you offer students considering studying the course: The best advice you can get about choosing a career is literally do what ever you want. If you find a particular thing interesting, go and do it because there is most likely a job in that industry. Do things that you like doing because that's what life's about.

What advice can you offer students considering studying this course: You will have lots of fun in this course. You can go into this course with no experience in camping because you learn really quickly from your peers and teachers. It is helpful if you do Outdoor and Environmental Studies in Year 12 but you don't need to.

What are your future career goals: In the future I want to do some freelance work in outdoor education for a while and then maybe travel overseas somewhere.

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