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Senior School Subjects

- Year 10: English, French, Mathematical Methods Units 1 + 2 Early Advancement, Religion/CEPD, Teenagers and the Law, P.E. for Girls, Science, VET Hospitality Units 1 + 2 Early Advancement.
- Year 11: English, French, Legal Studies, Mathematical Methods Units 3 + 4 Early Advancement, VET Hospitality Units 3 + 4 Early Advancement, Religion.
- Year 12: English, French, Legal Studies, Further Mathematics, Business Management.

Why did you choose these subjects? I based my decisions on the subjects that I enjoyed and found interesting. It was important for me to make sure that the subjects were intriguing and stimulating, so that I would enjoy the challenge and want to learn.

What resources did you use to choose subjects? I read the description of subjects in the Senior School Subject Handbooks and asked students in the year levels above me about the subjects they were undertaking. From there, I made informed decisions about the subjects that sounded fun and would engage my interest and areas of passion.

What was your course like? It was a four-year course, which included one year of compulsory industry placement. It was a balance of subjects that provided hands-on learning of the practical elements required in the industry, but also a strong focus on many areas of theory and academic learning with a direct link to the current and past trends of the industry.

What were some of the best parts of the course? The year of industry placement was definitely one of the most valuable experiences and one of the best parts of my course. It provided me with the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the field of work that I wanted to pursue in my career. I had the opportunity to learn so much in that one year, and having that practical experience and knowledge which I was then able to use in my final year of study to assist in my academic writing and build a greater understanding of the industry was key to my success.

Not only that, being a William Angliss student has the ability to build your network and provide you with endless opportunities to meet and interact with key industry figures. It was through the connections of William Angliss that I was able to gain employment in the Grossi Group, where I progressed my career over 3.5 years and was able to grow within the company and become a valued full-time employee at their flagship restaurant and Melbourne's iconic and longest running restaurant, Grossi Fiorentino. In my opinion, if I didn't go to William Angliss, I probably wouldn't be in the job that I am in right now

What are you doing now in your graduate position? I am working at Vue de Monde as a Junior Sommelier.

What do you love about your job? I love that every day is different and exciting! I am constantly learning and challenging myself to become better at what I do. I get to work with amazing people from all around the world who share a similar passion and love for my industry. Every day we get to use our skills and knowledge to provide something special to our guests. I love that what I do is able to bring people together and bring a smile to their face. Having the pleasure of knowing that what I do is the platform for where people create memories and share experiences is one of the most rewarding parts of my job.

How did your senior school subjects prepare you for your course? They didn't really. To be honest, there were no subjects that were prerequisites for my course. The level of learning and the academic writing required at university is completely different to that of high school. The expectations are on a completely different scale and therefore it is my opinion that for my course and area of industry, it is not the subjects you pick which really affect the way you will succeed in university or further studies.

It is picking the subjects you love and the areas of knowledge which you are inspired by that make all the difference. If anything, the thing I learnt from the subjects that I studied at high school, was that the subjects that I succeeded in most and achieved the highest marks in, were actually those which I was passionate about and had fun in.

Course information: Bachelor of Tourism and Hospitality Management, William Angliss Institute, <http://bit.ly/28YlxSV>