

SHAUN DARMODY

AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE, CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY

Senior School Subjects

- Year 11: English Language, Mathematical Methods, VET Engineering Studies, Physics, Chemistry, Religion and Society
- Year 12: English Language, Mathematical Methods, VET Engineering Studies, Physics, Chemistry



Why did you choose these subjects? I chose these subjects because I enjoyed them and wanted to keep my options open going into the future.

What resources did you use to choose subjects? I used my Learning Mentor and spoke to teachers in the respective subjects to gain an insight into what each subject involved.

Why did you want to study agriculture? I chose to study agriculture after completing a gap year on a sheep and cattle property in North East Victoria. Agriculture was always a passion of mine, however I never considered it as a career, it wasn't until later in my gap year I chose to follow my heart and just do what I loved. This was one of the best decisions I have ever made, and I encourage everyone to just choose something they enjoy

What is your course like? Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga is a fantastic place to be studying agriculture. There are endless amounts of opportunities in the local area; this means lots of field days out to talk to farmers and those involved in the industry. It also allows students to undertake placements throughout their studies.

What do you love about your course? I love meeting people from all parts of the country who are also studying and have the same passions as me. I enjoy the opportunities that are provided by studying in a rural area

How did the subjects at school prepare you for your course? My subjects were not exactly related to my course, however they did teach me good study habits and leave my options open when leaving Catholic College Wodonga.

Give students an example of a 'day in the life' of your course: A typical day at Charles Sturt University for me involves going to lectures and pracs. This can also involve going out in the paddock and doing sheep and cattle work, or visiting farmers in the local area.

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: I believe it is important to shop around, look at lots of courses or apprenticeships. Go to open days and ask questions when you are not sure.

Why should young people consider studying agriculture/agribusiness: As I like to say, if farming stops, the world stops. Agriculture is the backbone of the country. For that reason it is an exciting industry to get involved in. It is rapidly changing and young people are the ones who need to be aiding the innovations in the industry.
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Course information: Bachelor of Agricultural Science, Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga, <http://bit.ly/28XptUs>