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Why did you choose to study this course? I enjoyed Personal Development and VET Beauty in high school and chose the VET Beauty class knowing that that was what I wanted to do as my future career.

Because I did VCAL all my classes were 'real life' based and that was what attracted me. I spoke to my parents, LM and also Sandie about where VCAL could take me and how it would benefit me personally in the future. VET Beauty has definitely helped me with the practical side of beauty therapy giving me some idea as to what to expect.

What did you choose to pursue beauty therapy as a career? I chose beauty therapy as my career not just because it is an interest of mine but because I love meeting new people and I love the feeling I give others through my services. They come to me to relax, treat themselves or to help them with their physical appearance (skin problems, waxing). I personally struggled a lot with self acceptance when it came to my appearance and I love being able to help others feel good about themselves. The part of my course that I most love is massage. I find in relaxing the client, it relaxes me.

What is a day in the life of a beauty therapy student like? In the day in the life of a beauty therapy student it can be very stressful and draining. We do all our knowledge based theory at the beginning of each term and then each day have clients all day for many different services. From nails, waxing, facials or massage, it varies. But each day always presents you with new situations and new clients.

What is the best career advice you've received? The best advice I received would be "It can be done". If I want to achieve something bad enough there is always a way to get there.

Tell us about your new business: Basically I have set up a beauty room at home, which I have called Amity Beauty (meaning harmony). I am able to provide services to my family and friends but, I one day hope to take my room from home into an actual salon.

Where do you see yourself in five years time? In 5 years time I see myself still in the industry, a home owner and hopefully a qualified sports massage therapist which I would like to study in the next couple years.

