



MERCY COLLEGE ALUMNI

Where are they now?

<p><i>Introducing :</i></p>	<p>Name: Nancy Di Grande Class of 2007</p>
<p><i>Questions :</i></p> <p>Hello Nancy!</p> <p>Thanks for sharing your story!</p>	<p><i>Responses:</i></p> <p>Hi!</p> 
<p><i>Do you remember what it was like at College and when you left?</i></p>	<p><i>It seems like yesterday!</i></p> <p><i>I was heavily involved in many of the sporting teams either playing or coaching. I was also part of student leadership team through house captain so I kept myself busy.</i></p> <p><i>My biggest fear was leaving school as I didn't really know what I wanted to do. Everyone else seemed to have a pathway sorted except for me.</i></p> <p><i>What I took away from Mercy was to always work hard and stay positive.</i></p>
<p><i>Did you set out with a career plan?</i></p>	<p><i>When I finished all I knew was that I had a love for sport. So I decided I'd start there. I started with a Diploma of sport and recreation and completed the 2yr course.</i></p> <p><i>I then went on to begin studying a double degree in Exercise Science and Psychology. I did however only complete first year. After that I took a year off to take on a bit of musical theatre training before finding Paramedics.</i></p> <p><i>Whilst studying I worked a variety of jobs from coaching kids, swim teaching, working as a head trainer at a VFL football club to lifeguarding.</i></p>



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<p><i>What were the significant milestones that have impacted your life journey so far?</i></p>	<p><i>My biggest milestone by far was moving to QLD!</i></p> <p><i>That's was when life finally started to fall into place.</i></p> <p><i>Living in my dream location (The sunshine coast), working my dream job (Paramedic) even meeting the man of my dreams!</i></p>
<p><i>Where has your career path taken you in terms of connecting with wider organisations, meeting people of varying cultures; locally and internationally?</i></p>	<p><i>I'm very fortunate in my career path. I get to meet a variety of different people from all walks of life. From babies to 110 year olds.</i></p> <p><i>Those who are underprivileged to those who are rich. Living and working in a tourist destination means we also meet people from all over the world.</i></p> <p><i>Everyone has unique stories which are all interesting to listen to. We also work closely with other organisations such as fire, police and mental health organisations which have given me a greater insight into how these organisations work.</i></p>
<p><i>Have you maintained any school friendships?</i></p>	<p><i>I have actually maintained a friendship with my 2 best friends from Mercy, who are still my best friends today.</i></p> <p><i>This has been great as we know where each other have come from and are very supportive of each other's paths.</i></p> <p><i>With social media these days you still get to keep up to date with what everyone from school is up to, which is great.</i></p>
<p><i>What's next for you?</i></p>	<p><i>That's a very good question. Long term I do have a Graduate Diploma and Master's I'd like to study and perhaps become an Intensive care paramedic down the track.</i></p> <p><i>For now though my main focus is to become the best paramedic that I can. I also worked at the Commonwealth Games this year, 2018, which was exciting and rewarding!</i></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>



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<p><i>Mercy College are working on building the Alumni foundation network: past students and teachers.</i></p> <p><i>Would it interest you to give a short talk to current students at an assembly?</i></p> <p><i>The objective being a form of encouragement and interest for students and teachers alike.</i></p>	<p><i>I would be interested in talking to current students. I know it wasn't easy for me as I was lost for so long. I'm sure there are students out there now who may be feeling the same way.</i></p> <p><i>There's always a way and you will eventually work out what you want to do, sometimes it just takes a little longer.</i></p>
<p><i>Future Alumni reunions – past students and teachers, will take place every year on the third Sunday in October.</i></p> <p><i>Would it interest you to give a short talk to Alumni at our reunion?</i></p>	<p><i>Yes I would. I did unfortunately miss our reunion last October as it clashed with work.</i></p>