




MERCY COLLEGE ALUMNI


Where are they now?

Introducing :	<i>Name: Emily Driver</i> <i>Class of 2013</i>
Questions :	Responses:
<p>Hello Emily!</p> <p>Thanks for sharing your story!</p>	
Do you remember what it was like at College and when you left?	<p><i>(Fears, aspirations, friends, what you took away from the Catholic ethos of our College)</i></p> <p>I attended Mercy College from years 7-12 graduating in 2013. I was one of those students that loved every minute of school.</p> <p>Now by no means was I an A+ student on all my assessments, and I may have been a little distracting at times but, I loved seeing my friends every day, going to classes, participating in extracurricular activities and generally having fun!</p> <p>Looking back now I feel sorry for the teachers that taught me, I was definitely a character! However, if it wasn't for the core values that I learnt whilst being at Mercy it wouldn't have made me the person I am today.</p>
Did you set out with a career plan?	<p><i>(Further study: What did you do / where did you go?)</i></p> <p>From a young age I knew I wanted to be a nurse. One Christmas we visited my grandmother in ICU and a nurse came over and fixed her pillow and I remember telling myself that, I would fix people's pillows for them... little did 7-year-old Emily know that 15 years later I would be doing just that.</p> <p>Graduating from Mercy in 2013 I had earned a scholarship into ACU, allowing me to get a course offer with my ATAR.</p>



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<p><i>What were the significant milestones that have impacted your life journey so far?</i></p>	<p><i>(Key pivotal points marking your inspirations, success) (family support, business success)</i></p> <p>I started my Bachelor of nursing in 2014 and soon realized it wasn't all fluffing pillows and making cups of tea.</p> <p>At the end of my second year I decided to take a year off University to work, and travel.</p> <p>2016 will always be a pivotal year for me.</p> <p>Unfortunately, I had some health concerns that year, and had to leave one of my part time jobs purely because my body couldn't handle it. It was a stressful time for my family, my friends and me. However, at the end of that year (2016) I went to Europe for 5 weeks where I did a 3-week Contiki, I made some amazing friends and had the most amazing time.</p> <p>I finished my degree in 2017, and after many stressful nights filling in applications, many breakdowns, and interviews, I had received a job as a graduate nurse (like a 4th year of uni but, with a hospital).</p> <p>Now I work as a registered nurse in an Acute Oncology, Hematology and Palliative Care ward. I can honestly say I have the most rewarding job I could have ever imagined. I have the opportunity to encourage people in their lowest of lows and congratulate people when they have their highest of highs, and have learnt just how precious life is and how quickly everything can change. In May I will be moving to Queensland to see where my next nursing adventure will take me.</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>(Did your career path include travel? What have other cultures taught you? Personal growth etc)</i></p> <p>I've been here in Canada for 2 weeks skiing in whistler and Banff, while seeing all the sights. I've also been dogsledding, zip lining through whistler, snowmobiling, hiking, and did a helicopter flight over the Rocky Mountains. I learnt to ski 19 years ago and have always wanted to go overseas to ski so here I am. If there are any skiers or snowboarders reading this, you all need to go to whistler, and the sunshine village!</p> 



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	<p>I love travelling and seeing new things, meeting new people, and learning about different cultures. I've been to about 18 countries now, South Africa being my favourite and am still amazed to see how different cultures live. In a world where we are so stressed in our work, jobs, and day-to-day life it's nice to sit back and relax and do something you've always wanted to do.</p>
<p><i>Have you maintained any school friendships?</i></p>	<p><i>(College friends – maintaining friendships – what has this meant for you? Support?)</i></p> <p>Going to school at Mercy taught me to treat everyone equally, to respect people and to be hospitable to anyone. I remember a line Mrs. Mac told us on the first day of year 8 "you don't have to be friends with everyone, you just have to be friendly", this is something I live by and I only hope that others do too.</p> <p>I thought that I would be friends with all the people I was with in school but I'm not, and that's ok. Life happens, people change, and people move on. It's nothing to be worried about it's just a fact of life, you'll understand who your friends are as you go. I still have close friends from school, everyone's happy, they have their careers set, and are mapping out their life.</p>
<p><i>What's next for you?</i></p>	<p><i>(What would you like to see / experience in the future?)</i></p> <p>When I was in year 12 age 17 I thought I would by age 22 I would have my life clearly set out for me, and the truth is I don't. I'm moving to Queensland in May for a new and fresh start, there are so many more countries I want to see and so many things I want to do. So I don't really know 100% what's next but I am so excited to see where life takes me.</p>



What an exhilarating experience!

Work towards your goals for making them a reality is everything!

Emily Driver class of 2013

