

LOWANNA GRADUATES

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

KATHLEEN KENT CLASS OF 2009

When did you attend Lowanna College?

Started in 2004 and graduated in 2009 (nearly ten years ago, wowie that makes me feel old!)

What were your memories of Lowanna College?

A relaxed school with plenty of opportunities for students with various interests, whether it was sport, music, art or science. There was always something for everyone... mostly because we had to. But nevertheless...it's all there!

How do you think your experiences at Lowanna College helped you become the person you are today?

Something I appreciated from school were the teachers that took time out of their already busy days to get to know their students.

Was there anyone at Lowanna College who had a positive impact and upon reflection, influenced you to follow the path you have chosen?

My favourite teacher throughout the years there most definitely had a positive impact on me – and no doubt a lot of others. I won't spoil it for you, but I had him for Physics and Maths Methods in my VCE years.

What did you do after leaving Lowanna College, and where are you now?

After graduating, I went straight to University to study Civil and Environmental Engineering at Monash University (2010 – 2013). After 3 years of studying, I gained vacation employment at Gippsland Water and continued to work there during my final year of University.



Five years on, I'm still working at Gippsland Water where I have had a number of stints across the business - in Asset Planning and Delivery, and currently on secondment as Maintenance and Optimisation Engineer in the Water Treatment Group.

What are your greatest accomplishments (list any awards, achievements, defining moments etc.)?

An awesome achievement is being able to work locally in an industry that I love. Sounds cliché... but when you love what you do, it barely ever seems like "work".

More recently I have become an ambassador for the STEM Sisters Program which is run locally through the Baw Baw Latrobe LLEN (Local Learning and Employment Network) which aims at encouraging young women in the region in pursuing STEM (Science,

Technology, Engineering & Maths) careers. It's great to see that Lowanna College is part of this program, so I might be seeing some of you young ladies around!

What advice would you like to give any of our current Lowanna College students?

If you want something in life, you need to work hard to achieve it.

- Find your passion... even if it takes time
- Push boundaries... for self-development
- Take risks... don't be scared to give anything a go!

Anything else you'd like to include?

If there's anyone out there interested in Civil Engineering but unsure, you're welcome to have a chat with me to find out whether you think it's for you!