

LOWANNA GRADUATES

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

SAM SKINNER CLASS OF 2015

When did you attend Lowanna College?

I attended Lowanna College from 2010 until 2015.

What were your memories of Lowanna College?

I remember Lowanna being a place that I enjoyed going to each day. I remember it being a fun environment, but at the same time, a place where I was challenged to work hard academically.

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

My experiences at Lowanna College have definitely helped me become the person I am today. Being an interactive environment between teachers and students allowed me to form relationships and communicate with

people of all ages. Attending Lowanna also taught me elements of leadership. Being a leader of my House in my final year at Lowanna helped to fast-track my development as a leader.

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

I was lucky to have an array of teachers who have helped me get to where I am today. Allan Chandler was someone I could always go to, to chat about my aim to be a professional footballer. I would often talk to him about his past experiences playing in high levels of football. Elyse Rowlings was another teacher that helped me a lot, especially in my last two years of school. Elyse taught me how to work hard academically and supported me a lot



with my goal to attend University. Overall, I had many teachers influence me in one way or another and I am really thankful for that.

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

In my final year at Lowanna College I was drafted by the Brisbane Lions in the AFL draft (pick #47). Since then I have lived in Brisbane and will continue to do so. I have also started attending University and am studying a Bachelor of Education degree.

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

Debuting for the Brisbane Lions in the AFL, against the West Coast Eagles in Round 19 of the 2017 season.

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

The advice that I would give to current Lowanna students would be that it doesn't matter where you come from, what matters is how hard you are willing to work to achieve your goals.