



Alumni Profile

Melissa Smith

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Class of 1998

Completed Years 1 to 12 at TAS

Where are you now?

"I am a Special Education Teacher with Education Queensland.

The nature of my job is a teacher of children with Intellectual Impairments and Autism. I make adjustments in my classroom so my students with special needs can have access to the Australian Curriculum and a quality education."

What is your career highlight to date?

"Gaining permamcy with Education Queensland as a Special Education Teacher."

What advice would you give to young people wanting to enter a similar profession?

"If you're passionate about the cause, it won't feel like work."

What is your most memorable moment at TAS?

"Camps! Year 9 camp, 3 weeks at Tinaroo & Year 10 on the sailing boat *One and All*. Those camps definitely taught me to step out of my comfort zone and try new things."

What advice would you give to current TAS students?

Hang in there! Try not to let the pressure get to you.

Is there anything else you'd like to add that we haven't covered?

I'm on my third career...commerce, followed by flight attending and now teaching. Don't fret if you haven't got it all figured out in high school!