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Careers News

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Meeting our Alumna – Ami Mane (Class of 2013)

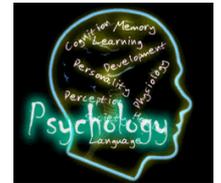
We have interviewed Ami from the class of 2013. Ami did Japanese at Open High School. She has shared her story on her learning at Open High School, her bonus points for university entry and her encounters during the gap year.

When did you start studying at Open High School?

I started studying the Japanese Continuers course in 2012.

Where are you now?

I am studying a Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) degree in Canberra at the Australian National University. I am in my first year because I took a gap year after the HSC year.



Why did you choose to do this course?

I have always been fascinated by psychology and have always wanted to study it. ANU is a great university with fantastic student life and atmosphere. I am also studying Japanese as an elective and have improved a lot in the past semester.

Did your Open High School study have any impact on your decision?

I think knowing that I could thrive in a foreign environment without people I know around me, like Open High School was initially, definitely helped my decision. I also wanted to continue studying Japanese in a tertiary institution.

How did your study at Open High help?

The reason I got into ANU was due to my **bonus points** received from my Japanese mark, so basically having studied Japanese at Open High School is the reason I got into Psychology at ANU! I am very thankful.

Did you start university straight after HSC?

No, I took a gap year. I went straight to South East Asia with one of my very close friends who also did Open High School Japanese with me, and we are now at ANU together. For my gap year I worked in Japan for 6 months first. In Niseko ski fields in an Australian bar, then in Ishigaki Club Med where my Japanese improved a lot because no one spoke English there! I finished off Japan teaching English in Tokyo for a couple of months. It was really fun teaching young Japanese kids.



What was the highlight of the gap year?

I travelled in Europe for 3 months after Japan. My highlight was definitely road tripping in Iceland for 10 days, seeing waterfalls, geysers, hot springs, fjords, volcanoes and glaciers!

Did you encounter anything difficult?

There were times when I felt like I should be learning and at university with other people my age. But looking back I definitely needed the break and got so much life experience from that year. I am glad I did not go straight to university.

What was the most worthwhile thing of the gap year experience?

Probably the amazing people I met and places I went to.

What do you plan to do in the future?

I would like to be a child psychologist or something in that department.



Will you work overseas when you graduate?

I would love to work overseas when I graduate. However, I think in the long run I will stay in Australia.

Information Day

University of Western Sydney: Parent Information Evenings

Bankstown Campus: Wednesday 22nd July

Penrith Campus: Tuesday 28th July

Parramatta Campus: Wednesday 5th August

Campbelltown Campus: Tuesday 11th August

Lithgow Campus: Tuesday 18th August

Students and their families may attend to learn about how the ATAR works and the range of university entry options available. Attendees will also learn about fees, HECS-HELP loans, and all that UWS has to offer.

http://future.uws.edu.au/future_students_home/events_at_uws/parent_information_evening

Think Education: Open Day

Australian National College of Beauty: Level 5, 235 Pyrmont Street, Pyrmont

CATC Design School: 46-52 Mountain Street, Ultimo

Billy Blue College of Design: 46-52 Mountain Street, Ultimo

APM College of Business and Communication: 1-5 Hickson Road, Sydney

William Blue College of Hospitality Management: 1-5 Hickson Road, The Rocks

Australian College of Natural Therapies: Level 5, 235 Pyrmont Street, Pyrmont

Jansen Newman Institute: Level 5, 235 Pyrmont Street, Pyrmont

Saturday 1st August, 10.00am – 2.00pm

All of Think Education's colleges will be holding an open day on the 1st of August, providing an opportunity for prospective students to learn about the colleges' courses and view the facilities.

<http://www.think.edu.au/news-and-events/115-sydney-open-day?college=THINK>

Upcoming Mental Health First Aid Courses

Standard Mental First Aid: Tuesday 11th August & Wednesday 12th August, Girraween

Youth Mental Health First Aid: Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd September, Girraween

Contact: Jenni Goodwin 0405 391 955 or jenni@jobquest.org.au or <http://www.jobquest.org.au/>

Central Queensland University: Sydney Open Day

Thursday 13th August, 2.00pm – 6.00pm, CQ University Sydney, 400 Kent St, Sydney

Explore the campus and have questions answered by staff and students.

<https://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar/event-items/graduation/sydney-open-day>

La Trobe University Open Day: Albury-Wodonga

Friday 28th August, 4.00pm – 7.00pm, 133 McKoy Street, West Wodonga

Speak to staff about study and career options and view the campus.

Contact: 1300 135 045 or <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/penday/albury-wodonga>

University of Wollongong Open Day

Saturday, 29th August, 10.00am – 2.00pm

Sydney CBD Campus, Circular Quay, Gateway Building, 1 Macquarie Place, Sydney

Attend the Sydney CBD open day and explore three levels of modern teaching facilities overlooking Circular Quay and the Sydney CBD precinct. You will have the opportunity to chat face to face with their academic staff, learn about their business course, and meet their current students and industry partners and tour of the campus. <http://www.uow.edu.au/sydney-open-day>

Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School: Open Day

Saturday 29th August, 10.00am – 1.00pm, 1 Chambers Road, Leura

An interactive hands-on day where students can view the campus with a guided tour from a current student and experience work making cocktails and café lattes.

Contact: 9307 4600 or enquiry@bluemountains.edu.au

<http://www.bluemountains.edu.au/>

City of Canterbury Library Information Sessions

Prepare for work – Job Advertisements: Thursday 3rd September, 10.30am & 12.30pm

Prepare for work – Communication Skills & Presentation: Thursday 8th October, 10.30am & 12.30pm

Prepare for work – Interview Techniques: Thursday 5th November, 10.30am & 12.30pm

<http://www.canterbury.nsw.gov.au/Library/Library-News-Events/>

UTS: HSC Facebook Live Q & As

Thursday 1st October, 6.00pm

UTS will be hosting HSC Live Q & A sessions with HSC senior markers and teachers this October. The five subjects and dates of each Live Q and A will be announced soon.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/668149343315626/>

UAC Undergraduate Admissions 2016

Applications for semester 1 2016 open: Wednesday 5th August

On-time applications close: Wednesday 30th September

<http://www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/>

Charles Sturt University: Massive Open Online Course

CSU's free online course, 'What's Uni Like?', aims to build students' pre-tertiary achievement levels and develop important university skills such as academic writing and reading, student expectations, digital literacy, and online learning.

<http://news.csu.edu.au/latest-news/education/higher-education/csu-mooc-asks-whats-uni-like>

The University of Newcastle Newstep

Newstep is a one-year pathway program between school and undergraduate study for 18-20 year olds who have completed the HSC but were not accepted into university, have experienced adverse circumstances during their senior secondary schooling, or did not complete the HSC.

Prospective students may apply for Newstep by listing Newstep as their final preference through UAC or by applying directly through the university.

<https://www.newcastle.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate-study/other-pathways-and-study-options/newstep/about-newstep>

Australian National University Campus Tours

ANU runs one-hour tours throughout the year, where an ANU student will provide first-hand information about their experiences at University and showcase the University's facilities. Tours are held Monday to Friday from 10am to 5pm, and require a minimum of three working days' notice. <http://students.anu.edu.au/events/campustours.php>

Le Cordon Bleu Campus Tours

Experience campus life at Le Cordon Bleu in a guided tour and information session, where you can learn about cuisine, cookery and hospitality.

Group or individual tours with Le Cordon Bleu can be arranged by registering your interest on their website. <http://www.lecordonbleu.com.au/sydney/booktour/en>

Scholarships and other Opportunities

Think Education: 2016 Scholarships

Think's colleges have a range of scholarships available to students who are motivated, creative, and talented in the area they want to study. Application closing dates for scholarships vary, with some scholarship applications closing as early as August.

<http://www.think.edu.au/studying-at-think/scholarships>

Australian Veteran's Children Assistance Trust Scholarships 2015

Applications open Tuesday 18th August and close Saturday 31st October

The Australian Veteran's Children Assistance Trust, provides scholarships based on need and merit to children and grandchildren of ex-serviceman or women to study at TAFE, university, or a private college. Visit www.avcat.org.au/Aboutus/OurScholarships.aspx

Dumbo Feather New Conversations Competition

Entries close Saturday 5th September

This competition is open to Australian students in years 9 and 10 to interview someone who inspires them and then tell their story in writing, a cartoon strip or video.

<http://www.dumbofeather.com/new-conversations-high-school-competition/>

Heywire Competition

Entries close Wednesday 16th September

Annual competition for young people aged 16-22 from regional Australia. Competition requires individuals to create a story about themselves and the community they live in. Stories may be in range of forms including text, video, photography and song. Winners receive an all-expenses paid trip to the Heywire Regional Youth Summit in Canberra.

<http://www.abc.net.au/heywire/competition/>

National Indigenous Women's Conference and National Indigenous Men's Conference

Monday 28th – Wednesday 30th September, Hilton Hotel, Darwin

The conferences' aim is to provide a platform for Indigenous Women and Men to celebrate their achievements in their home, family, community and workplace.

<http://www.indigenousconferences.com/>

Teach.NSW

This website is a very useful resource for current HSC students interested in becoming a teacher in the NSW public school system. As well as containing information about teaching as a career, the website provides details of a number of scholarships relevant to current year 12 students.

<http://www.teach.nsw.edu.au/>

Defence Force University Sponsorship

The Defence University Sponsorship allows students to study an accredited degree at any Australian university and graduate with a career in the Navy, Army or Air Force.

www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/universitysponsorship

Exchange or Overseas Opportunity

WEP Information Sessions

Have questions answered with a personalized and engaging information session.

Tuesday 28th July, 7.30pm – 9.00pm, Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre, Level 1, 405 Crown Street, Surry Hills

Thursday 20th August, 7.00pm – 8.30pm, Stanton Library, 234 Miller Street, North Sydney

Tuesday 20th October, 7.30pm – 9.00pm, Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre, Level 1, 405 Crown Street, Surry Hills

Monday 9th November, Stanton Library, 234 Miller Street, North Sydney

<http://wep.org.au/lets-talk/sessions/>

Choosing a Volunteering Agency Checklist

Australian Volunteers International, an independent not-for-profit organization, has developed a guide for selecting an ethical, trustworthy and safe international volunteer agency. To view their guide: <http://www.australianvolunteers.com/volunteer/resources/choosing-a-volunteering-agency/>

Go Overseas

Go Overseas is a website that allows you to find and compare overseas programs. Every organization and program has been reviewed by students who have participated in that program. There are also over 300 articles on travel available as well as customized country guides.

<http://www.gooverseas.com/>

Other Information

TSFX: HSC Study Tips

TSFX has released their study tips for a number of specific HSC subjects including Chemistry, Business Studies, and General Maths. <http://www.tsfx.com.au/hsc-study-tips/>

Career FAQs: Four Steps to Picking the Right Course

<http://www.careerfaqs.com.au/news/news-and-views/four-steps-to-picking-the-right-course/>

Benefits of Higher Education

If you're not sure about whether university is for you, visit this link to find out about some of the benefits of higher education. Click on the different areas of study to find out about some of your specific career interests. <https://www.leap.vic.edu.au/students/business/benefits-of-higher-ed>

Group Training Association of NSW & ACT Careers Guide

Group Training organisations employ more than 8,000 apprentices and trainees in NSW & ACT. The GTANA Careers Guide has information about over 500 apprenticeships and traineeships, and provides information about entry requirements, qualifications, career prospects and more.

<http://www.gtana.com.au/careers-guide/careersearch>

For career information, please contact: Ms A Lam (Careers Adviser & Chinese Teacher)
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