

The
TOMORROW GENERATION

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RAW CONVERSATIONS WITH EXTRAORDINARY KING'S ALUMNI

This book is dedicated to the dreamers, the believers, the thinkers and the achievers that stepped out of the King's tunnel and into the world.

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Psalm 139:14

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

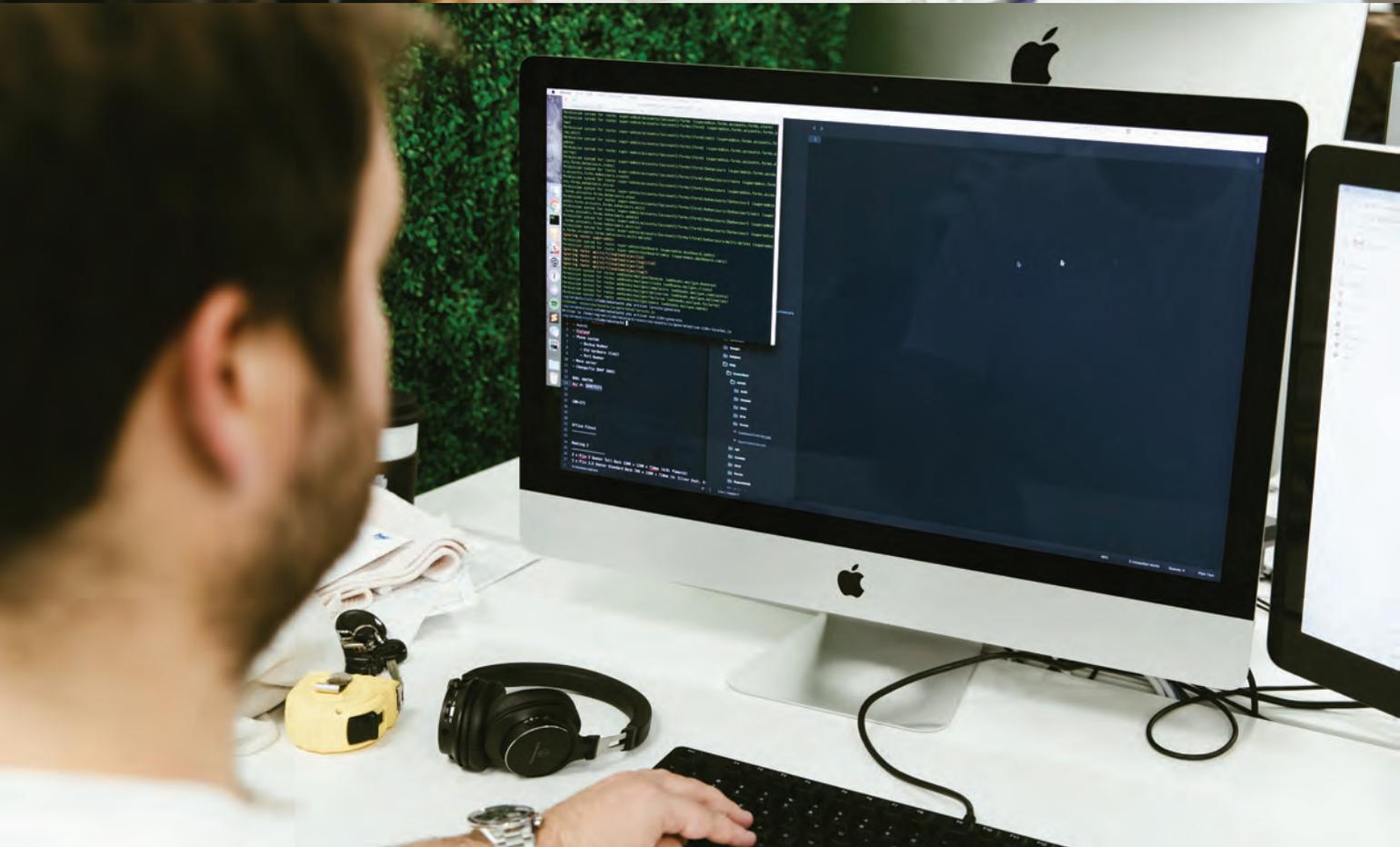
Your works are wonderful,

I know that full well.



TIM

He was destined for a career in IT from the moment he picked up a piece of Lego as a child. Now, he has made his dream a reality by founding his own IT business.



Tim Oswald studied a Bachelor of Information Technology at Bond University and a Bachelor of Aerospace Avionics Engineering at the Queensland University of Technology. In 2011, he quit his stable engineering job and founded his own unique business. Now, the business has acquired over 300 clients across Australia and New Zealand.

When I was leaving Year 12, I was one of the top two OP ranking students. Because of my academic standing, Bond University offered me a scholarship to study any three-year degree of my choice. I chose to study a Bachelor of Information Technology and I absolutely loved it.

I was always known in school for my love of computers. There was a really funny photo of me in Year 12, holding up my laptop like a goober. It was for a featured Bulletin article titled 'Destined for an IT career.' I just love building something from nothing. I love that you do not need any resources apart from your laptop and power to build something that changes the way people live.

But my love for IT started when I was young. My Dad is a current Information Design and Technology teacher and he was always building billy carts and ceramic artwork with me as a child. He just gave me that push. But I think [the dream] came from years of playing with Lego. I think that's where it stemmed from - just wanting to constantly build stuff. He always taught me not to just buy but to try and build instead.

But as I got older, I wanted to be an engineer and after I graduated my degree at Bond University, that dream was still in my system. So, I went back to University at QUT to complete a Bachelor in Aerospace Avionics Engineering. It was an electrical degree but with the focus on avionics and aircraft. It was something that interested me at the time and I knew there was going to be a lot of software involved that would help me down the track. But, and I wish I knew at the start [of my degree], there weren't a lot of design-type

roles in Avionics available when I graduated. They were really just maintenance and support roles available, as opposed to designing.

I worked for a company called Raytheon, which is a military contractor. I did some work out in Amberley Air Force Base which was incredible. But I realised very quickly that it was very much a support role and I was going to be digging through documents each day. I remember filtering through PDF documents that were over 20,000 pages long. It just wasn't me.

So, while I was working at Raytheon, I was going home at lunch and working on creating my own business. I worked really late, got up really early, went to work and came home on my break to work on my own business work. This routine consumed my life and it was not sustainable. I knew that I did not endure six years of University to sit in a job I hate. It just wasn't enough for me. I was just doing the same thing every day. I thought 'this is not me, I cannot grow up and be this.'

Two days later I quit. I even remember where I was standing in the room when I had the conversation with them. I suppose I had been doing both jobs in parallel, and I knew there was potentially a future in both, but one just made so much more sense to me and my future plans.

I knew I needed to choose one or the other. I decided I was much more passionate about my personal IT projects and that I could efficiently be my own boss and choose my own hours. Which, at first, was double the weekly hours I was working in my stable job. I was constantly on my computer, right from waking up early until bedtime at 3am. Really - I was just behind the computer for the majority of my day, but I loved it. I never looked back.

I was just working out of my bedroom from home when Rees Davis, the Principal [at King's Christian College] called me and mentioned an opportunity to develop an App for the College.



He asked me, ‘Do you have any experience doing something like this?’ And I said, ‘nope, but I’m willing to learn!’ And that was that.

They gave me the initial brief about what he wanted it to do and I built the initial version, and the second version after that. That caused a domino effect and schools up in Brisbane caught wind of what we were creating and wanted something similar. I started building relationships with them and visiting them. I was doing the connecting, the selling and the cold calling. But I realised that I couldn’t play both roles. I couldn’t do the innovating and the selling of the product.

So, I reached out to an acquaintance, Chris Lang, who was an absolute gun salesman. He was a hunter and continuously sought work. I sat down

with him and asked if he wanted to be involved. He was on board and ended up doing the cold-calling on his lunch breaks; exactly what I had been doing in the months prior. Six months after that, we hired a designer and a senior developer. And then we hired Nathan Westerlaken, a past student of King’s. He was an amazing young man in school who had a different, unique way of thinking. He constantly wanted to learn and innovate, and I loved that. Half the people I employ are all self-taught and have gained experience from life. I think if you have an attitude that loves to learn, you’ll always make it work. A love for learning is always attractive to an employer. In a company our size, we’re all expected to wear lots of different hats. We don’t have to be brilliant at every single role, but we’re all expected to want to learn.



It has been an interesting journey so far. Because I'm taking new ground and navigating a path that no one has walked before, I don't really have a rulebook to follow. I don't have mentors or friends who have walked the exact same journey that I have. I'm just trying to fumble my way through this journey and make things work. I sometimes make mistakes that are critical but at the same time, I also think of solutions that no one has ever thought of before, which is really rewarding.

The best way to achieve success is to think about the dream lifestyle you want to live and the ideal work life balance you want to have with your family. Find what you're passionate about and what you could see yourself being passionate about long-term, and then work backwards. Picture your life and then work out what steps you need to take to make it a reality. Carry an attitude that always wants to learn new skills and that will take you further than you could ever believe.



TAHNI

*Tahni Baker graduated in 2012 and completed her Bachelor of Nursing at Griffith University.
She then relocated to Western Australia to gain experience in the nursing field before
moving across the world.*





M: Hey Tahni! Talk to me about your global adventures! So you started out in Western Australia. What was your next step?

T: I went to Western Australia for a year and then travelled around Europe for four months . There were just so many regions to explore and everything was so different. I went to New York for New Years Eve, which was beyond amazing. We were in Times Square for the ball drop, but not close enough to see it. The atmosphere was incredible and once you have secured your place in the line to see the ball drop, you literally cannot leave at all. You cannot even go to the bathroom or get food, for twelve hours! It would have been cool [to do that] but it was just crazy.

M: That is insane! So after New York, you made the move to London. Talk to me about how this came about!

T: After New York, I went home and went back to Kalgoorlie for another year to work on the Medical board; I really enjoyed that. When I was there, I was

getting my paperwork together to move to the UK to work in London in a hospital. I lived in London for two years during 2016-2018. I loved it. Those two years were the best, but hardest years of my life. London is amazing, I can't describe it. I think going to a new country was quite intense, and the healthcare system [over there] is pretty crazy, too.

M: So back in school, did you always have a dream of being a nurse?

T: Haha, no! My Mum worked in childcare while I was in school, so I thought, 'I want to work in childcare!' During Year 11 and 12 I did my Certificate 3 in Childcare. I wasn't planning on doing OP in Year 12 because I was set on not going to University. But then Ms Butler, one of my teachers, challenged me to consider becoming a Paediatric Nurse. I never, ever thought of doing nursing at all. I would never have thought that it was something I was capable of doing. So, I ended up studying for my OP and was accepted into Nursing at Griffith. If Ms Butler hadn't said anything, I would probably still be in childcare.




TheAlfred



M: Wow! So you went from being absolutely certain you don't need an OP, to being accepted into University. What was University like?

I was able to do a University placement overseas in Laos for three weeks. We set up Health Care Clinics in little villages. The Philippines Missions Trip, that I went on during Year 12 at school, really prepared me for it. I knew what to expect. But going in with a nursing background was extra intense; just seeing people with conditions that are just so easily treated, but they don't have access to, was quite devastating.

M: That would have been really confronting and challenging. Did that experience spark a fire in you to do nursing for change?

Yeah, I mean, I always wanted to [work in a third world country], so I spent my years preparing my skills. But after working in the UK and experiencing how underfunded the National Health Service is, I realised how vital and how in demand a stable system is. I would eventually love to do something to fill that gap, like development or mentoring. I loved who I worked with; they were just the most amazing team that I have ever worked with.

M: That is very, very interesting. You are so well experienced and well travelled – you must have such clarity and perspective on the world! For those still in school, do you have any wisdom or thoughts to share?

If I had advice to give to current students, I think definitely get out, travel and see the world. Because your career will always be there; you will always be able to go back to study and start a family, but if you can travel and see everything, you make decisions with a new perspective. It's always exciting to see the world.

But at the same time, enjoy school. I know when you're there you just think, 'ugh, I can't wait to finish school!' But honestly, you'll never get that time again. It is such a great environment. I mean, seeing your friends everyday all day? Amazing.



BEN IRWIN

*Meet the Class of 2000 Graduate who set out to fulfil his dream
of travelling to 80 countries by 80 years of age.*



When I was graduating in the Year 2000, I was set on going to university. I was already accepted at Griffith to study a Bachelor of International Business. But then the school had a day where they invited five Alumni to speak about what they were doing outside of school. Of those five that said they had gone on to university straight away, four of them said, knowing what they knew now, they wished they had taken a year off and travelled.

So I went home and shocked my Mum and said 'I'm not going to university next year.' She was shocked and said, 'What do you mean, you're already going! You've been accepted!' But I deferred and took the year off.

I worked the first half of the year [straight after school] and was paid by working at McDonalds. I used that money to buy my ticket to America to run a Summer Camp. It was a really great experience. It was in Connecticut, in a wealthy summer camp. Judge Judy's grandkids were there, movie producers had their kids there, the 'Fonz' from Happy Days had his grandkids there.... so, these people were insanely famous.

I was paid a little for doing the Summer Camp, so I used that money to do a tour across the U.S afterwards. I started in New York and drove to San Francisco. It was the Year 2001. I climbed the World Trade Centre nine days before it came down. That was scary. I remember the day I was there, looking up the side of the building and just thinking, 'Man. These buildings are huge.' It was a confronting thought when they came down.

From there, I came back to Australia. I made a promise to my parents that I'd go back to university. I had to sit through that for three years, which was great, I actually loved it. I completed my Bachelor of International Business.

But then I watched a movie called Around the World in 80 days. It's about some guys that travel around the world in a hot air balloon. I'm 18 years old, and here I am thinking 'by the time I'm 80, I hope to get to 80 different countries.' And so, this became a dream in the back of my mind.

I thought, 'I want to travel some more, but who will pay me?' So I applied for a job with cruise line, Royal Caribbean. Six weeks later I was working in the Caribbean. It was an amazing experience to wake up every day and I'm in a different country. I made friends who became family from all over the world. I was running the kids program, which wasn't really my calling, but because I had been a youth leader at King's, they just said 'you've worked with kids, so how about it?'

I did that for three and a half years. I started ticking off a couple of countries by being on the ship - about twenty or thirty different countries. By the end of that stage of my life, I thought 'you know what? I want to do something with my career right now.'

And so, I came back to Australia. I had always loved the idea of finance and my brain crunches numbers like you wouldn't believe, so I applied for a role in Suncorp Bank. I started as a teller, and within two years, I was branch manager. It was hard work, but I did very well. I was a branch manager for two years, and then an opportunity came up that was much of a God moment.

Someone in the commercial part of the bank saw my results and interviewed me to see if I wanted to make the jump to commercial. It was a lot more of an intellectually demanding and stimulating job. I mean, I spoke with high profile clients that manage hundreds of millions of dollars. I was learning more from them than they were from me. The last year I was working for them, I was number one on the Gold Coast, number three in Queensland and number six in the whole of Australia for my position. It was definitely God. I was only 28 at the time. I worked hard but a lot of it was that God opened doors and made things happen.

That was a really cool time in my life. I was seeing a girl at that time and she was a lawyer. When her boss gave her an opportunity for time off, we both just wanted to use it to travel somewhere. And so, we went to South America for four months. I loved it. We went to Brazil for Carnival, trekked Machu Picchu, went to South American football games...



anything you dream of doing in South America, we did it. But for me to go to South America, I had to resign from my commercial banking role.

When I came back from South America, I was at a stage where I just wanted to travel some more. I had some money saved, a dream to travel to 80 countries by 80, and by the time I finished work, I had been to about 45-50 countries. And I thought I'd travel some more.

One of my friends, who I met on the cruise ship, called me up and offered me a job running events for school graduates in the Dominican Republic. I did that for a month in 2017 last year and I got back to Australia thinking, 'yep, that's my travel done!' But then the company ended up calling me back and asked me to do another six weeks...and so, I packed all my stuff within a two week time frame and off I went again.

After that, I knew I had friends in Europe and I knew it was an opportunity to tick off more countries.

That just snowballed. I ended up doing all of Western Europe and Scandinavia. I have friends from the Cruise Ship all over the world, so I have a place to stay in all cities in the world. I ended up ticking off all these countries and I was getting closer to completing the goal. It was closely becoming a reality.

But travelling can go for so long. It takes its toll. I have been travelling for almost two years, but while I'm very fascinated by the things I see, cultures I experience and foods I taste, I don't just go to these places just to tick it off. Most countries I've been to, I've spent a week in each of them. I immerse myself in the culture.

Australia doesn't experience poverty like some of the places I've experienced, it doesn't experience winter like some of the places I've been to, it doesn't experience traffic like some of the places I've been to; and so, all these different things just change your life views on the way things could be done. It's quite exciting, and other times it's heartbreaking. And I found that on my last trip.













I ended up coming back to Australia at the start of this year [2018]. I was at 77 countries ticked off; three short of my goal. And I wasn't disappointed, because I knew I would come home and finish it at some point in my life. I came home, but a really good friend of mine who lived in India called me to tell me he is getting married.

I thought, 'if I'm going to leave Australia again, I may as well try and tick off those last three on my list.' So I went to Bangladesh, Myanmar and Philippines to achieve my 80 back in March. That was one of the most interesting trips I've taken. I've been to India before, but it is always a shock to your senses. There is so much going on and people everywhere.

But then I went to Bangladesh. At first, all your senses scream 'this place is unsafe.' The Australian travel website says **DO NOT GO THERE** and if you need to go there, travel with a security force. I

thought 'nah, I'll be fine. I'll just slip into the country and have a look around.'

But I got there and there are people there instructing me to book a Government Sanctioned taxi so they can track my movements in case of kidnapping and attacks. I had never experienced this type of thing before. I got to my hotel and it was exactly like the movies with bank vaults with steel cages with a huge dial. I pull up to my hotel and it had two lots of caged doors with armed security guards. And this is the perception someone can get of somewhere, like, 'oh, maybe I shouldn't be here.'

Bangladesh is the most highly and densely populated country with more than ten million people in it. I think it has roughly 180 million people living in a space the size of two-thirds of Victoria. It is people everywhere, every day and all night. There are so many problems with pollution.

I actually got a chest infection from just breathing the air. You can physically see the dirt and pollution in the air.

But you know what? The people are beautiful.

Two guys approached me at a Cricket game and befriended me. They wanted to buy me my food and drinks and here I am thinking, I have more money than you'll ever have and you want to bless me? And then even afterwards, they asked me if I had dinner as they wanted to take me to dinner. I insisted on paying, but they told the waiter not to accept my money. And I'm like, 'how is this? Maybe this is a one off.'

But then the next night, this guy came up to me randomly in a restaurant to have a chat. And he said, "Can you come and be our guest speaker at a banquet with my friends tonight?" And then he showed me around the city for half the day. We arrived at this restaurant with all of his friends and I was a guest of honour. I was thinking, 'This isn't the Bangladesh that I was expecting or that I had been told of.' And sure, it's not perfect. But, it was an amazing place, even though quite difficult in some places.

But the leading challenge there is with the refugees from Myanmar who are flooding across the border. That broke my heart. I went there and there are millions of people living in poverty. I went to this refugee camp and paid a driver to take me there. There are military checkpoints but because there are so many people from the UN running about, and I didn't have a huge fancy camera, the military waved me through. So I went there and I took some soccer balls. I was thinking, 'How can I give back here?'

I came across a field where there were fifteen or twenty kids playing and I walked up to the eldest girl there with seven soccer balls in a bag, and I gave one to this girl to gesture to play with the other kids. All of sudden, all the kids mobbed me screaming 'Ball! Ball! Ball!' And I'm like, 'no, no, no! I'm meant to give it to multiple kids!' All of a sudden, the bag was ripped open and all the balls disappeared within ten seconds.

Moments after, I just reflected on what happened. It wasn't just kids - mothers came running over, pulling at my clothes and I didn't have anything left.











It was actual desperation. These people have nothing. They want whatever they can get or they die. So I walked around the slums of the Refugee Camp where they were living for about 45 minutes. Afterwards, I walked out and thought, 'I wonder how big this refugee camp is?'

So I took out my drone to have a look.

Four families live in each house, which is between 25-30 people. Travelling has completely transformed my compassion for people.

When I was walking around the inside of this Refugee Camp, I come across this little girl. She is maybe eighteen months old. Half of the kids running around inside don't have any clothes. Some are wearing t-shirts, some are just in shorts. They don't have much at all. This little girl is walking down this dirt road just crying. I'm looking around and there are no parents, nothing. It's just this little girl crying by herself.

She falls down, without any pants, and collapses into the dirt. I walk over to her and pull some faces at her and she stops crying. But then I'm waiting with her for her parents and nothing. Then it dawned on me...no one actually cares for the people in here. It was heartbreaking because I had to walk away. And because of that, there is so many problems with disease, sexual abuse of children, prostitution because the women have nothing so they're doing anything to make money for food...it's horrific circumstances.

I know some people who travel so they can post on Facebook and say 'my life is fantastic! And you're stuck at work!' I never wanted that. God has definitely blessed me with opportunities to travel and do these kind of things. The season I'm coming back to now is I want to go into business for myself in a tourism type role, just from some of the things I've experienced, seen and done. But I'm still just waiting on God to hear for his go. That's me in a long nutshell.

The experiences you have along the way can turn a heartbreaking situation into a heart warming situation. I always ask the Lord for an opportunity,

not to share with someone, but to simply help someone. I ask the Lord for an opportunity to change someone's life, even if it's just for an instant.

It is amazing how many times that opportunity comes. Something as simple as pulling someone off the street and buying them a meal and as you leave, just saying 'Jesus really loves you.' You get more reward from giving than receiving.

That's why I took the soccer balls.

When I was in the Philippines, there was a little boy who was six years old, squatting on the side of the road, completely naked. Cars were going past and just ignoring him. I knew there was a slum behind the back of the road and I'm thinking, 'how is it, that there is a child at that stage of his life when he should be making friends and growing up, and he is naked, outside, in full view?'

In the Philippines, all excess op-shop clothes from Western Countries end up in huge shops full of rummage bins, where you can buy clothes for as little as 50 cents. And I just thought, 'how is it that a kid can grow up in this world without clothes? How is it that his family need to fight to provide food for the table and clothes are less of a necessity?'

So I walked down the road until I found one of the shops and I bought a bunch of clothes and walked back to him. But, he was gone. I was gutted, because I thought I had been given an opportunity to change this child's life a little bit- just for that moment. I was intent not to give up. I walked back to a little corner store and asked if anyone spoke English. One of the customers came forward and was the only one that could speak a few words of English. I explained the story of the child up the road and the customer explained it to the shopkeeper.

All of a sudden, someone in the shop runs out into the slum area. The shopkeeper explained that they knew who the child is and they were going to fetch him. They went and got this kid, and I was actually able to dress him. His smile was...unexplainable. For as much as I can see and do while I travel, it's these moments that I love.





“I know that as a whole, I can’t change the world, but I know I can change the world for one person. I look for those situations when I travel and I find them much more rewarding than taking a photo of the Eiffel Tower.”

For a kid of this age to be hanging out on the street, it just broke my heart and made me ask the question, 'why?'

I'm still yet to figure out how all of this fits together. I don't like thinking of it in a selfish way. I have always said that I don't think ministry is a part of my life but it is something in the back of my mind. I know that all of these experiences, up until now, are leading to something bigger. It's exciting to see what is going to come of it. Scary, though.

Once a child gets to the end of their school life, they don't know what they want to do. They know they're told to go to university, but to study what? What you think you know and like back then, may be so different to what you end up doing. I was always of the belief that you go to school, study hard, get a job and hopefully, if you work hard and save for 65 years, THEN you can retire and see the world. I bought into that 100%. When I was doing commercial banking, I remember thinking, 'yep, this is what I was born to do!'

But, I had this complete change of heart and meeting people from all different countries makes it so clear that people don't know what they want to do when they leave school, even into their mid-30s.

I remember that day in school so clearly - where the past-students returned. That was quite literally the turning point of my life. I honestly never knew I had a different option. I just thought you go from school straight to university and that is it.



**“My eyes have been opened so much more.
There is so much more to live for than ourselves.”**







CHELSEA VESPERMAN

*Unsure of what path to take after graduating Year 12,
Chelsea decided to let her passions lead the way.*





Set Apart Social was founded by Chelsea Vesperman (Class of 2015) just two years after walking out of the King's Tunnel. She always knew she was born to live a unique life, but she never dreamed of creating content for International Companies.

Set Apart Social is a social media marketing hub, including social media management, content creation, photography and videography. It was born out of my love for coffee, that's it! Everyone would always laugh because I was posting so many photos of food and cafes on my social media, so I started a separate Instagram account dedicated to those particular photographs. I have no idea how, but the account started getting traction and gaining momentum. A few months after I created the account, I had cafes messaging me asking me to take photos for their businesses. It basically came out of nowhere and I have no idea how it happened. I spent a year just building relationships with business owners and I made sure that I was at every cafe opening, every event and every celebration.

Soon enough, I landed a great Marketing position that paid really well and had a great environment. I learnt how to direct advertising campaigns and how to put my knowledge into practice. A few months into the job, I had finished work and was driving home when God spoke to me and told me to quit my job. I sat outside my house for 20 minutes just trying to process what I had heard. It made zero sense. At the time, I was only doing one shoot a fortnight for my business and I just knew I couldn't survive on that kind of work. And then again, I heard the words to quit. I called my boss and explained that I really felt I needed to go full-time with my business and in complete surprise, he completely supported me.

When I left, I decided to rebrand my business to Set Apart Social. I had the name for over two years written in my phone and I had no idea what it was for. Over the months prior to quitting my job, the name 'Set Apart' just started popping

up everywhere. After I changed the name, I started getting huge clients out of nowhere. I had a Christian business owner who owns two gigantic coffee roasters ask me to run his Social Media. I have had The Star Gold Coast, Intercontinental Hotels and Blackboard Coffee as clients. I never would have imagined this.

I have always known that I was called to live a different life. I always struggled to flourish in consistent rhythm. Whenever I told people of the lifestyle I desired, I was always presented with negative comments like 'you know that 70% of businesses fail in the first 2 years? Do you really know if you'll make it?' I was continuously told that it was an unconventional and risky way of thinking. I felt so deflated, but my teachers at King's were instrumental in directing me onto the right path.

I was really great at Legal Studies. Mrs Middleton always pushed me beyond limits and her teaching methods made me love anything Legal related. So, in Year 12, I completed the student for a semester program at Bond University, studying law. I did so well that they offered me a full-time position to study a law degree when I graduated Year 12. But whilst I loved studying law, I couldn't see myself doing it for a long-term job. My parents always wanted me to choose the stable lifestyle that a career in law provided, but I never felt peace sitting in the lectures at University. It didn't feel right.

I was torn between studying a Law Degree at Bond University or choosing another path that matched my internal dreams. So, to help me clarify my future, my Business and Legal Studies teachers, Mrs Middleton and Mrs Batt, intentionally gave me tasks and challenging work to slowly draw out my passions and help me realise what direction to take.

If I didn't study Business at school, I genuinely don't think I would be running my business today. Creating business plans, learning accounting and perfecting communication skills all seems irrelevant while you're in school, but they're the very skills that I wouldn't know if I didn't study







them at King's. I was the person that would muck around in class but now, looking back, I am so thankful that I could study those particular skills and that my teachers recognised my potential.

If it weren't for them, there is no way I would be doing what I'm doing today. When I shared my dreams for the future, their first response was 'why wait? Just start.' They never made me feel like I was unqualified or incapable.

I honestly think King's taught me so much of what I know now. Now that I'm dealing with so many clients on a daily basis, it is so clear to me that my life at King's has made me have confidence in who I am and who I'm called to be. Throughout school, I was always taught that it doesn't matter if you're 45 or 15, if you can put in the hard work, you can do what you dream of doing. I heard the scripture 1 Timothy 4:12 for the first time during school and I have held on

to it ever since. I never knew why it resonated with me so much until now, and it has been on my heart ever since I heard it for the first time.

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

Sometimes, I have had to make it really clear to clients that just because I'm young, that doesn't mean I'm inexperienced. I could be 40 with the same skill set and they wouldn't bat an eye. But I feel like the next generation coming through are so innovative and creative, that people aren't sure how to respond. But age has never been something that has affected me because I knew that God was with me every single step. People will always look at me and say, 'what do you mean? You own your own business? You're so young!'





I just look back and I can't explain it. It just had to be God orchestrating every move. I never went out looking for this kind of work. Whilst I always knew that I wouldn't work a 9-5 job, I didn't know what that looked like. When I quit my job, I was just being obedient to His voice but honestly, I had no idea what I was doing. I was scared. I had bills to pay and responsibilities to meet. But I know now that God has been in this whole thing since the beginning.

I remember being so stressed in Senior years because I wasn't sure what path was right for me. But if you have an interest, no matter how small, take a leap and pursue it. If you love anything creative, try and study a creative subject. If you

love strategizing and feel like you'd love to start your own business one day, study a business subject while you can. Study a subject because you have an interest, or because you identify that it will teach you skills for the future.

Your job title does not define you, and that is something I've had to learn the hard way. Yes, I do Social Media, but that's not who I am. If my character isn't evident in what I do, then it's irrelevant to me. I have learnt that I cannot let what I know get in the way of who I am and the relationships that I could form along the way. People don't buy into what I do, but why I do it. For me, if I can help someone in any way or form, then I've done my job in this world.



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