

Creativity Shines



Who would imagine that a teenager heading into Year 11 would soon be starring in a big screen blockbuster?

Like most students, Term 1 of 2012 saw **Courtney Eaton (13)** working to balance a variety of commitments. With school work, artistic pursuits, sport and a bit of modelling in her spare time, life was busy for this sociable young teenager. The fact that she had been named as the inaugural South West Face of Fashion in 2010 possibly gave a hint of things to come.

Things can change quickly. Before we knew it Courtney had been cast as 'Fragile,' the fifth wife in *Mad Max: Fury Road* and she was on set in remote Namibia for a gruelling six month film shoot. Taking it in her stride, Courtney then returned to Australia and immediately moved to Sydney

to pursue her modelling career; travelling the world to work in amazing locations including Tahiti, the Maldives and Paris. Soon Courtney was on set for her second film, *Gods of Egypt* in a lead role alongside Gerard Butler.

With *Mad Max* in cinemas from 15 May 2015 and *Gods of Egypt* due for release in February 2016, Courtney is now living in Los Angeles concentrating on upcoming auditions and press for her current films. Not surprisingly, *Mad Max* has been a keystone for Courtney but there is much more to this creative young woman.

"Mad Max was definitely a turning point for my career. It is something I'm very proud to be a part of. I've been lucky enough to travel the world and work with some incredibly talented people in both the film and modelling industries." Courtney loves the art of acting and the creative freedom it provides. However, she considers

her most significant achievement so far to be leaving home and moving abroad by herself.

"Working full time and moving out of home at 16 or 17 was a big step for me," she said.

Bunbury Grammar School's sense of community and 'family vibe' were strong influences on Courtney and she loves that she made 'friends-for-life' right from Primary School. Courtney's dad is also a great inspiration to her; *"Dad has instilled a great work ethic in me, he taught me to be kind and treat others with respect. He's a great man; I don't give him enough credit"*.

For the future Courtney aims to keep doing something that she loves, whether that be acting or something completely random - like becoming a pilot!

"As long as I enjoy what I do then I'll be happy."

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