



Educating leaders of the future

Amy McDermott (O6) aims to create positive social change in Australia through education.

Since graduating from Bunbury Grammar, Amy chose to leave her medical studies to become a teacher and has loved every second of it. She is most proud of having the guts to quit Medicine and pursue a career she is truly passionate about.

In 2017, Amy was awarded a Westpac Future Leaders Scholarship, allowing her to pursue further studies in the field of education policy at the University of Western Australia.

As part of her scholarship, Amy has also been able to study education philosophy in London, undertake an internship at a policy think tank in Melbourne, teach in Fitzroy Crossing and will head to Finland later in the year to learn more about their education system.

“It has been such an amazing opportunity for me to both pursue my interest in educational policy whilst developing a network of supportive fellow scholars from around Australia.”

Amy is proactively working towards developing a more equitable education system that enables every child in Australia to be *“the beneficiary of a high standard, holistic, values-inclusive education delivered by passionate, high calibre educators.”*

“I’ve taught at various institutions, including a nature-based primary school that works with students whose factors made functioning within the mainstream Western Australian education system challenging.”

Amy considers her education at Bunbury Grammar to be overwhelmingly positive with such a supportive culture, which she believes every child should have access to. *“If all Australian*

teenagers had such a positive schooling experience with the support of such high-quality educators, the world would be a better place.”

Amy is a big believer in the Jim Rohn adage that you are the average of the five people you spend most of your time with and says her friends and family have always been her largest influences and inspirations.

“My friends from school turned out to be fabulously positive influences. If you look at what everyone is doing now, my story is rather unremarkable.”

In Amy’s spare time, she volunteers as the Secretary of the Victoria Park Rotary Club, facilitates the Rotary Youth Program for Enrichment, is a skydiving instructor and hangs with her dog, Ferris Bueller.

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