

GRAMMAR

Romance

Elizabeth Guelfi (nee Stacey, 06) met Aaron Guelfi (07) in the Boarding grounds at Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School. They have now returned to Aaron's hometown of Newdegate to start their family and the transition to taking over the Guelfi farm.

"Boarding at Bunbury Grammar was one of the best experiences growing up," Liz said. "I made lifelong friends, one of whom I have been fortunate to marry, and received an excellent education."

Like many of the Boarding students, past and present, Liz enjoyed being able to go to the beach, and the interactions with students who came from other country towns.

"The day students were country kids as well, so it really felt like there was no segregation between day and boarding students, and it was easy to develop friendships as you all came from a similar background."

For Aaron, his memories and experiences of Boarding were similar. *"I really enjoyed being able to mingle with other year groups and the atmosphere in Boarding was really great."*

While Aaron completed his last year at the School, Liz completed

a gap year working at the National Australia Bank, which helped her to decide on her future career.

"I completed a Commerce Degree at Curtin University and started working in AgriBusiness around regional Western Australia."

Aaron completed Year 12 and then did his apprenticeship as a boiler maker in Bunbury.

"It was great to complete my work experience and early training while at School. I was able to work with several Bunbury businesses, and it made it easier to decide where to complete my apprenticeship when I graduated."

Elizabeth and Aaron's experiences of living and working apart were hard, but then they moved to Darwin for a year.

"We knew we would eventually return to the farm, so we wanted to experience a different life and further develop our professional skills before we moved back," said Aaron.

After a year in Darwin, they returned to the South West to

get married, before returning to Newdegate in 2014. For both of them, the arrival of their son Joshua in 2017 was one of their greatest achievements.

"It has been lovely to be settled here in Newdegate," said Liz.

"While at School, I didn't necessarily think I would end up living back in a country town, however, once I met Aaron, that move was always on the cards."

"I am enjoying being part of the community and couldn't think of anywhere better to raise a family. This year I was the Treasurer of the Newdegate Machinery Farm Days, which was a bit daunting, but a wonderful experience."

Aaron is also following in his parents' footsteps and has joined the local Volunteer Ambulance substation, as well as contributing his time as part of the community cropping program.

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