

WHS ALUMNI Q&A



WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO SINCE GRADUATING FROM WHS?

It hasn't been too long since we were marching the halls of Winmalee High. Though since we wrapped up our six years of schooling. You may have seen that I was lucky enough to perform at the Opera House for ENCORE last year with a number of the Winmalee High CAPA Team, as well as OnSTAGE alongside other '23 Winmalee alumni Reggie, Ryan & Max. Professionally I'm lucky enough to be pursuing one of my passions in photography and video media being Head of Digital Content with Athletics New South Wales. This has now also given me the chance to open my own video and media business to help other businesses/sports teams/groups in the local area. On top of being able to pursue my creativity for work I've also been able to stay local and be a part of a few Blue Mountains Musical Society productions including Catch Me If You Can last year playing agent Branton and soon to be a part of their production of Sweet Charity in July.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVOURITE MEMORIES FROM YOUR TIME AT WHS?

It would be sacrilegious of me to not say the 3 school musicals I got to be a part of! particularly my first production (Little Shop of Horrors 2019) and my final production (Matilda 2023) but shoutout to Wizard of Oz! Both for completely opposite reasons. Little Shop was overall such a great chance at dipping my foot into the pond that would eventually become such a massive part of my life. And my final production, Matilda not only gave me the opportunity to perform at ENCORE in 2024 but had such a close team that by the end of production became a family! It was also a privilege to watch, and mentor the incredible younger talent that we had and still have at the school and hopefully have made an impact into who they are as performers.

HOW DID YOUR TIME AT WHS INFLUENCE OR HELP YOU DISCOVER YOUR PASSIONS AND INTERESTS?

Being a part of the community and having the incredible teachers from music to drama to art even doing the seemingly bare minimum in business (Sorry Ms Redfern) and being given the opportunities that when we had, has influenced just about everything that I've been able to discover and explore within my creativity and my overall passion for life.

DO YOU HAVE AN BUSINESS INSTAGRAM OR WEBSITE THAT YOU WOULD BE HAPPY FOR US TO SHARE?

If you have any potential businesses or events you need some video/photo content or want to follow along my media adventures feel free to follow me @jfitzmedia on Insta or just my personal page on Facebook.

WHAT EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES WERE YOU INVOLVED IN AT SCHOOL?

Shockily my extracurriculars were mostly being a part of the school's vocal group and vocal ensembles as well as in the early days the junior drama ensemble and more than likely any other extra things that involved a stage or a screen. Also sneakily was a part of the debating team in years seven and eight.

WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKES OUR SCHOOL SPECIAL?

In my time at WHS I was lucky enough to be a part of many different events but beyond all the lights and more monumental moments Winmalee High is a place that whilst not perfect because no place is, is an environment where passions are nurtured and you can feel the genuine care and natural zest for life around every corner.

