

My Journey to Holmesglen

Holmesglen Institute's Sport Media degree is third time the charm for our newest contributor **James Maxwell**. But he's now found his calling. This is his journey.



James and his team
United Consultants
meeting with VAFA
Fitzroy Football Club

Do you see the photo up there of the first graduating Holmesglen Sports Media students?

Well, that could have been me. Hindsight is a wonderful thing.

Let's go back to 2012, I was in Year 11, struggling to stay focused and be successful in my learning. I knew in the back of my mind that Year 12 wouldn't go well because I simply wasn't interested; this prompted me to leave high school.

In 2013 I enrolled at the SEDA Talented Player Program to start my Certificate 4 in Sport Development based at Melbourne University. The move was fantastic; I enjoyed the experience and learned a lot of useful life skills.

At the end of 2014, I had finished my Diploma and was awaiting to hear back from various universities to start the next phase of my life. I eventually heard back and it came down to two courses, Bachelor of Sports Media at Holmesglen or Sports Management at Deakin. Unfortunately, I chose the latter.

In 2015 I chose Deakin because my goal was to get into primary school teaching at another university, so I thought after six months in the course I would transfer into teaching.

This didn't eventuate, resulting in starting semester two at Deakin, something I didn't want to do.

About two weeks into the semester, I decided to pull out. I didn't have any motivation or the want to continue and I wasn't prepared to do something I wasn't happy doing.

This prompted me to enter the big wide world of full time work and get a job to earn some income to tide me over. I found a job at a timber

company working the Internal Sales, something I will always regret. About two weeks into the job, Swinburne Online contacted me saying I would be able to join their course. I quit my job and started my next course, the one I thought I was destined to stick with.

This wasn't the case.

Fast forward to semester two of 2016, I was seriously not enjoying my time at Swinburne so I applied for Sports Media at Holmesglen. I was contacted during orientation week, finalised my enrolment and I was in the course, my third change in as many years.

But since I started the Sports Media course, I haven't looked back.

My girlfriend constantly tells me that when I speak to her about what I have learnt each day, she can tell I am in love with what I am doing.

She isn't wrong.

Transferring into the course at Holmesglen has been the best decision I have made. The work we do throughout the semester is fantastic, the relationships you build with your peers but also your lecturer's are second to none. You wouldn't be able to have the interaction you have with your teachers in any other university course, it is really quite rewarding.

I reflect back to one key decision I made, leaving Year 11 for SEDA. I think and realise that if I stayed in high school and chose Sports Media after year 12, I could have been a part of the graduation ceremony just been.

Hindsight is a wonderful thing. Although I won't live with regret, I will put that in the back of my mind and let it spur me on to finish in two years' time.

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