

SYLVIA WONG

My Story



Hi!

My name is Sylvia, I have completed Year 12 last year in Gladstone Park Secondary College. I have to admit that Year 12 was a very difficult time but it also can be a lot of fun. I did not lock myself in the room 24/7 to study and that is definitely not what you have to do to get a high score. I had other commitments in Year 12 other than VCE, like I was the School Captain, a member of the school council and a member of a musical band. However in saying that, I did have to give up my part time job in Year 12.

One thing you all need to know is you have to be prepared to give up things for more study time, for example maybe attend fewer parties. As much as you will hear about people saying the score really doesn't matter, it's just a number, people will forget about it soon, I think it is still an important score. In 20 years' time, you are not going to remember that Jami's party you didn't attend, but you will regret not trying hard enough in Year 12.

It was not long ago I was one of you guys sitting in the audience, trying to do everything I can to maximise that one number you get at the end of the year. One of the most difficult things I found in Year 12 was to keep myself motivated. I don't know if you guys have an idea of what you will do after you have finish Year 12, but I certainly didn't. When you don't have goal, or a place you want to get to, it is very easy to lose focus on your studies during this stressful period. If there is one tip I want to give you guys today, that is to find a goal. A goal that you know will keep you up and motivated throughout the year. For some of you guys, it may be that atar cut-off to let you into your dream course, which is great. But for those like me, who still have no clue what to do next year, find something else as a motivator.

My siblings were all very bright Year 12 students who finished VCE with high 90's atar score. They became my motivator, to try hard. If that's not enough, I hung around friends who did similar subjects to me, who were dedicated to school and serious about their work. They became a great help and great motivators for me as we constantly challenged one another to do better. And what is the best? We all ended in the higher end of the ranking. I can honestly say that I will not have gotten the ATAR score I got at the end of last year if I hadn't met these guys. So hang around with people who will bring you up.

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Last, but not least, probably the greatest help came from TSFX. One of the greatest things about TSFX are their carefully written notes for each subject. These notes are what we call the bible among a couple of my friends because they pretty much answer everything you will encounter. These notes save you time from writing out your own notes, which in return give you more time for practise exams. However, I do have to remind you that attending TSFX classes aren't like receiving this golden ticket to high score. To do well, you have to constantly revise their notes, and by that, I mean maybe write them out of memory where applicable. In Year 12, you have to utilise every resource that you can get your hands onto, whether that be the TSFX notes or your school teachers – use them to the maximum. Time really flies in Year 12, don't lose your focus on studies, hang on in there and you'll be finished in no time.

I wish you all the best for this year! Thank you!

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