

ALEXANDRA HAMBLETON '99



WHAT HAS SHE BEEN UP TO?

After high school, Alexandra went on to study a Bachelor of Arts (Languages) at Monash University, majoring in Japanese. As part of her university experience, she studied abroad three times - spending a total of two years in Japan at different universities and six weeks in China.

Upon graduation, she received a scholarship from the Japanese government to do a Masters & PhD at the University of Tokyo - researching media, gender and sexuality in contemporary Japan.

Studying in a different country, culture & language was hugely challenging but throughout the 10 years she spent at the University of Tokyo, she learnt about the importance of tenacity. Alexandra credits her success to having good networks and mentors. One of her favourite things about academia is that she gets to collaborate with and learn from people from all over the world.

WHERE IS SHE NOW?

Alexandra is a lecturer in Japanese Studies at Tsuda University in Tokyo.

In her spare time, Alexandra spends as much time as they can outside, cycling around the city and enjoying the different festivals & events Tokyo has to offer.



Study exchange: Japan

SOMETHING YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT HER

When she was young, Alexandra wanted to be a doctor as she was fascinated by the body & how it worked and loved watching TV shows about hospitals and medical procedures.

It was the MWSC school trip to Japan in Year 11, however, that ignited another interest – one that set her on a pathway to studying, working and living in Japan for almost 20 years! Until today, Alexandra still loves learning about the country and its culture."