

# ETHAN PERERA '14



*Early on in high school, Ethan did not know what he wanted to be, but he did well in maths, which encouraged him in that area. The thought of becoming an engineer was always at the back of his mind. When he was in VCE, he started seeing the cool things that mathematics could create during his physics classes (thanks to Mr. Young). After that, he knew engineering was the career he wanted to pursue.*

## WHAT HAS HE BEEN UP TO?

Ethan developed both a confidence in his academic ability and a strong interest in engineering from his VCE classes. He describes himself as having "learned to love learning" while gaining a deep fascination with the **science, maths and the real world appeal** that a career in **engineering** had to offer. These aspects led Ethan to study a **Bachelor of Engineering and Commerce** at **Monash University**, majoring in **Civil Engineering and Finance**.

Ethan's university experience was also extremely fulfilling, having taken the opportunities to complete an **overseas winter semester** in **London**, provide **not-for-profit consulting services**, work with **Engineers Without Borders**, carry out the structural design of buildings as part of his **capstone unit** and gain an **industry internship** at an engineering consultancy.

## WHERE IS HE NOW?

All of these experiences have well-prepared Ethan for a career in **structural engineering**. He has completed his university degree and is working at **Jacobs**, an engineering consultancy, as a **Graduate Structural Engineer**.

## SOMETHING YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT HIM

As a break from the constant stream of university assignments, Ethan got to live out his dream of training and competing in front of crowds as a **pro-wrestler** (like WWE) for **a year during his time at university**.