

TOHIORA JAMES KURU

CLASS OF 2013



When Tohi was young he wanted to be an Entrepreneur

WHAT HAS HE BEEN UP TO?

Tohiora (Tohi) graduated from Mount Waverley Secondary College in 2013 as one of the Year 12 Prefects and recipient of the Future Principal Award. Tohi went on to study Entrepreneurship and Business Management at Swinburne University. Tohi developed his leadership skills in various retail and hospitality businesses, even opening an ice cream shop at one point! Following a massive change in 2018, Tohi became a volunteer member of the Victoria State Emergency Service (SES) where he gained confidence and skills. Tohi supported the Victorian community during the Covid-19 Pandemic, leading the response with the Department of Health at Melbourne Tullamarine Airport and ensuring domestic travel could continue in line with travel restrictions.

WHERE IS HE NOW?

Tohi currently works for the Commission for Children and Young People here in Victoria. His role focuses on ensuring organisations that work with children have the appropriate policies and procedures in place to reduce the risk and respond to vulnerable children. Tohi continues to volunteer his time with SES, holding a Training Officer position for his local unit.

SOMETHING YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT HIM

While studying at Mount Waverley Secondary College, Tohi spent up to 2 hours travelling to and from school every day while working a part-time job 6 days a week to support his family. He chose to stay at Mount Waverley because of his friends and the incredible teaching staff, who role-modelled important values and behaviours.

