



**Strathcona**  
GIRLS GRAMMAR



**2025**

# Careers Evening

THURSDAY 26 JUNE

6.30PM





# Welcome

## TO THE 2025 CAREERS EVENING

**This year we have alumnae from a variety of industries, fields, and unique pathways to present their stories to you, and discuss their careers journeys since leaving Strathcona.**

The Careers Evening is a wonderful opportunity for you to try out basic networking skills in a safe and supportive environment. Remember that every old Strathy girl here tonight was once in the same position as you.

The idea behind our Careers Evening is to network with other old Strathy ladies, find out what they do, the subjects they chose to study, what kind of casual or part time work they did throughout their studies, and understand what employers are looking for in the job market.

We know it can be daunting asking our alumnae questions, but please remember that there are no silly questions. To help you get started, we have compiled some questions on page 4 of this booklet.

You may get to the end of the night still feeling a bit confused on what you'd like to do, the subjects you should choose, or the degree you should look at studying, but you will know more than you did at the start of the night.

This booklet also contains information about each panellist to provide some background ahead of the evening.

if you'd like to connect with one of our alumnae after this evening and ask them more about their career journey, please email us at [osa@strathcona.vic.edu.au](mailto:osa@strathcona.vic.edu.au) and we can put you in touch with them.





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## Session Times

Please see below session times for each panel, and the location of these sessions.

	Senior Centre Upstairs	Senior Centre Downstairs	Year 7/8 Area
<b>SESSION 1</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	Business	Creative	STEM/ Technology
<b>SESSION 2</b> <b>7.15pm</b>	Engineering/ Environment	Health 1	Law/ Government
<b>SESSION 3</b> <b>8.00pm</b>	Education	Public Relations/ Marketing	Health 2





# Questions to ask our alumnae

Remember, they've been in your position too. There are no silly questions!

1. Are you doing what you thought you would do when you were at school?
2. What part time jobs did you work throughout school and/or uni?
3. What did you study at university?
4. What was your first job after university?
5. How did you get into your current field?
6. What experience (paid or unpaid) would you recommend that I try to get if I am serious about getting into this industry?
7. Please tell me what you do on a typical day at work.
8. What do you like about your job?
9. Are there any specific courses that are beneficial for getting into this field?
10. How do you see jobs in this field/industry changing in the next 10 years?
11. What sort of person is suited to your job?
12. What do you like most about your job?
13. What advice do you have for subject selection as I move through school?

If you are interested in following up one of the alumnae panellists, please email [osa@strathcona.vic.edu.au](mailto:osa@strathcona.vic.edu.au) and we will put you in touch with them. It's helpful if you can tell them specifically why you'd like to follow up with them, for example you'd like more advice about (something specific) or you'd like to ask them a few more questions.



# Session I

## BUSINESS

Senior Centre Upstairs, 6.30pm



### JEANIE KIM ('19)

#### CEO and Founder of MyPet Co, and Juris Doctor Student

Jeanie is a second-year Juris Doctor student at the University of Melbourne and the founder and CEO of MyPet Co., an Australian business specialising in medical pet care products. She is passionate about entrepreneurship and empowering young women whilst balancing her legal studies with building a purpose-driven brand. In her spare time, Jeanie enjoys being with her family and dog, Cooper. She aspires to be a role model for the next generation, demonstrating how ambition, compassion, and creativity can thrive in a fast-changing world.



### VICTORIA KLADOUHOS CPA ('11)

#### Group Financial Accountant, Greenham & Sons

Victoria is a Certified Practising Accountant and accomplished finance professional with over a decade of experience across the energy, infrastructure, manufacturing, FMCG and agribusiness sectors. She currently works as the Group Financial Accountant at Greenham & Sons, a leading Australian beef supplier with operations across Tasmania and mainland Australia. Victoria has held senior finance roles in organisations including Who Gives A Crap, Meridian Energy, Foresight Group, and Instant Steel Solutions. Victoria holds a Bachelor of Commerce from Deakin University and has complemented her technical skills with leadership and payroll qualifications. She also gives back through community volunteering—as a board member for a family violence organisation and a regular Life Blood donor. From starting out as a part-time sales assistant to becoming a strategic finance leader, Victoria is passionate about helping young people understand the wide range of career possibilities in finance—and how values and impact can shape your journey.



### KATE (KATHLEEN) GREY ('91)

#### Lecturer, RMIT University

Kate is a finance and technology leader with global experience across Australia, Asia, and Europe. Based in Hong Kong for over fifteen years, she has held senior roles in financial services, investment banking and fintech, specialising in digital transformation and client strategy. A Fellow of FINSIA, Kate holds an MBA, Master of Applied Finance, and several industry based licences receiving several academic and industry awards for excellence. Additionally, she served as a General Service Officer in the Australian Army Reserve being awarded the Australian Defense Medal. Currently teaching at RMIT University, she is passionate about financial innovation and impact.



# Session I

## CREATIVE

Senior Centre Downstairs, 6.30pm



### ALISHA MCGILP ('97)

#### Principal, Interior Design Director

Alisha assumed the role of Principal in 2021 after 17 years of service, following the tradition set by her father, Ian, and grandfather, Robert, before her. With more than 20 years' industry experience, Alisha has been a television set designer for the Nine Network (GTV9) and led designs for large scale public and private corporate events. She holds a Bachelor of Interior and Exhibition Design (hons) from the National School of Design at Swinburne University and has been a member of the Design Institute of Australia for more than a decade. She gives back to the profession on a regular basis, having mentored interior design students at RMIT and the Mercer School of Design for more than 15 years.



### PRUDENCE MARIE ('89)

#### Professional Decision Coach and Author

Prudence Marie is a world traveller, (23 countries and counting) and has relocated to live in 3 states after circumnavigating Australia. Add to this sense of adventure, further variety in her Bachelors Degree in Fashion Designer at RMIT, Diploma in Life Coaching at the International Coaching Institute and Certificates as a Public Speaking Trainer, Corporate Sales Train the Trainer, Diversional Therapist and Creative Minister through Theological College. As founder of her Not For Profit; Mums Gap Year for the prevention & Recovery from Domestic Violence she has devoted the next 15 years to writing a feature film script and is currently doing further study in a Certificate 4; Business, Marketing and Entrepreneurship whilst running her own company as a Professional Decision Coach to CEO's.



# Session I

## STEM/TECHNOLOGY

Year 7/8 Area, 6.30pm



### **SOPHIE HULME ('14)**

#### **National Key Account Manager, BASF**

Sophie studied a Bachelor of Science with a major in Pharmacology at the University of Melbourne, followed by a Master of Science in Biotechnology. She currently serves as a National Key Account Manager for industrial agricultural chemicals at BASF, a multinational chemical and manufacturing company. Prior to her current role, Sophie led the Strategic Accounts team in BASF's surface technologies and coatings business unit, and also served as Corporate Affairs Manager across numerous industries including mining, critical minerals and more. She is passionate about leading and motivating teams to drive growth and innovation - winning as one team.



### **EMILY LOURDES ('11)**

#### **Practice Lead Change and Transformation, Engage Squared**

Emily is the Practice Lead of Change and Transformation at Engage Squared. Over the 4.5 years Emily has been working at Engage Squared, she has been sharing her passion for helping people and reimagining the way our clients work they work to make their day-to-day easier. Working in change management, a large part of her day to day is creating and advising clients on their communication strategies for upcoming changes happening across their organisations. Recently, Emily was working with a client that had over 30 different communication channels they use to reach their employees. As you can imagine this led to a very comprehensive analysis to find the best channels and techniques to engage their target audiences.

# Session 2

## ENGINEERING/ENVIRONMENT

Senior Centre Upstairs, 7.15pm



### TARA BARTNIK ('06)

#### Technical Lead - Water Security and Climate, Water Aid Australia

Tara is a technical advisor who works with WaterAid staff across the world, with a focus on Timor Leste, Cambodia and PNG, providing technical support and encouraging sharing of learning on water security, adapting to climate change impacts, and ensuring quality and sustainability of our work. She believes that having access to safe and reliable water, sanitation and hygiene services is not only a human right, but also has the power to transform the quality of peoples lives, especially for women. Tara has a decade of experience in the water sector (development and private sectors) in England, Australia, Norway, Timor Leste and Nepal. She is a trained civil engineer, and holds a MSc in Sustainable Water, Sanitation, Health & Development from the Norwegian University of Life Sciences.



### SELINA PORRITT ('17)

#### Process (Chemical) Engineer

Selina is a Process (Chemical) Engineer at Jacobs, working on water and wastewater infrastructure. She studied a Bachelor of Engineering and Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Science at Monash University and finished in 2023. She chose to work in water and wastewater due to the tangible impact the industry has on community, and her key interests are lowering treatment plant emissions, increasing process efficiency, and working collaboratively with other engineers for a sustainable future. From water quality analysis through to wastewater treatment plant commissioning, there's something new every day.





# Session 2

## HEALTH 1

Senior Centre Downstairs, 7.15pm



**DR JASMINE DONAGHEY ('14)**  
**Doctor, Monash Health**

Dr Jasmine Donaghey is a junior doctor at Monash Health, currently working across obstetrics, gynaecology, and paediatrics. A proud Strathcona alumna, Jazz has always balanced academic ambition with athletic excellence, having represented Victoria at the 2024 Women's Artistic Gymnastics National Championships. After starting her science studies at Melbourne University, she transferred to Monash to pursue developmental biology and later completed her medical degree. Along the way, she studied abroad at Cambridge, volunteered at the Royal Children's Hospital, and published research on preterm birth.



**LAURA MARTIN ('17)**  
**Nurse, Royal Children's Hospital**

Laura graduated from Strathcona in 2017 and went on to complete a Bachelor of Nursing at Deakin University, where she had the opportunity to complete a unit of study abroad in the Philippines. Upon finishing her degree, Laura was lucky enough to obtain a graduate position at the Royal Children's Hospital. She worked for 3 years on a paediatric surgical and trauma ward at RCH before moving to the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit. She has been working in PICU for 2 years and is currently completing her postgrad in Paediatric Intensive Care Nursing at Melbourne University. Laura is passionate about paediatric nursing and providing care to some of the sickest children in the country.



**CHLOE NALL ('13)**  
**Midwife, The Royal Women's Hospital**

Chloe Nall is a Registered Nurse and Midwife currently working between acute hospital and community healthcare. After completing a Bachelor of Nursing and Midwifery at La Trobe University, she began her career at The Royal Women's Hospital, working across maternity services and women's emergency. In 2021, Chloe completed a Graduate Diploma in Child, Family and Community Nursing. Chloe now works across two roles: as an Associate Nurse Unit Manager in Women's Emergency Care at the Royal Women's Hospital, supporting women and newborns with complex needs, and as a Maternal and Child Health Nurse with the City of Stonnington, working alongside families to support child growth and development, and to promote family health and wellbeing.

# Session 2

## LAW/GOVERNMENT

Year 7/8 Area, 7:15pm



### GABRIELLE EBELING ('14)

#### Solicitor, Victorian Department of Health

Gabrielle is a Solicitor at the Victorian Department of Health. Here, Gabrielle works at the intersection of criminal and mental health law, as well as on the development of state health legislation. Prior to this role, Gabrielle worked as an Associate to a judge in the criminal division of the County Court of Victoria, where she assisted in the running of criminal trials, appeals and sentencing. Gabrielle holds Bachelor Degrees in Arts and Law with Honours from Monash University, and a Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice from Leo Cussen.



### KATHERINE ALLISON ('05)

#### Lawyer, Clayton Utz

After school, Katherine studied Arts (majoring in Political Science and French) at Melbourne University finishing her degree in 2008 with a 6 month exchange to Lyon in France. After finishing Katherine took 12 months off, spending 3 months in South America travelling and undertaking volunteer work. After returning home, she studied law at Melbourne University, completing the Juris Doctor in 2012 and started work as a graduate lawyer at Clayton Utz in 2013. As part of her graduate year, Katherine worked in the Real Estate and Corporate teams and ultimately settled in the Corporate/Mergers and Acquisitions/Equity Capital Markets team, where she continues to practise as a Special Counsel.



### CLAIRE CHISHOLM ('07)

#### Senior Adviser, Office of the Deputy Secretary, Public Administration, Department of Premier and Cabinet (VIC)

Claire graduated from Strathcona in 2007. She took a gap year to work and travel before commencing a Bachelor of Arts in geography and politics and a Diploma of Languages in French at the University of Melbourne. Claire commenced her career in the Victorian public service as an Aide to the Governor of Victoria. She has held several positions across government including as Clerk of the Executive Council and as a senior adviser in corporate services. Claire currently works in the Department of Premier and Cabinet as a Senior Adviser in Public Administration.



### LAURA LOFTUS ('04)

#### Associate General Counsel and Company Secretary

Laura studied a Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)/Bachelor of Law at Monash University. During her time at Monash, she completed two seasonal clerkships at different law firms and started as a Graduate at DLA Phillips Fox (now DLA Piper) in 2010. After working across the Corporate/Commercial/IP teams at DLA for 5+ years, which included work for a number of well-known brands, Laura accepted an in-house role at Mayne Pharma, an ASX-listed pharmaceutical company. As Company Secretary, Laura provides advice to the Board and management team on governance topics and supports the Board and senior leadership team across Australia and the United States.

# Session 3

## EDUCATION

Senior Centre Upstairs, 8.00pm



**KATE OLDLAND ('10)**  
**Primary School Teacher**

Kate started studying Arts/Communication after graduating from Strathcona before realising her strengths and values aligned more closely with the education profession. On a whim, she transferred into a teaching degree and began working as an Integration Aide which inspired a passion for inclusive education. Since graduating from Deakin University in 2015, she has taught across both contracted and casual roles. Currently, Kate balances classroom teaching with coordinating interschool sports programs and liaising with the NDIS to support at-risk students.



**ELISE TEBBUTT ('09)**  
**Secondary School Teacher, Parkdale Secondary College**

Following completing VCE studies at Strathcona, Elise studied a double degree at Deakin University - Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Secondary Teaching. For her secondary teaching methods, she majored in Theatre and minored in English Literature over the four-year course. From graduating Deakin University, Elise has been working in various state secondary schools as an English and Theatre teacher. For the last 8 years Elise has been working at Parkdale Secondary College, and is currently the Head of Performing Arts teaching VCE Theatre Studies and Literature.



**MADDI VOUMARD ('12)**  
**Secondary School Teacher Computing and Robotics,  
Camberwell Grammar School**

Maddi is a secondary school teacher currently teaching Computing and Robotics and, since 2023, Head of Computing at Camberwell Grammar School, where she leads curriculum development and co-curricular programs. She began her teaching career in 2020 and has developed a Middle and Senior School robotics program, with students competing at the National Championships. Before entering education, Maddi coached Artistic Swimming at PLC Aquatic, where she discovered her passion for teaching and mentoring young people.

# Session 3

## PUBLIC RELATIONS/MARKETING

Senior Centre Downstairs, 8.00pm



### MADDISON HOPKINS ('14)

#### Digital Engagement Manager, Strathcona Girls Grammar

After graduating from Strathcona in 2014, Maddy completed a Bachelor of Visual Communication Design while balancing various part-time roles throughout her university studies. Her interest in marketing was sparked by elective subjects during her degree, leading her to pursue further study in a Master of Marketing at Deakin University. Since then, Maddy has built a broad professional background, gaining experience across various sectors including real estate, retirement living, aged care, home care, and education. Today, Maddy works back at Strathcona as the Digital Engagement Manager, managing a range of digital initiatives, including social media, internal and external communications, and connecting with the school's alumnae community.



### STEPHANIE PALAYAN ('05)

#### Marketing Manager, Cadbury Dairy Milk

Stephanie graduated year 12 in 2005 and studied a Bachelor of Business (Marketing) at Monash University. Post Uni, Stephanie spent 12 months travelling Europe (like most Aussies!) before settling into full time work. In 2010, Stephanie secured an entry level Marketing Coordinator position at Kraft & fell in love with Brand Marketing (yes, all things Vegemite & Peanut Butter). Stephanie has spent the last 15 years at the organisation which went from Kraft to Kraft Foods to Mondelez. Over a 15-year journey, Stephanie has held local & regional Marketing, Project Management & Supply Chain roles. Currently, Stephanie is the Marketing Manager of Cadbury Dairy Milk for Australia and New Zealand. She is also married and is a mum of two boys – Oliver 6, and Thomas 3.



### LAURA MACINTOSH ('05)

#### Sports Media and Communications Specialist, SEN Radio

Laura is a sports communications professional having worked as a media manager across multiple sports and professional teams. The organisations that Laura has worked across to date include Cricket Tasmania and the Hobart Hurricanes, the ICC T20 World Cup, Netball Victoria and the Melbourne Vixens, the Melbourne Renegades, Gymnastics Australia, and the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. Currently, Laura is PR and Media manager at Sports Entertainment Network (SEN). She works in the SEN Teams part of the business - they own and manage the license of the Melbourne Mavericks in Suncorp Super Netball (SSN), as well as the Bendigo Spirit and Perth Lynx in the Women's National Basketball League (WNBL) - as well as doing overarching PR for SEN's wider business.

# Session 3

## HEALTH 2

Year 7/8 Area, 8.00pm



### **ASHLEIGH GALE ('13)** **Dietitian**

Ashleigh Gale is an Accredited Practising Dietitian who completed a Bachelor of Nutrition Science and a Master of Dietetics at Monash University. She began her career in GP clinics, supporting patients with a range of health conditions, before developing a special interest in bariatric (weight loss) surgery and medical weight loss. Ashleigh now splits her time between working three days a week at a surgical practice in Hawthorn and running her own business as a contractor to leading bariatric surgeons across Melbourne. She also writes and presents nutrition content for supplement companies, contributes to a digital health magazine, and is currently developing a digital health platform with a colleague.



### **KATE SOUTTER ('09)** **Physiotherapist**

After graduating from Strathy in 2009 Kate completed a Bachelor of Physiotherapy at Monash University. Since then she has worked with Alfred Health across a variety of physiotherapy areas. Around 5 years in choosing to specialise in trauma, amputee and burns rehabilitation. After parental leave her current role involves running the amputee physio gym part time and supervising more junior physiotherapists. Kate has also started a private physiotherapy company working with amputees in the community. This opportunity has grown skills in business development and operations as well as increasing her community based allied health network.



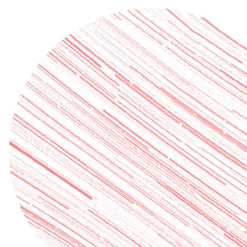
### **DR JANET TONG ('04)** **Clinical Psychologist**

Janet works as a clinical psychologist in private practice. She completed a five year double degree course (Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science) at the University of Melbourne, majoring in psychology, sociology and criminology. She went on a study abroad program to the University of Manchester (UK) during her third year of university. She then completed an Honours year (in psychology) also at the University of Melbourne. Following this, she worked in youth mental health research for two years, before embarking on a further four years of study completing her Doctor of Psychology (Clinical) at Monash University. Over the course of her career, Janet has worked at headspace, Royal Children's Hospital, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Austin Hospital and is currently in private practice. She has also been a guest lecturer at Monash University.





# Notes





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SEE YOU AT OUR NEXT EVENT

## Subject Expo Evening

**Monday 28 July**  
**6.00pm - 8.00pm**

We invite all students in Years 9-12 to explore senior school subject offerings and post-school options at our upcoming Subject Expo Evening. Chat with our teachers, attend information sessions, and connect with representatives from a wide range of tertiary institutions and explore their courses and opportunities.

This is a great opportunity to explore what's on offer as you plan your subject pathways in the senior school and beyond.



## Stay Connected

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