Entertainment VET Student

Serene Lodhia is a Year 12 Entertainment VET student at St Leo's Catholic College, Wahroonga. The skills she acquired through the course, her love of theatre, vibrant personality and enthusiasm all supported Serene's active role in the school community. She is the SRC president and co-ordinated many school events - including the Performing Arts Evening Workshop, (PAWS) during 2009 /10. Serene also took on the role of Stage Manager for the school production of "DAGS". Serene believes that the Entertainment VET course has assisted in building her confidence and leadership skills. She is thankful for the professional industry experiences she was afforded through work placement at the Riverside Theatre as well as the simulated industry environment in school productions.

Serene was the recipient of the Long Tan Defence Award for Service to the College for the past two years and received the Hills Schools Industry Partnership VET Student of the Year Award in 2009.

Serene's Entertainment experiences have enabled her to confidently apply and successfully achieve auditions for both NIDA (National Institute of Dramatic Art) and WAAPA (Western Australia Academy of Performing Arts). Serene feels this would not have been possible without the competencies and skills she was able to develop while at school as a student of Entertainment VET. In the future, Serene hopes to be actively involved in the entertainment industry working as a production manager.

From a parent's perspective, Mr Lodhia, Serene's father, said that it was much easier for Serene to gain work experience in the industry because of the compulsory work placement component of the course. He feels it opened many doors that may not have been available if not for VET. This assisted Serene in sorting out a career pathway and allowed for more opportunities to network with industry.