

ALUMNI PROFILE

Phoebe James 2007 - 2014

MUSICIAN AND ARTIST

“I don’t think I fully realised how special Mount Aspiring College was until after I left”



Phoebe’s life since leaving Mount Aspiring College has been a rich tapestry of experiences.

After leaving school, Phoebe travelled to Nepal to work as a volunteer and to climb in the Himalaya, followed by a stint working as a seamstress in Western Australia, and then further travel in Indonesia.

“Travel, art and music have been central to my life since leaving school,” says Phoebe.

“In between my travels, I also completed an Outward Bound scholarship, a Bachelor of Arts at the University of Otago, and I’ve also recorded an album.”

Among her many rich experiences, Phoebe has undertaken some interesting work including, working on a not-for-profit music festival and in the hospitality industry.

“I love working with people, and for me, it’s always the connections I make that are the most rewarding aspect of any job.”

It was Phoebe’s connection to people that also made her time at Mount Aspiring College so special.

“The people are what made my time at MAC so enjoyable, especially Mat Doyle (current Head of our Music learning area) and Gena Bagley (formerly the Head of our Drama and English learning areas).

“Mount Aspiring College is an amazing school located in an incredible part of the world. I would encourage MAC students to take every opportunity thrown at them including outdoor pursuits!

“I wish I had made the most of the outdoor environment while it was right at my finger tips.”

These days, Phoebe is doing lots of painting and hoping to exhibit her work at galleries.

“I’ve always really enjoyed the arts. My focus at the moment is the visual arts so I am producing a lot of work and also considering studying for my masters.

“And more travel! I can’t wait to get back out and experience more of the world.”

