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My name is Gene Moyle. I currently hold the position of the Head of the Dance Department at QUT Creative Industries. But I'm also a sport and exercise psychologist.

For me that really hit home and for me was so spot on because I know that one of the clearest messages I've had and that I've shared on a number of occasions when I've contributed back to the school talking to current day students, has been that I was always encouraged to pursue *my* dreams and *my* aspirations and what I was great at. For me, that was the arts side; that was Ballet for me, even though Ballet wasn't part of the curriculum. My support that the school provided for me particularly in Year 12 to pursue some of those interests. I was encouraged in that way yet balanced out with the academic side of things which was really important. The irony now is that after having worked as a professional Ballet dancer, I'm now an associate professor at a university. The ability that the values that were instilled during my time. It wasn't that some people were great at Math's and English, some people were great at sport, some were great at art, at singing, whatever it was for them, we were encouraged and pushed and challenged in those other areas but really encouraged to pursue what were our strengths and what was relevant to us. Not as a comparison point to other people, we were all uniquely individual and celebrated for our individuality.