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My name's Joanna and currently I work as a Director at Deloitte in Brisbane. I graduated from Stuartholme in 1986 and when I left Stuartholme I went onto the University of Queensland to study Mechanical Engineering and then from there travelled over to the UK and worked as an Aerospace Engineer in the UK for a few years before returning to Australia.

Certainly the friends I made were a huge impact when I was at Stuartholme and they have been a continuing influence in my life since then. They're a really strong independent bunch of women who have all done great things in their careers and in their lives. There's one of them was, Jillian was a Queensland Engineer of the Year a couple of years ago. Anna, who's Godmother to my youngest daughter, she runs her own Corporate Communications business in Melbourne. Another one's a squadron leader in the Air Force. You know another once runs her own Vet Practice up the Sunshine Coast. So they've all set their goals and achieved those goals so I really take that away when I look at these wonderful women but what they've achieved since they've left Stuartholme, that's sort of that's my memories.

It's a relatively small school but it's a nurturing, caring school that treats girls individually.