



Anna Carlsson (2016).

Boarding scholarship delivers powerful impact

Growing up in Warrnambool on Victoria's Great Ocean Road, Anna Carlsson (2016) truly loved learning. Once she reached high school, she felt a strong desire to venture beyond her hometown in pursuit of a diverse, challenging and academically supportive school experience.

"When I was 14, I started researching boarding schools in Melbourne. After some long and supportive conversations with my parents, they let me sit for the MLC Boarding Scholarship."

Being awarded a scholarship to board at MLC changed Anna's life, giving her the opportunity to broaden her horizons and realise her dream to be part of a learning community where academic excellence was both valued and encouraged.

"MLC developed my passion for learning," says Anna, who achieved a perfect study score of 50 in VCE English, as well as scores of 46 in Media and 41 in Literature. She recently completed a Bachelor of Arts at the University of Melbourne, majoring in International Politics and Media and Communications.

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"Being a boarder helped me develop independence, which was invaluable at university," she says. "And thanks to the nurturing boarding environment, I now have life-long friendships across Australia and the globe. Attending the Boarders Reunion recently reminded me what a special place the MLC Boarding House will always be for me."

Anna embraced all that MLC had to offer, citing MLC Marshmead in Year 9 as an experience that continues to impact her life today. In Year 10, she travelled to Tanzania on the School of St Jude Tour. She was a Big Sister in Year 11 and Wellbeing Prefect in Year 12.

"At school I had a huge desire to make positive change. MLC provided me with those opportunities, sparking my love of politics and passion for gender equity."

Anna, who plans to study law in 2021, remains enormously grateful to members of the MLC community whose generous donations made her boarding scholarship dreams come true.

"It might feel like you are just helping one student, but really you're helping a family and a community by giving a young woman the opportunity of an MLC education."