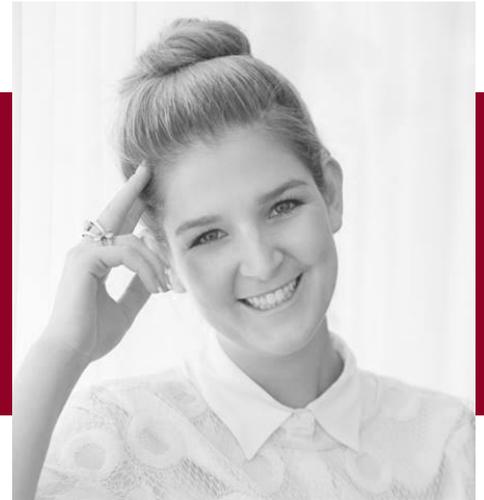


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## JONTÉ PIKE ('07) Fashion Designer



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St Mary's offered me a fundamental educational platform that in many ways shaped and developed my dream career of joining the competitive fashion industry. At a very young age I knew I wanted to pursue a career in fashion.

I was involved in many school activities, from drama, sport, camping, debating, scuba diving, wearable art and exhibitions. My world was opened to numerous new experiences and I was able to learn much about others and myself.

The variety of subjects and extra curricular activities offered by St Mary's made it easy to work towards gaining and developing knowledge and experience in the design field. I recall with fondness my student days and loved attending sewing classes where I could design and construct beautiful ladies wear, art classes that covered textile options and, of course, the exciting creative wearable art fashion shows that encouraged fantasy creations. As a student of St Mary's I was encouraged to showcase my talents in various competitions. In 2007 I was awarded the Designer of Year in the APEX Australia Teenage Fashion Awards.

I continued my studies at Polytechnic West where I received a textile scholarship to visit Japan. Receiving the award and title in 2010 as Western Australia's Vocational Student of the Year and Australian Vocational Runner Up Student was an honour. These awards geared me towards setting up my own fashion business with self-titled label Jonté. The last few years have seen the Jonté label showcasing at Perth Fashion Festival, Perth Fashion Week, Melbourne Fashion Aid, and Sunshine Coast Fashion Week.

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