



st mary's women

KYLIE GILES (WHEELER '97) Olympic Heptathlete



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I am forever grateful to my mum who gave me the opportunity to spend eleven years at St Mary's. Some might say I wouldn't know any different, but you do know when you've got a good thing.

The opportunities and support I received were vast, encouraging me to always give everything a go and nurture my potential. While I had a natural tendency towards maths and science (and I was lucky enough to have great teachers who fostered that tendency), my English teachers never gave up on me and pulled me through.

My sporting career hit its straps in post-school days, but there was no doubt that the school community supported my athletic endeavours in their infancy. I was encouraged in and received a well-rounded education, for which I am grateful, as now, in my post-athletics days, I have a number of options to pursue.

I have such amazing memories and experiences from St Mary's that will stay with me forever and all of which have changed my life in a positive way. Memories like playing with the school band at the Sydney Opera House, immersing myself in Japanese culture on the Japan trip and receiving public speaking guidance from the drama teacher to help prepare for my role as Head Girl, have all made their mark.

Just as importantly, the friendships I forged, moulded who I am today, and I have some lifelong friends as a result.

