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**MUSIC (VCE VET)**

**VCE EXAM ADVICE FROM PREMIER’S VCE AWARD RECIPIENTS**

**AHILA NAVARATNAM RECEIVED A PERFECT MUSIC (VCE VET) SCORE IN 2014.**

**My name is…**

Ahila Navaratnam

**I went to…**

Methodist Ladies College

**In Music (VCE VET), I received a score of…**

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**The thing I liked best about doing this subject was…**

it allowed me to follow my passion for music through my studies. It was so different from my other VCE subjects so it offered a nice contrast.

**This year (2015) I am doing…** Bachelor of Arts at The University of Melbourne

The best advice I can give VCE students

**about this exam is…**

enjoy your performance, you are more likely to be relaxed and perform better.

Do not over practice, over practicing can make you second-guess something that you have actually already mastered.

Pretend your exam isn’t an exam, I know that sounds bizarre, but if you envision yourself on a real stage, in front of a real audience you can truly put on a great performance.

The best advice I got from my teacher about

**this exam was…**

just enjoy every moment of it.

Be conﬁdent, you have been working hard all year, now is just your opportunity to showcase your skills.

**In the month before this VCE exam, I…**

practiced my set over and over again to make sure I was absolutely happy with it, it also meant that when it came to my exam, it was like just another run through. I used

practicing for VET Music like a break from studying for my other subjects, because I loved playing the music, it was leisure time and study combined into one!

In **the week before this VCE exam I...** ran through my set a few times but made sure not to over do it. Instead I focused on the other elements of my exam like my clothes, decoration for my set and tech gear. This meant that I was still focusing on my exam but not stressing over the music aspect.

**On exam day, I prepared myself by…** I didn’t play my set at all, I just got ready and mentally thought about how it was going to go. Every time I felt myself getting nervous, I just told myself to enjoy the experience.

**After the exam, I…**

went for coffee with my mum and discussed

how it went, I didn’t stress about it, I just knew I had tried my best and could now focus on other exams.



T**he best exam advice I received from my parents, siblings or friends was…** just go in there and do what you love the best way you can.

**I didn’t work a part-time job during year 12 because…**

I thought, personally, it would be too hard to juggle. That said, whether or not you can balance a job with school comes down to the individual and their time management.

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