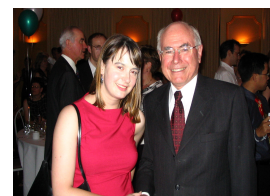


## Profile of Our Graduates



**Mark Ainslie, Master's Course with Japanese Government Research Scholarship, Electrical Engineering, University of Tokyo.** Mark studied Japanese in Asian Studies, completing a double major of Bachelor of Engineering (with First Class Honours) and Bachelor of Arts, during which time he won the 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the National Japanese Language Contest. He recently passed the highest level of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test. Mark enjoys cricket as a key player of the Tokyo Wombats which plays at the foot of Mt Fuji and which became the champion of Japanese cricket in 2006!

**Skye Jacobi, Department of the Prime Minister & Cabinet (PM&C)(2004-7),** currently works as an economist in the Commonwealth-State Relations section of the SA Department of Treasury & Finance. Skye says: 'The combination of Asian Studies subjects with my economics proved to be an engaging combination and provided me with an edge in winning a graduate position as an economist at PM&C. Skye completed Honours (First Class) in Economics. She says that 'my Japanese language skills came in extremely useful in obtaining information from Japanese government sources to write a thesis on the demand for mature aged workers in Australia and Japan'.



**Mack Wilson, Operations Manager, Australian & New Zealand Chamber of Commerce in Japan,** completed B.A. Honours in Japanese Studies after spending one year at Kansai Gaidai University in Osaka as an exchange student. Mack says of Honours: 'My years in the department of Asian Studies, in particular honours, really developed my ability to think outside the box and apply them to real world situations. Giving me the necessary foundations to actively identify and confidently grasp opportunities in what would normally be an alien environment to many'.

**Aaron Duff, Department of Education & Children's Services (DECS)** Of learning Chinese Aaron says: 'It was one of the best "life decisions" I ever made. My Mandarin ability has made a significant contribution to my past jobs in both China and Australia. I use it on a daily basis in my role coordinating training programs for Chinese government officials as an International Business Support Officer for DECS. It also led to me meeting my future wife and then being able to convince her parents that I was the 'right one' for their daughter!



**Sean Keenihan, partner at Norman Waterhouse Lawyers,** says: "Studying Chinese language and history through high school and university has helped me enormously, both professionally and personally. It accelerated my career advancement by giving me a set of skills that are highly valued, especially in conjunction with my law degree. My understanding of Chinese language and Chinese culture has resulted in many successful and meaningful interactions between Chinese and South Australians as well as governments. I am glad that as a result of this knowledge and skills, I too can contribute to the "internationalisation" of Australia and South Australia in particular."

**Matt Henshall, Management Accountant, Onesteel,** Bachelor of Arts: 'During my degree, I had the chance to spend a considerable time studying Chinese in China. This led to work with Beijing's China-Australia Chamber of Commerce. Back in Australia I joined the Smorgon Steel Group and am now at Onesteel. Studying Chinese opened my eyes to opportunities around the world and stimulated a strong personal interest in China and Asia generally. The experience has given me crucial knowledge and language skills that I will carry with me forever. With increasing business between with Asia, competency in their languages is now a valuable skill for any graduate.

