

FUTURE PROOFING YOUR CAREER



SIENA COLLEGE ALUMNAE
Connecting Past, Present and Future



Vanessa Barcellona
Class of 2001

Global Account Manager at Amazon

Qualifications / Studies

Bachelor of Arts (RMIT), Master of Business Administration (MBA) (UNSW), Graduate Australian Institute of Company Directors (GAICD)

Career / Study Pathway

Vanessa has over twenty years of experience in technology and professional services sectors across Australia, Asia Pacific and the USA. Vanessa's career journey commenced in marketing roles at Quest Software and then NCR Corporation. She has moved into growth, strategy and management roles at KPMG and since 2021 is an executive at Amazon.

How is your industry changing?

"Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning are the most transformational technologies of our time. When you step back and look at where we are today, and what is yet to come, generative AI has the potential to revolutionise our lives, whether at home, school, or work."

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Professor Michelle Welsh
Class of 2001

Professor and Senior Deputy Dean at Monash Business School

Qualifications / Studies

Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Law (Monash University), Master of Law PhD (The University of Melbourne)

Career / Study Pathway

Professor Michelle Welsh is the Senior Deputy Dean Faculty Operations and the former Head of the Department of Business Law and Taxation at the Monash Business School. Michelle is a Research Member of the European Corporate Governance Institute (ECGI) and she undertakes research on the public enforcement of corporate law regulator and the impact of enforcement on corporate compliance.

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Kate Kelly
Class of 1996

Head of Middle School at Wesley College

Qualifications / Studies

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology and Criminology, Diploma of Education, Psychology and Humanities, Master of Youth Mental Health

Career / Study Pathway

Kate is a passionate, confident and skillful educator who has worked extensively in the sector for twenty years and most recently at a senior leadership level. Recently completing a Master of Youth Mental Health through the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Melbourne, Kate is devoted to continuous personal growth and building the capacity of others to positively nurture youth development and wellbeing. Underpinning this inherent approach is her effective communication with parents and students to ensure each unique young person experiences academic success and maintains a sense of belonging within and beyond their K-12 education.

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Dr Lisa Higgins
Class of 1993

Senior Research Fellow at Monash University

Qualifications / Studies

Doctor of Philosophy (Public Health), Graduate Diploma of Biostatistics, Master of Public Health, Bachelor of Physiotherapy

Career / Study Pathway

Lisa is a health economics research fellow at the Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Research Centre (ANZIC-RC) who has been conducting research in critical care for over 15 years. Her research focuses on evaluating the costs of care in critical illness and conducting economic evaluations alongside clinical trials in critical care. She has extensive experience in clinical trial methodology, long-term follow-up of patients and health economics. Lisa has published papers in the area of cost-effectiveness analyses for Australian ICUs and is a leader in this field. She has published numerous economic evaluations of large RCTs in critical care, including in traumatic brain injury, transfusion research, and sepsis.



Alanna Tivisini
Class of 2018

Public Health and Business Graduate/Administration Officer at Burnet Institute

Qualifications / Studies

Bachelor of Applied Public Health and a Bachelor of Business Administration

Career / Study Pathway

As a graduate of a double degree, Bachelor of Applied Public Health and a Bachelor of Business Administration from Australian Catholic University (ACU) in 2022, Alanna is now working at the Burnet Institute (Public Health and Medical Research Institute) as an Administration Officer, supporting the senior leaders in the Public Health and Maternal Child and Adolescent Health departments.

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