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Title:

Griffith Honours College

Summary:

Students talk about their experience as members of the Griffith Honours College – a program for high achieving students.

Transcript:

Student 1 – Will Barker

The Griffith Honours College, one of the things which I've benefited most from is being able to interact with so many students who are high achieving in so many different disciplines. Normally at university you're just stuck in classes with people who study the same discipline as you and while you're passionate about that discipline and while that's really fun, you have no idea how great it is to expand your horizons and for me as a law student to get to know people who are telling me about the latest research happening in physics or who show me really funky new designs which they've come up in graphic design. I've also met students in music who amaze me on the piano. All these people I have the chance to learn from as well – and that's one thing which I really value about the Griffith Honours College.

Student 2 – Alison Atkinson

I'd recommend the Honours College to all high achieving students because it gives you so many opportunities to develop yourself in your academic career and it also provides a lot of support through your degree and gives you vast opportunities to interact with like-minded students. Through the Honours College we have had the opportunity to work with an academic mentor, we're assigned a professional within our specific degree. Having a mentor is really helpful during academic decision making and also they provide support and are always friendly and ready for a coffee.

Student 3 – Chris Eigeland

The Griffith Honours College helps me extend my program, not only in the direction of the course or degree by industry contacts and networking events but also through a wide variety of events that help me broaden my horizons to different subject areas.

Student 4 – Troy Scrimgeour

There's lots and lots of different opportunities for international experiences. Like we had people go over to Korea and the Netherlands so far. What I did overseas I brought back and then all the things that I learn I can share with the other students so they get to benefit from it as well.

Student 5 – Ruth Potts

The Honours College is really able to enrich social experience and the academic experience of students at Griffith. They can do this via academic experiences, such as conferences and trips overseas in their area of speciality, but there are also added bonuses such as going on weekend retreats with other students who are academically minded or learning about your leadership capabilities and furthering those skills so that when you are in the workplace you're actually better able to deal with issues.

Student 5 – Ruth Potts

The Griffith Honours College is really about grooming students into the leaders of tomorrow. We are going to have the best skills at our fingertips and we are going to have the best opportunity that will enable us to become tomorrow's Prime Minister, tomorrow's CEO. We are the future. Interested students should definitely apply and we can't wait to see them next year.