

ALTITUDE SCHOLARSHIPS



DEAR FRIENDS OF NOOSA CHANCES,

Your support of our new sponsorship programme has been truly wonderful and we hope to expand this way throughout Australia - and beyond! - thanks to your generosity in backing such talented and driven young people.

\$1,500 a year makes a significant impact well beyond the immediate financial benefits, as can be seen with one of our recipients from Noosa District State High School, Jemzel Costales.

We are thrilled that Jem has recently been matched with Noosa locals Greg and Keri Venter.



"I'm Jemzel a 16-year-old Noosa Chances scholar who makes music in my bedroom."

As a Filipino, I grew up with a culture embedded with music. Weekly karaoke nights, a house filled with instruments, and an extended family composed of singers led to my love for music blooming early in my childhood. As a kid, I remember singing Bahay Kubo to my parents using a flashlight as a microphone. I remember being so eager to learn how to play the ukulele that I taught myself how to before even owning one.

While I enjoyed music, it was only a hobby – rather than a passion – until I was about 11. I gained the confidence to start playing in front of an audience. I fell in love with the nerves as I played and the release of serotonin when I heard an applause. Furthermore, I became curious as to how the music I loved was made and wanted to be able to make my own. I searched the internet and began to learn the art of music production and audio engineering. Without question, everything I made at the start was complete and utter rubbish, but we've all got to start somewhere. All I had was an extremely old and incompetent laptop and the cheapest pair of earphones you could find. I reached a point where I felt limited by the setup I had. Nevertheless, music gear comes with a hefty price tag; I simply didn't have the means to afford it. However, in 2020 I received my Noosa Chances scholarship, and I haven't looked back. Suddenly, the financial barriers of music disappeared. Over the past few years, I've spent more than five grand towards instruments and my bedroom studio, with majority of the money coming from this scholarship.



The significant upgrade of gear created more room to grow musically. Eventually, with an immense amount of dedication and an ever-growing amount of inspiration, I became comfortable with my skillset and was ready to share my work. I released my debut single Epiphany in June this year on all major streaming platforms and entered Triple J Unearthed High. Soon after, I became dubbed as Unearthed High 2022's Class Shakespeare. Since then, I've heard my music on national radio, released three more songs, landed on Spotify editorial playlists, and played a few gigs alone and with my band. As of now, I've got a new single called Ticking Clocks set to release on the 22nd of October and I'm working towards an EP, new collaborations, and some music videos; you can stay up to date by heading to my LinkTree, which has links to my socials and artist pages. While it's been a few years since I was first introduced to Noosa Chances, I'll never forget how much it has helped me chase my dreams.



Jemzel's LinkTree

How proud we all are of Jemzel! Please do get in touch with us if you'd like to hear more about a life-changing scholarship opportunity: tara@noosachances.org.au.

EVENTS NOOSA POLO & PROVIDORES
SATURDAY
5 NOVEMBER

POLO & Providores
Noosa



Noosa Chances is extremely grateful for the opportunity to be "charity of choice" at the fabulous Noosa Polo & Providores on Saturday 5 November at the Noosa Showgrounds, Cooroy.

Come join us and cheer on the Noosa Chances polo team!

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE

from General Admission and private boot spots, at \$27pp, to the Premium Private Pavilions for 10 people and more (YES!) at \$395pp.

BOOK NOW

No hesitation from us to grab some mates and make it a terrific day out at the biggest event in the Noosa Shire!

A huge shout out to NAB Private and the organisers, Eighty20 Partners, for their magnificent generosity in providing our first externally managed fundraising opportunity.

OUR BEST WISHES,

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