

NEAA ALUMNI PROFILE: DR. JOANNE GALE

Iona instilled a strong sense of self and purpose within a warm environment that fostered the key values of service, faith, discipline, hard work and of course, having a sense of humour! It is this grounding at Iona during my formative years that has helped me to navigate life's challenges as well as to hold my own in largely male-dominated environments. It was at Iona that I developed a strong sense of social justice, which has led me to my current field of public health. Iona is a case example of how school and its influence doesn't end at graduation. The lessons I learnt, the friendships I formed and the support and gentle reassurances I received there have been and will continue to be a constant source of internal strength.

Joanne attended Iona Presentation College between the years of 1995-1997.

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Her previous employment includes Statistician at CogState Ltd (Melbourne), Research Assistant at the Telethon Institute of Child Health and Western Australian Institute of Medical Research, and a Statistical Methodologist at the Australian Bureau of Statistics (Canberra and Perth).

She received a Commonwealth Scholarship to Balliol College, University of Oxford, DPhil in Statistics and a National Health and Medical Research Council Scholarship to undertake a Graduate Certificate in Public Health following her graduation from the **University of Western Australia** with a Bachelor of Science (Mathematical Sciences-first class honours with a scholarship from the Australian Bureau of Statistics) and a Diploma of Modern Languages (French).