



Name: Kylie Evans

Major: Tourism

Year of Graduation (expected): 2011

Current Occupation: Travel Consultant

Company: Jetset Hurstville

Kylie Evans, a term five Tourism student with a passion for travel (and the Industry Training history to prove it), has recently been nominated for the 2010 NSW Tourism Minister's Student Achiever Award; a prestigious decoration meant to recognise the success of high-achieving Tourism students throughout New South Wales. According to *Tourism NSW*, the award is meant to “acknowledge the importance of professional training to the tourism industry and encourage talented students to progress with a career in tourism.” For Kylie, the award means even more.

“It’s a great honour to be nominated for this award. It’s a great feeling knowing that my academic achievements and hard work are being rewarded” says Kylie, whose accomplishments are noticeably vast for one so young. At ICMS, she has worked hard over her first five terms to earn a place on the Dean’s List for the 2009 school year; choosing to focus her efforts on keeping her marks up and retaining all that she can from her classes rather than participating in many extra-curricular activities. “Unfortunately, all of my work leaves me little time to get involved in too many campus organisations” notes Kylie. But anyone paying attention can understand why.

Beyond her performance at college, Kylie completed her Industry Training at Jetset Hurstville, the same company she works with today, and was so successful with the organisation that she has not only earned recognition from *Tourism NSW*, but also from ICMS, as she was awarded the Industry Training award for September 2009. “One of the main reasons I chose to study at ICMS was the compulsory Industry Training” says Kylie, and she is happy that her choice is now paying off; as the number of people who are recognising her skills continues to grow every day — largely due to her success in the tourism industry.

But Kylie is far from finished leaving her mark as a determined advocate for tourism and travel, especially now that she may win this year’s Student Achiever Award. According to her, it will only compel her to both continue excelling at work and earning high marks at ICMS. “I think that being nominated for this award has already driven me to work harder...if I was to win the award then it would certainly help me in achieving my future goals. I’d love to travel after college and maybe spend some time working overseas.”