

# Lisa Parnell

Full Name: **Lisa Parnell**

What years were you a student at Centenary Heights SHS? **1999 to 2003**

How is it you came to study at Centenary Heights SHS?

**It had a Special Education Unit, as I was (and still am these days) Deaf and it also seemed it was a nice school as well.**

What was your favourite subject/s at school? **Home Economics, Film and TV and English.**

How long has it been since you visited the school? **Approximately 18 years, I think.**

Was there a teacher/ staff member who made a difference to your time at school?

**Well it wasn't a specific teacher, but quite a few.**

**Anna Goldsmith, the Head of the Special Education Unit during my years when I attended the school, Vicki Zeller the teacher aide who interpreted my classes, Julie Nobbs who was my 'tutor' and helped me understand assignments as well as the other teachers and aides in the Special Education Unit. In the mainstream classes, it was Sandy Feldman and Peter Caldwell who were my class teachers who gave me encouragement throughout my education.**

What was your favourite memory of your time at the school?

**I have three that stands out: Going to Deaf Camp at Maroon Dam twice at different times (it was an yearly or two yearly trip) with the students in the Deaf Unit, the Multi-Strand Science field trip to both the Museum and the Police museum for the forensics unit we did in class. Also I remember doing a music video for my group film and TV assignment.**

How did attending Centenary Heights SHS assist you beyond school?

**It helped me gain two different degrees one for TAFE and a different one for University.**

What are you doing now?

**I am currently working for Deaf Sports Recreation Queensland as their online newsletter editor in a casual capability and I am also looking for a more permanent job in a different area.**