

*The Odyssey*



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## **Daring to have high work place expectations**

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It's not impossible for people to get their dream job and I am living proof of that.

Look at me, I am living the dream!

It was my desire to work at Nova radio station and rub shoulders with celebrities.

Some people may have dismissed the idea but I'm a man who knows what he wants and I achieved this goal with a little help from my mum.

...Sounds like a song doesn't it.

Speaking of songs I get to work with hip and happening music playing in the background whilst I'm doing my job.

For a young man like me this really keeps me motivated as Nova plays my kind of music.

You may be wondering what I do at Nova? Well I'm not in the DJ studio just yet - although I'm working up to it.

I'm employed as an Office Assistant and my job description is to do the mail run, the filing, re-filling of the photo copier machines, clean the kitchens, set up the boardroom and date stamping for finance.

I do these jobs for Nova 96.9 and Smooth FM (which if I can put in a plug may be your kind of music listening).

I have the coolest job as the people I work with are mostly young, hip and groovy...it's a bit like being in an Austin Powers movie. It's a fun place to be.

I work 3 days per week- Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday- and do further studies at the University of Sydney on Monday and Friday where I am currently studying Philosophy and Film Making.

I have just been involved in the making of a short film where I was the 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director. Genevieve Clay Smith who won Tropfest a couple of years ago was Director on the film.

My motto is that no dream is too big...if they could put Neil Armstrong on the moon they could put Nathan into Nova.

Seriously though, if you believe in it, you can achieve it. I believed that I wanted to work at Nova radio station and I was fortunate that others believed it was possible too.

I am a valued employee who is punctual, professional and proficient. Actually, I'm pretty funny too.

I'm good at what I do and I'm proud to say I have never had a sick day.

This goes to show you how motivated I am. I'm quick to get out of bed in the morning and get ready for work, then catch the bus into Pyrmont.

I have made lots of friends at work that I enjoy socialising with.

Also, there are many perks to my job, such as I get to go the ARIA Music Awards every year.

I get free tickets to see bands such as Usher, Chris Brown and Kings of Leon.

I get free movie tickets, free DVDs of TV shows, music CDs, magazines and the opportunity to go to some Nova promotional parties as well as my work Xmas party.

But most importantly, I get to meet and work with celebrities. Pretty cool isn't it.

I believe that the work experience I did whilst I was at school helped me by building positive self-esteem and giving me confidence and skills.

Like building blocks, I built on what I had learnt. It helped me build my courage to take risks and to keep trying new things.

I am very pleased to be here speaking at *The Odyssey* Conference.

I looked up the word Odyssey and it means "An extended adventurous voyage or trip".

I think that is the perfect way to describe my journey through life - an extended adventurous voyage or trip.

I think the odyssey is a journey of finding yourself and the progression of finding yourself may take time but if you are persistent you can get to know what you want and achieve your goals.

Take me for example and how I journeyed into my dream job.

I continue my journey doing the things I enjoy – like watching and making films and auditing courses that interest me at university.

In my work place, knowing about films, music and what's going on is important and makes me the 'go to' man to get a film review.

Adding to my skills will also make it easier for me to have choices in the future.

I hope by you hearing my story you may, or you may help somebody else, achieve their dream job.

Life is about the journey and about having the courage to take risks and overcome your fears.

Every day I journey through life just trying to be the best I can be. I try to live an ordinary life and do regular things with regular people. In living an ordinary life I can say it makes my life extraordinary.

In life you just have to be yourself...because everyone else is taken!!

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