

Citation

Nicholas James Doyle

Bachelor of Engineering, with First Class Honours (Civil Engineering)
2014

2015 Graduate of the Year

Chancellor, Nicholas Doyle finished High School as House Captain with an OP1 from Grace Lutheran College in 2010.

In 2014 Nicholas completed a Bachelor of Engineering with First Class Honours [Civil Engineering] receiving a Dean's Commendation for High Achievement in all Semesters. He was awarded a UQ Merit Scholarship in 2011, the Hatch Engineering Scholarship in 2012. In 2013 he won the C.H.V. Harding Prize in Transportation Engineering, the Noel James Holt Memorial Prize, the Walter Bruce Darker Scholarship and the ExxonMobil Achievement Award.

In 2014, he received the Sir Thomas McIlwraith Engineering Scholarship, became a Hawken Scholar and was awarded the University Medal. Having originally commenced a dual program with degrees of Bachelor of Engineering and Bachelor of Science in Semester 1, 2010, he changed his program to Bachelor of Engineering in Semester 1, 2012 and obtained a grade of 7 in every course undertaken in both the BE/BSc and BE programs.

Nicholas speaks of himself as an unimpressively normal individual having grown up on the north side of Brisbane, and devoting himself in his early years to soccer followed closely by cross-country running. He credits his high academic achievements to an extremely competitive relationship with his best friend. His hopes for a future sporting career were dashed when he realised he was better at solving quadratics than scoring soccer goals. Hours of sports training were soon replaced by fluid dynamics and structural mechanics.

Currently Nicholas works as a structural engineer at the Robert Bird Group, a small consultancy in Brisbane. He speaks about his ongoing addiction to cardio, his desire to recover from what was the *blur of university* and one day he hopes to write a novel. He retains a strong interest in community service having raised funds for the Leukaemia Foundation and the Leprosy Mission Queensland. Commendably, he also remains a lunch host for the homeless and lonely as part of the Redcliffe Community Christmas Lunch.

Chancellor, in recognition of his outstanding scholarship, I present to you Mr Nicholas Doyle, Bachelor of Engineering with First Class Honours in the field of Civil Engineering, and with a grade point average of seven for his entire course of study. Nicholas is a very worthy recipient of the 2015 Graduate of the Year Award.