Meet Our Talent: Josh Murray
Fifth generation farming to GP

Josh Murray’s family have been part of the fabric of Glenthompson’s farming community for five generations. It meant Josh spent his childhood in the small community between Hamilton and Ballarat and was one of only 16 children at the local primary school.

It was during his time at Monivae College in Hamilton that he discovered an interest in medicine and science, which led to the now 22-year-old pursuing a Bachelor of Biomedicine and Doctor of Medicine at the University of Melbourne.

Josh plans to return to his rural roots as soon as he qualifies as a GP.

“When I was growing up, there was one dentist and one doctor’s clinic in Hamilton. You might wait three months for a dental appointment and wait for a week to see the doctor,” he recalls. “That’s why I’d like to become a GP in a rural or remote area – to help address the health deficits there.

“You read about health deficits in the country, but when you live there, you really appreciate what those deficits are. The stereotype of the stoic farmer who doesn’t go to hospital when he injures himself is pretty much a reality.”

Josh decided to study at the University of Melbourne after taking part in a summer school for VCE students when he was in Year 12. “I found the program amazing and it inspired me to go to university and to follow my career pathway,” he says.

“I’d never caught a tram in the city and getting around was a bit scary at first but moving to Melbourne has been a great experience.”

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