Meet Our Talent: Thomas Bailey

When flexible career options lead to a sure thing

His passion for science developed at high school and now, partway through his Bachelor of Biomedicine at the University of Melbourne, Thomas has delved deeply into physics, chemistry and biology.

“I was after more flexibility for career options in the health and medical fields and love that this degree is an intersection of my interests in biological science and the ability to show compassion to others,” he says.

“I have improved my study skills as university is a very different learning style to school. And, I have become much more independent and confident with the choices I make as an individual in all aspects of my life.”

Thomas, who has been part of Biomed Student Society and Earth Science Student Society, says he is grateful for the academic, personal and social experiences that enrich his life.

“The application of work ethic and being true to one’s values is something that I admire and strive for,” he adds.

“There are several individuals in my life who exemplify these qualities and I see as role models. I find it remarkable when individuals apply these two qualities for the good of others.”

After graduating, Thomas plans to take a gap year to travel and experience different cultures before applying for a Doctor of Medicine.

“I wouldn’t have been comfortable with this decision coming straight from school,” he says. “But, Biomedicine has allowed me to see what avenues of study are available and careers that can stem from these.”

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“The Bachelor of Biomedicine has given me the opportunity to challenge my personal values and perspectives in our society.”

– Thomas Bailey, Bachelor of Biomedicine.

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