



Luella Aitkenhead

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I am a second-year BA/LLB student at The University of Queensland, majoring in international relations, with a strong academic focus on the intersection of law, global politics, and strategic policy challenges. I am particularly interested in commercial litigation in cross-border contexts within the Indo-Pacific region, and I am motivated by opportunities to apply my global specialisation to complex, high-level legal discussions. I have developed strong skills in legal reasoning, geopolitical literacy, communication, and negotiation through my studies, active engagement with university societies, and extracurricular development opportunities. I am available anytime to discuss legal or geopolitical internship or volunteering prospects.

Education

Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Arts - The University of Queensland

February 2025 – ongoing (expected November 2029)

- Studying an Extended Major in International Relations, and a Minor in Psychology
- Pursuing a career in international commercial law and litigation, with an academic specialisation in the intersection between law, geopolitics and society
- Aiming to undertake study and internship experience in the Indo-Pacific, seeking to develop expertise in regional legal systems and cross-border practice
- Member of UQ Law Society, UQ International Law Society, UQ Political Science and International Relations Society, and UQ Psychology Students' Association – attended lectures, panels, competitions, and events that have strengthened my professional skills

Queensland Certificate of Education - Somerset College, Gold Coast, QLD

January 2012 - November 2024

- Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) - 92.90
- Excelled in English, Literature, English & Literature Extension, Italian and Psychology
- Success in Evatt Model UN (2x Qld semi-finalist) and various sporting competitions, including Somerset Basketball Club from 2017-2022, and APS Volleyball and Soccer
- Study Abroad: Italian Language Program in Genoa, Italy (December 2023 to February 2024)

Skills

- Strong desire to genuinely engage with development opportunities
- Critical thinking and 'out-of-the-box' approaches to problem solving
- Professional communication
- Teamwork & collaborative contribution
- Legal analysis and reasoning
- Up-to-date geopolitical awareness

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Work history

Sales Assistant, The Just Group, Pacific Fair

Just Jeans (April 2026 – ongoing), Portmans (August 2025 – April 2026)

- Drove sales performance by meeting key performance indicators, as well as prioritising visual merchandising and inventory, and ensuring accurate stock levels
- Delivered an elevated customer experience through comprehensive product knowledge, personalised recommendations and proactive service
- Independently opened/closed the store, monitoring banking and inventory discrepancies

Internship at Hickey Lawyers, Gold Coast

Completed June 2024

- Drafted mock documents to improve understanding of various areas of Australian law
- Observed the norms and requirements of a professional legal environment
- Attended internal meetings and a court hearing

Waitress, George's on Sorrento

June – October 2023

- Maintained composure and professionalism during high-pressure shifts
- Proactively engaged customers with enthusiasm and promoted excellent service

Awards & Certifications

- Recipient of Magna Cum Laude Award for Academic Excellence (2024), recipient of Cum Laude Award x10 (2019-2024)
- Achieved a grade of 23/24 for an International Baccalaureate Personal Project (2022)
- King & Wood Mallesons Introduction to Commercial Law Job Experience ([Forage certification](#), March 2026)
- Leo Cussen Centre for Law Human Rights Law Job Experience ([Forage certification](#), March 2026)

Volunteering and Leadership roles

- Active Member of the IMPACT Service Committee, Somerset College (2024), through which I've participated in numerous programs like adaptive disability surfing volunteering, preparing meals for the disadvantaged, fundraising and raising awareness
- House Cross Country Captain – Somerset College, 2024
- 8-week volunteer at Mudgeeraba Special School (2023)
- Junior basketball coach at Somerset Basketball Club (2017 to 2023)

Reference & LinkedIn

For a professional or character reference, please contact Portmans Assistant Store Manager Micheala Neems at 0401342221. Further references can be supplied on request. Feel free to connect with me on [LinkedIn](#) for further information regarding my experience and background.