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After I matriculated in 2000 I went on Rotary Youth Exchange to Canada for a year. What an incredible experience! Truly a highlight in my life!

When I returned in 2002 I began my 4 year teaching degree with Embury Teacher Training in Durban. This was a new teacher institute, and the course was accredited by The Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, previously known as UPE. I lived in Durban and for part time work, I coached Squash and Waterpolo at Durban Girls College.

My qualified as a foundation phase teacher in 2005. I decided to start my own business in Durban, immediately after my degree. So 2006 was spent coaching for extra money, doing one on one remedial work with children and preparing my business for take off...

2007 was the year my business – Dedicated Au Pair Agency, went from infancy phase to fully functioning. The agency finds placements for student teachers in the local area of Durban and surrounding suburbs. The agency has not advertised yet and has been going on word of mouth. It is still small and manageable, as there was only me running it. However I recently trained an operations manager to take over the day to day functions for me.

I am currently in Brisbane, Australia. I will be here for the next year – working and traveling in Australia. I am also visiting a lot of family too. I lived, studied and worked in Durban for 6 years – waiting and saving to do my years of travel. The time is now...

This is a very small summary of my years since I left school. I hope it's okay? It gives you an idea anyway of what I have been up to. I still keep in close touch with a few mates from school. Otherwise right now, I am so happy and just loving life!

Warm regards