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The Bothwell family hat trick at UOW Shoalhaven

HIGHER education at the University of Wollongong's Shoalhaven Campus is changing family patterns locally.

The Bothwell family's three teachers graduating in three years is just one of those stories from the local campus.

In 2013 Jasmin Bothwell gained her Graduate Diploma of Education, preceded in 2012 by brother Tim and in 2011 by mother Gayle.

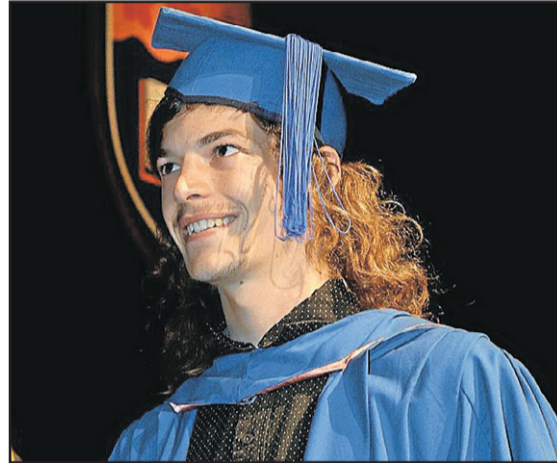
They all plan on using their graduate qualifications for teaching in various avenues. The family has enjoyed Shoalhaven's own university campus.

"UOW Shoalhaven provided us with a supportive environment within a broad, collegial community of learners," Jasmin said.

"All three of us are moving down the path into the teaching profession to share our love of learning and the qualities and knowledge instilled by our experiences at UOW Shoalhaven."

Each graduated with happy memories. Jasmin encouraged anyone thinking of studying at university.

"Try our local campus," she said. "You won't have any regrets."



TEACHING TRIO: Gayle, Tim and Jasmin Bothwell graduated from UOW's Shoalhaven Campus in successive years with teaching qualifications.

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Get to work on career goals

If your New Year's resolution was to get a whopping pay rise, you'd better dust off your resume and find a way to prove you're worth the extra dosh.

Research shows about two in five Australians will be on the hunt for a new job in 2014.

P2R career coach Caroline Cameron said jobseekers should define what "professional success" means to them before setting smaller, manageable goals to achieve by specific dates.

"If you have an ultimate career goal, achieving it all at once can be overwhelming," she said.

"Develop a plan that will allow you to achieve success one step at a time and identify all your options before you evaluate them. Choose the best approach, not the most obvious."

Sarina Russo's Kathleen Newcombe said that workers often took stock of their career during the Christmas holidays because the new year marked a "new beginning".

But Ms Newcombe said while jobseekers desired change, "the grass wasn't always greener".

"Moving outside your current business is sometimes necessary because you might be looking for something the organisation simply doesn't offer," she said.

"Make a list of the positives and negatives (of your current job) and don't just rush into a new job."

For those after an internal promotion, OneShift founder Gen George said the key was to be proactive.

"Ask your boss if you can arrange a time to sit down and have a chat about the opportunities that might be available in 2014," the founder of the online job matching service said.

"Clearly identify any special projects you would like to become involved with. That way, you're the first to come to mind."

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