



# Welcome back – BRIDGET HUSTWAITE

## Class of 2008 (Captain)

**Favourite Teachers:** “Mrs Marshall (former Debating Coordinator) had the biggest impact/influence on me as I did debating through years 7-12 and that really planted the seed for my public speaking/presenting skills. Ms Burns, my Year 12 English teacher, really believed in my ability to put my voice on paper and I think that’s been huge because I now have a bestselling book called ‘How to Endo’.”

**Favourite Subjects:** “English, Psychology, Health.”

**Favourite Memories:** “Obviously the iconic chicken nugget rolls from the canteen! As well as debating competitions, particularly winning South Street and the state title in Year 9. School productions in Year 7 and 8. I also loved rowing and playing girls footy!”

**What did you do after Year 12?** “At the completion of Year 12 I deferred my Health Sciences course and worked in retail. I decided not to pursue Health Sciences and instead completed a Diploma of Visual Merchandising before having my first crack at music presenting through the Channel V Presenter Search. I ended up coming second out of 6000 applicants and realised that was the career I wanted to pursue. After a number of years volunteering as a music writer and community radio broadcaster, I scored a job at triple j. I’ve also been lucky to do a bunch of traveling since high school and even worked as a travel agent at one point!”

**What are you doing now?** “I’m a Melbourne-based radio presenter for national youth broadcaster triple j and host of their flagship new music program, Good Nights. Outside of broadcasting I’m a passionate advocate for endometriosis and author of the bestselling book ‘How to Endo’. After being diagnosed with endometriosis in 2018 and following the outpouring of support I received for going public with my story, I launched the Instagram account @endogram, which aims to educate and start conversations about endometriosis with its 38,000-plus followers.”

Bridget is returning to School to speak to Year 10 students about her pathway since leaving school. It’s a great chance for students to hear some practical tips about study, work and getting a job.

WHEN: Wednesday 16 February TIME: 9am WHERE: Room 1

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