



St Paul's College University of Sydney

Rhodes Scholar for 2009

Mr Nikolas Kirby BA (Hons) has been awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to study at Oxford University. Nik will read for an MPhil in Economics, taking up his scholarship in September 2009.

This scholarship represents the culmination of a career of high achievement and serious involvement in a broad range of activity in College, the University and the community during his seven years at the University of Sydney. In 2005 he completed his Arts degree in Philosophy with 1st Class Honours and the University Medal, and is currently completing his LLB and MEd degrees. He has held a Sydney University Distinction Scholarship, 2003–08; St Paul's College Full Foundation Scholarship, 2005–07, and, in 2007, he was awarded the University of Sydney Convocation Medal for all-round contribution to the University. He has been active in the affairs of St Paul's (Student Dean, 2008; Honorary Secretary, Students' Club, 2007; Editor, Pauline, 2005; Tutor in Philosophy, 2006–08), the University Union (Board Director, 2004–05; and member or officeholder of the Volunteers, Member Services, Cultural Diversity, and Debates Committees), Sydney University Law Society (Executive Member, 2004; Student Representative, Law Faculty Board, 2004; Campus Committee, 2003; Treasurer, Campus Committee, 2005; Student Editor, Sydney Law Review, 2008; Student Editor, Australian International Law Journal, 2008), and in 2006 was Editor of Honi Soit. He has been an active debater, representing the University at National and International Competitions, and has been prominent in mooting competitions (Holding Reidlich Trophy for Intermediate Mooting, 2007; Semi-Finalist, Clayton Utz Equity Moot, 2007; Phillip C. Jessup Moot Team, 2008/09). In the community area he has founded the Papua New Guinea Aid Program, and has been a volunteer in the Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Service working with Aboriginal communities in Alice Springs and Central Australia.

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