

Graduate Profile: Meet Titch



Why did you choose TOPEC to study?

I was always interested in the outdoors. I completed a Level 3 course in high school and took every opportunity I could to be at TOPEC. The instructors and the environment always left me feeling motivated and pushed me to better myself. I knew that it would be an excellent environment to grow and learn in for my tertiary studies.

What were the benefits of training at TOPEC?

Working, training and studying at TOPEC was the perfect balance. I was able to take my classroom learning out into the field and discover my own ways of instructing as well as using all of the knowledge I learnt through the course. I was always given the opportunity to get involved, learn alongside the instructors, get hands-on with the students and observe the different ways all the instructors worked. Being in such a dynamic environment, I felt comfortable with having my own epics and learnt so much from being exposed to the different pursuits that TOPEC provides.

Your most enjoyable moments while studying?

For me, being able to get out into the field straight away, work with students and know you are having an impact on younger generations is one of the most rewarding feelings. The challenges you face and the obstacles you overcome alongside the kids as well as with fellow Level 4 students are some of the best moments you will have. Increasing my own confidence has also been an incredible experience for me and the life skills/lessons I will take away from studying will be with me forever.

The most challenging moments?

Having enough trust in my own potential to really put myself out there and feel okay about things not always going the way you plan. I have always struggled when not having everything go perfectly, so learning to have epic fails safely in the outdoors was a big obstacle for me to overcome. This has helped me grow a lot and the support I have received in pushing me to my limits has increased my own confidence immensely.

What do you think of your role now as a full time instructor?

I love my job as it is always something different and an extremely rewarding position to be in. At TOPEC you help create memorable outcomes. Whether that be through influencing the students that come through our doors or during my own adventures in the outdoors, I never stop learning and improving. I love that. I am also continuing my Level 4 studies by doing the further strands available such as abseil and high ropes.

