

Old Scholar



Saint Stephen's College

My name is Ryan Cooney. I graduated Saint Stephen's College in 2013. During my time at the College I started writing a book. Since leaving the College I put down my pen and I spent the first year out of school studying a Bachelor of Arts, Majoring in English and Public Relations. I also spent this year pursuing my sports endeavours. Unfortunately a major shoulder injury caused my sports career and my potential future to end.

I transferred my university course and started full-time as a Food and Beverage Manager at the Marriott Hotel. As rewarding as this job may have been it wasn't where I saw myself in the future. At the start of 2015 I decided to revisit my passion for writing fiction. After completing and editing my first novel mid-2015, I spent seven months waiting for a reply from potential publishers. I eventually received a reply and spent the next three months editing and waiting for a second reply from the publisher.

In April 2016, I received confirmation that my first novel 'A Hero Rises', part of the 'Low Series', would be published on 21 September 2016. I was signed for a 5-figure deal. I would not be where I am today without the amazing education Saint Stephen's gave me. Saint Stephen's teachers inspire their students to think as big as they can and set goals. I'd like to thank Miss Horry and Miss Naug, who both put up with me and inspired me the most to become a writer.

