

From Myanmar to Australia A Family's Journey

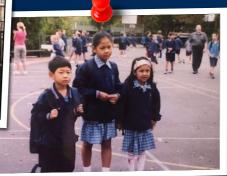


One Family's Journey

Sarah Pe's family are from Myanmar and lived in a refugee camp on the Thai-Burmese border before moving to Australia. Sarah's parents, Jordan and Juni, immigrated to Australia on a humanitarian visa, settling in Ringwood.







Sarah's dad, Jordan (left), in 1999 in the Mae La Refugee Camp.

The eldest of four girls, Sarah was born shortly after her parents arrived in Australia at Box Hill Hospital. 'We often played outside, and my parents loved taking my sisters and me to the park.'



Sarah's family in traditional clothing at a Karen Culture Night in 2019. (L–R): Jordan, Sarah, her sisters Audrey, Laura and Christina, and Juni.



Sarah with best friend and fellow Carey scholarship recipient, Moosay, in costume for the Carey production of *The Drowsy Chaperone*. Moosay, Rev. Gerry Riviere and Sarah at the Senior School Speech Night 2018.



Sarah received an Access and Equity Scholarship and entered Carey in Year 10.



Sarah graduated from Australian Catholic University and works as a nurse at St Vincent's Hospital's Paediatric Unit.



Sarah at work as a nurse at St Vincent's Hospital's Paediatric Unit.

'Without my scholarship to Carey, I don't think I would have become a nurse. The scholarship meant so much me. It gave me a chance to really believe in myself. I've always had the capability, but Carey gave me the confidence.'

Sarah

'Mrs McCafferty was one of my biggest supporters at school and it was her and other teachers ... who helped me realise that I would be suited to nursing ... I am kind and good with people and that's exactly what you need to be a nurse.'

Sarah

Carey Baptist Grammar School Speech Night 2018 – Sarah with best friend and fellow scholarship recipient Moosay (left).



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