



Michelle was born on Bellevue wine farm where she attended the Pebbles After School Club. Michelle recalls her favourite memory at Pebbles as being part of the School Leaver Programme that was coordinated by the Pebbles Project Social Workers: “Being part of the School Leaver programme was the most memorable to me because the programme focused on discovering your purpose and preparing you for the future

and also recognising how you play a role in your future. They motivated us to set goals to get to where we want to be one day.”

One of the Pebbles Project Social Workers played a big role in Michelle’s life: “She always motivated me, she would take me by the hand and say: ‘Michellie you can’t give up now.’ She is truly a person that I look up to.”

Ever since she was a little girl, Michelle dreamed of becoming a teacher one day. However, in high school she had a change of mind: “I was uncertain whether I still wanted to pursue a career as a teacher. After I matriculated I was very confused, it was then that the Social Workers at Pebbles suggested that I write the PACE career test. The results made me realize that I would like to go into the management industry.”

The Pebbles Social Workers took Michelle to Boland College and assisted her in completing her application to study Assistant Management: “During my first year at college, a Social Worker at Pebbles helped me to get an internship at KWV and Hillebrand.” Michelle graduated in 2017 and was offered a permanent position as Documentation Administrator at Hillebrand. Michelle loves her job: “Every day there are new challenges that I aim to overcome. I enjoy communicating with clients from around the world.”

“My family is very proud of me. I am also proud of myself, especially when I look at where I started compared to where I am now.” The Bellevue community looks up to Michelle: “If they tell me that they want to go study, I tell them that it’s not just about studying, but also about perseverance and commitment. It’s not always an easy road, your success depends on your own attitude.”

“Pebbles is a life changing organisation, they make it their mission to assist you in achieving your dreams. Pebbles had a big impact on my life.”