## **Janey Crous (Ellis) Ermelo Christian School**

1997 - 2009

Attending Ermelo Christian Pre – School, right through to achieving my matric in ECS.

When it comes to education the ACE system has been all I've known. Thus I have always been quite a cheer leader when it comes to the benefits of the system. I fully believe in it and have no doubt in my mind about its benefits and effectivity.

I always say the ACE system is great but it's how it's run that determines the effectiveness. With that said, I am proud to call myself an ECS graduate as the school does not only use the ACE system but justifies its purpose.

I was never very passionate about academics and that is why I was thankful that I could be in a place where academics was not "everything".

I could be myself. I could work according to my ability and receive personal academic attention when needed. The strong phonetic foundation that was laid in grade one helps me till this day. Throughout my school career I had precious teachers that helped me "find myself". They were there to listen, discipline, guide and love. I will always be thankful to them all as they kept me on the right path and helped me find my purpose.

I enjoyed sport and culture events, ECS offered plenty of opportunities in these categories.

Through ECS and SACSSA I could take part in Athletics, Netball, Volley Ball, Table Tennis and Soft Ball. I discovered my love for acting, public speaking, dancing even performing clown acts through school plays, speech evenings and of course the Annual Student Convention in Bloemfontein.

I was offered opportunities to develop my leadership skills in cheerleading at athletics, being class leader and prefect. All of this trained and prepared me to become head girl in my matric year.

There were ups and downs, friends made and lost, memories made that will never be forgotten and principles learned that will stay with me forever.

ECS has laid a firm foundation of God's Word in my life through all the Bible Verses in the PACE's and the Termly Memory Verses. I learned vital principles in assembly and devotions and am able to plan and take responsibility today thanks to my friend, the Goal Chart.

So would I recommend the ACE system for our future generation?

Well, if you want to grow up strong in God's Word, be taught responsibility from a young age and be equipped strongly not only in academics but sport, art and culture then the ACE system is for you! Ermelo Christian School is truly growing stronger and stronger and I am in expectancy to see what God still has in store for the school. You will make no mistake to entrust your child into their capable hands.

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