

"I didn't have a lot of self-confidence and didn't think I was going to win, but I did. I was so over the moon."

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All the girls were so lovely, nothing like any rumours you may hear that pageants are bitchy. I still keep in touch with some of the girls today

In 2007, I decided I wanted to give Miss Universe New Zealand a go, as I would have loved to have gone to represent New Zealand in that. This pageant was run very differently to the others but was ok. I didn't win this one and it was the last pageant I entered.

I met my husband in 2005, just before I went to the pageant in Malaysia. He is a wonderful, kind and giving person who supported me through my pageant dreams. We clocked up a \$600 phone bill while I was in Malaysia! We got engaged in 2006 and married in 2007. Then along came the wonderful surprise of our baby son in January this year.

I have since sold my house that I bought on my own in 2005 and moved out of the area. We now live in West Auckland but always come to visit my parents out this way.

Since being involved in pageants I feel it changed and shaped me as a well-grounded young woman. It gave me confidence and self-belief that I can do anything if I put my mind to it and try. I had a sales and advertising background and through pageants decided I wanted to get more in television and become a presenter. I model part time and am studying a three year diploma in journalism, which I am half way through. I have done a few TV commercials and presented The Boat Show on Prime back in summer 2007. Things are going well and I have just done a small part on the Good Morning Show.

My husband, son and I are heading to the UK for six months for his job where I will continue my studies extramurally and hope to get more modeling and presenting work while there.

All this I have to fit around being a full time mum. It's a challenge when you have a young family but I juggle it all nicely with help from my supportive husband and parents. I absolutely love being a mum and my son is a wee angel, I believe I can still raise a family while living my dream of being a TV presenter."



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