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I've been part of ITC for a while, first as a Course Advisor and Employment Consultant at our Botany Campus, and now as a tutor. My journey in travel and tourism started after school, when a friend showed me a polytechnic prospectus. The travel and tourism course caught my eye, and I knew it was perfect for me.

During my studies, I worked in a 5-star hotel and completed work experience as a domestic check-in agent at the airport, which I loved.

After graduating, I became a travel coordinator for a student exchange programme, sending high school students overseas, mainly to Japan. I even travelled there twice myself, which gave me a real insight into Japanese culture.

I then worked for a company specialising in educational travel, escorting groups overseas for language, music, and sports trips. These roles involved working closely with students and teachers, and it sparked my love for sharing knowledge and supporting young people.

I'm excited to be in the classroom, helping students explore all aspects of the tourism and airline industry. I love seeing them discover different career paths, from flight attendant to tour guide, and watching their confidence grow. Travel and tourism is such a fun, dynamic industry, and I enjoy showing students the opportunities that await when they combine passion with a qualification.

Outside of work, my love for nurturing continues at home, where I breed the cutest cats — Ragdolls, Chinchillas, and Burmillas — which keeps life busy and full of personality!

