

Jade Seah's HP Pavilion g4

Television host and actor Jade Seah, 30, has worked as a model since she was 14.

In 2006, she bagged the Miss Photogenic title and finished first runner-up in the Miss Universe Singapore beauty pageant.

The 1.71m-tall beauty insists that despite her modelling background, she is actually very clumsy and has the scars to prove it.

Pointing to the marks on her forearm, she recalled: "I would walk into a drain, knock into a pole or hit a sharp corner."

When she was 15 and waiting tables at a family buffet restaurant, she spilled drinks on customers on her second day. "I ended up just clearing plates after that," she said.

Clumsy or not, she became an expert at juggling studies with work and other commitments.

An alumna of Tanjong Katong Girls' School and Tampines Junior College, she made it to the dean's list at the Singapore Management University (SMU) for two years.

She represented the university in running, wakeboarding and netball.

She also handled the marketing for the wakeboarding team and attended events as an ambassador for the university.

In her final year, Miss Universe Singapore pageant scouts visited the university. A friend of hers filled in the form for her and said she should take part, but she did not sign up.

She ran into the pageant scouts when they were at Suntec City and was persuaded to enter an on-the-spot contest and have her photo taken. She won \$1,500 and a camera.

"How could I not enter the pageant after that?" she said.

Despite the packed pageant schedule, she

did not miss her classes.

However, she did not attend part of a lesson on international economics. "I hate missing classes. But I missed half of it because we were having a photo shoot at Sisters' Islands," she said.

Her secret to accomplishing so much? Sleep less.

"Sleeping is a waste of time anyway," she said. She remembers sleeping so little at the time that her parents asked her if she was on drugs.

She took her final-year examinations one week after the pageant ended and got second upper honours in business management, with a double major in corporate communications and marketing. "Come to think of it, I really don't know how I managed to do it," she added with a laugh.

After a stint at an advertising and public relations agency, MediaCorp signed her on as an artiste and she acted in several dramas, including Point Of Entry 2. She hosted The Dance Floor, as well as Today In Beijing, covering the Beijing 2008 Olympics.

Two years ago, she opened an online fashion boutique, maryjulian.

"Business is my passion and I like dressing up, so I thought it would be cool to marry my love for fashion with an actual business," she said.

Last year, she fulfilled a childhood dream of becoming a deejay when she signed on with radio station 987 FM.

"I have always loved music and it is good that I had a chance to do it," she said. She left the station in April "as the timing was not right".

From this month, fans can catch her in online fashion series ChicPeek, which will be broadcast on her website (www.jadeseah.com).

"I cover the latest tricky fashion trends and how to work them into your look," she said.

By Trevor Tan

Who

Jade Seah, 30, is a Singaporean model, actor, host, deejay and founder of online fashion boutique maryjulian.

Her laptop

The HP Pavilion g4 was a gift from a friend after my previous laptop crashed. I am very particular about touchpads and don't like laptops that come with smooth ones. That is why I love the textured touchpad of this laptop.



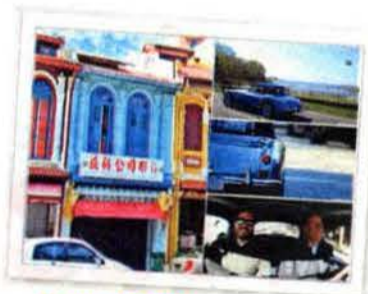
Music

I listen to a lot of music, although what I listen to depends on the time of day and my mood. For example, I listen to bossa nova on Sunday afternoons. I love the Beatles and Elvis is my hero. I listen to classical music if I need to think and get work done.



Pictures

I take a lot of pictures and spend time on the computer sorting through and blogging about them. Here's one taken at the Rialto Bridge in Venice. Although it is touristy and crowded, Venice is still one of the most amazing and beautiful places I've been to.



PowerPoint

I use PowerPoint quite a lot, as I find it is a quick and easy way to put together visual ideas. I have just finished filming an online series on style and fashion, ChicPeek. Here are the mood boards from the production house. This helps make sure both parties are on the same page in terms of the look and feel of the series.



Chrome

I love Chrome as it is a fast Web browser. I am also very pro-Google and love that all Google services, such as Gmail and Google Drive, are there when I open the browser.