

## Daniel Wu Biography

Daniel was born in Hong Kong and moved to Australia in the early 80s, growing up in Sydney with two siblings. He earned a double degree in Science majoring in Pure Mathematics & Computer Science, and Electrical Engineering (Information Systems) from the University of Sydney. He worked as a Design Engineer in telecommunications after graduation, and in the early 2000s joined an Australian startup that was later acquired by a multinational company. As Chief Architect, he co-authored several patents in remote telemetry and monitoring and led the Sydney development centre for seven years, focusing on life safety products for the Fire & Security industry. His research interests include cloud and edge applications for low-power systems that protect life and property.

Daniel was raised in a traditional Chinese family influenced by Taoist beliefs. His mother regularly visited temples in Hong Kong, such as Wong Tai Sin and Kwun Yum. After moving to Australia, she continued this practice, visiting the Sze Yup Kwan Ti Temple in Glebe and Yui Ming Temple in Alexandria, especially during Chinese festivals. The family's first encounter with Buddhism was in 1991 during a visit to Nan Tien Vihara Parramatta, which marked their initiation into Fo Guang Shan in Australia. In 1993, he attended Venerable Master Hsing Yun's Dharma talk at Sydney Town Hall and began participating in Fo Guang Shan hosted events, including Buddha's Birthday Festivals and the opening of Nan Tien Temple.

After his father's passing in 2002, Daniel became more deeply involved with the Fo Guang Shan community, joining the BLIA North 1 Subchapter in Chatswood and serving in various capacities. He officially took refuge and precepts in 2003 and was part of the broadcast team for a Cantonese radio program from 2006 to 2008.

From 2009 to 2012, Daniel served as President of BLIA North 1 Subchapter and later as Elder Advisor. He helped organize key events, including Venerable Master Hsing Yun's One-Stroke Calligraphy exhibition at the Willoughby City Council building in 2010 and the inaugural North Sydney Buddha's Birthday Festival in Chatswood Mall in 2013. He continued to support cultural and temple activities, as well as translation work for NTI's Humanistic Buddhism journals.

His leadership roles expanded as BLIA Sydney Chapter Vice President (2017-2022), Chairperson of BLIA Sydney Scouts (2019-2022), and facilitator of weekly online Dharma study groups during COVID-19. Since 2023, he has served as President of the BLIA Sydney Chapter, overseeing nine sub-chapters in Sydney and Wollongong.