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Bruce Campbell | HEAD OF COLLEGE

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Head of College note

25 years on

2016 marks my 25th year as Head of College at NCC. I suppose that the milestone allows me, for a brief time, to reflect on the changes during the last 25 years.

Sitting in my new office in the administration building of the Primary School, I could see the extensive bushland covering the property with just 5 buildings in the High School. ‘A’ and ‘B’ Blocks, the old Youth Hall (used as the Library), ‘Fish and Chips’ (comprising 3 classrooms and a Staff room), and the Science Lab and Typing Room Building (now the Staff room).

The total number of students was 294 and we had a big vision outlined in a Board document called ‘Towards 2000’. The goal was to have 1,000 students with buildings and facilities in place by 2000. We achieved our goal.

We refer to those years as the ‘Building Years’. As our student population grew each year we were constructing new buildings and employing new staff to keep up. They were challenging yet rewarding years, as this small school, on the outskirts of Nambour, called New Life Christian School, changed its name to Nambour Christian College and gained acceptance across the Sunshine Coast.

While the College Board and the School Administration had many challenges to overcome related to government funding, Council head works contributions, building applications and approvals, transport issues for students, the need to purchase more land as it became available as well as the normal pressures of rapid growth, it was during those early years that the culture and values of NCC were firmly established.

God indeed answered our prayers, our challenges and financial needs were met and we could celebrate reaching our goals for the year 2000.

Today, our students, families and staff can enjoy the fruit of those who contributed during the Foundational and Building Years.

There have been significant changes to education, to classrooms, to teaching and learning. Schools have been given the responsibility of implementing political agendas of governments and taking on the challenge of addressing needs within our society. However, one constant that hasn’t changed is the importance of providing our students with a Christian Education that empowers students to achieve their personal best, to grow into young men and women of integrity, equipping them to be a Christian influence in the communities in which they live and serve.

As I write this article I am sitting in my office, located in the middle of the High School, looking out over the beautiful gardens, watching our students gathered in small groups, sharing lunch together. This is our family here at NCC.

I am grateful to the Lord for a wonderful team of people who make up the College Board, the Executive Team and the Teaching and Administration Staff, who are committed and dedicated to the Vision of NCC. God Bless. 🙏



Robyn Archer, Denis Coard and Sharon Davis stop in at Nambour Christian College during their national tour of HIT Production's Australia Day.

NCC experiences

NCC welcomes acclaimed actors

Nambour Christian College students learn from some of Australia's finest actors.

Earlier this year, Nambour Christian College welcomed some of the cast from HIT Productions' national touring Australia Day play.

NCC's Head of College Mr Bruce Campbell said it was a great opportunity for our Year 10, 11 and 12 Drama students to be visited by highly accredited actors Sharon Davis, Robyn Arthur and Dennis Coard who were performing in the national production.

"The students had the chance to get up-close and personal with highly accredited actors Sharon Davis, Robyn Arthur and Dennis Coard on Wednesday in an interactive workshop setting, gaining real life insights from these professionals," Mr Campbell said.

Judi Allen-Ankins of NCC's Creative and Performing Arts Dept said the HIT Production actors came to workshop and discuss the tricks of their trade.

"Sharon, Robyn and Dennis shared their exciting experiences from Broadway, acting school and television," Ms Allen-Ankins said.

"The students acquired valuable tips and gain a strong knowledge of the fascinating acting industry.

"Towards the end of the session, Sharon Davis introduced an exercise where the students lay on the ground and recited lines from Shakespeare, focusing on the sounds created by the vowels. It was a blast!"

Year 12 student, Jayke Starkey, said the exercise was an eye-opening experience.

"The exercise changed my perspective on voice and language," Jayke said.

"It taught us how to utilise these newfound techniques within the performing arts.

Overall, the NCC drama students were enlightened and deeply appreciated the opportunity.

Georgie Howarth, also in Year 12, said that she came in "with an idea of what they were going to say, but (acting) was totally stripped back and broken down."



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The Nambour Christian College production of Annie, the Tony Award winning musical the story of little orphan Annie, who leaves the hard knock life of the orphanage to experience the life of luxury in the mansion of Oliver Warbucks had four sell out shows between the 14 and 16 April held at The Events Centre

NCC production

The sun will come out tomorrow!

NCC was the first school on the Coast to use high-tech fully digital backdrop stage setting which added a big 'WOW' factor to the much loved musical.

The high-quality production didn't disappoint and NCC's Head of Creative Arts & Performance, Russell Morgan, said the quality of the performance and stage setting was outstanding.

"We have such amazing talent on the Coast, including our students and staff at NCC," Mr Morgan said.

NCC is known for their professional quality productions with outstanding talent, set design and costuming.

With a brilliant cast and crew of more than 130, and a band that far exceeded expectations, this show was set to impress and certainly did so.

NCC holds a Musical every two years, be sure to come along in 2018 to one of these unforgettable shows. 🎭

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NCC experiences

NCC students get totally wild in Currimundi

In mid April, students from Nambour Christian College took to Lake Currimundi to show off their water balancing skills (and the region) for national TV viewing.

NCC Head of Primary Sport, Steve McCall, said 14 student leaders took part in a fun and very amusing demonstration on Stand Up Paddle Boards (SUPs) to test their strength and agility in front of the camera for a filming of Channel 10's Totally Wild television series.

"The purpose of the demonstration was to show off the new rage in sport - SUP Ball - a combination of netball, water polo and lacrosse played on a Stand Up Paddleboard - run by local company SUPThrills," Mr McCall said.

"Students had a great time showing off in front of the camera, with some hilarious thrills and spills all captured on camera for a national audience."

Local operator Roschelle Hawton of SUPThrills said SUP Ball is regularly played at Lake Currimundi and it was great to have NCC students be part of this exciting opportunity.

"It was great to have Channel 10's Totally Wild crew come back to the Coast to feature this fun and unique take on traditional sports," Mrs Hawton said.

"SUP Ball is fun for all ages and abilities, taking place on top of the water (hopefully),"

For more information about the sport head to Supthrills website: kitethrills.com or visit NCC's website at ncc.qld.edu.au to learn about the sporting opportunities on offer.

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Mr Campbell and Senator James McGrath officially opening the Trades Skills Centre.

NCC in 2016

Nambour Christian College off to a flying start in 2016

This year, Nambour Christian College students are benefiting from the recent opening of two exciting new facilities to support trades skills learning and Year 7 integration.

Head of College, Mr Bruce Campbell said the “College was delighted to have Queensland Senator James McGrath officially open the outstanding Nambour Christian College Trades Skills Centre on 4 November 2015.”

The Trades Skills Centre includes the refurbishment and extensions to an existing building and boasts a ‘state of the art’ commercial kitchen, 120 seat restaurant with separate alfresco dining area, fully equipped coffee station and non-alcoholic bar, reception area and retail bakery.



The project, funded by the Australian Government’s Trade Training Centres in Schools Program also includes the provision of equipment.

Importantly, the Trades Skills Centre will deliver qualifications in food processing to address skills shortages in the trades of baker and pastry cook.

Tourism and Hospitality is not only the largest employer on the Sunshine Coast, but also nationally, and perhaps internationally, so it makes good sense for school students to learn skills that will allow them to gain employment virtually anywhere in the world.

The Australian Government approved funding of \$1.4 billion to establish trade training facilities in 1289 secondary schools across Australia. The Government is focussed on delivering excellent vocational training in secondary schools through stronger partnerships between schools, local businesses and industry, along with student support arrangements assist with students’ transition to a post school pathway.

Nambour Christian College is one of just a small number of schools in Queensland to take the step from offering hospitality subjects to installing a fully operational commercial training kitchen and café restaurant.

Mr Campbell added, “students can complete Certificate Level 1 & 2 in Hospitality (Operations) and/or Certificate 2 in Kitchen (Operations) and be assured that they are prepared for traineeships, apprenticeships and employment with the most exacting and professional of employers, anywhere in the world.”

“Our Year 12 students graduating from NCC Hospitality regularly secure apprenticeships at Palazzo Versace resort on the Gold Coast and at local quality resorts such as the Noosa Sheraton and the Palmer Coolum Resort (formerly Hyatt Regency) on the Sunshine Coast.”



Mr Graham and Mrs Lynne Passey with their daughters Simone Colley and Loris Wallis and families.



In addition to the Trades Skills Centre facility, the College also celebrated the official launch of the Year 7 Flying Start building at the same time.

Mr Campbell said "the new facility was a result of The Year 7 Flying Start program, a State Government capital grant initiative relating to the change for Year 7 from primary school to be included in secondary schools, and aligning Queensland with most other states in Australia."

"This project, to build two classrooms, was partially funded by the Queensland State Government with a grant of \$500,000 toward a project cost of \$851,225," Mr Campbell said.

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"The two classrooms and associated covered areas are now used as Collaborative Learning Spaces for Middle School students.

Commemoratively, the college has named the facility The Michelle (Shelley) Passey Memorial Building (Year 7 Flying Start Building) after a former Year 12 student who sadly passed away in 2007, aged 28.

Mr Campbell said Shelley was a student at Nambour Christian College for her high school years and completed Year 12 in 1996.

"Shelley suffered from the debilitating condition known as Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa. ("Butterfly children" is the term given to those born with the

condition, as their skin is seen to be as delicate and fragile as that of a butterfly).

"During Shelley's high school years, she was an example to all with her cheerful disposition, her strong will and determination to achieve all her goals without complaint or excuses.

"We thank God that Shelley shared part of her life with us, touching so many lives."

Shelley's touching words, written by her at midnight on Monday 15 September 2003, are memorialised on a plaque in front of the facility: "Firstly I want to be a child of God because eternity is a long time and I want to make a continuous effort to be more like Jesus until either I die and go to Heaven or Jesus returns. I want God to say "Well done my good and faithful servant.

Lord, my second desire is for total healing of my body, oh how I long for that day."

Shelley went to be with her Jesus on 10 November 2007, aged 28 years.

The Michelle (Shelley) Passey Memorial Building (Year 7 Flying Start Building) was opened by Mr and Mrs Graham and Lynne Passey, parents of Michelle.

Dedications of both buildings were made by Pastor Kerry Evans of Scripture Union Qld followed by instrumental music performance by current Sunshine Coast Junior Eisteddfod Champions, the NCC Stage Band.



NCC students 2016 RSL Youth Development Program Sporting Grant

Jake van der Vliet, a Year 12 student was recently presented with the 2016 RSL Youth Development Program Sporting Grant, sponsored by Bond University.

The ceremony was held at the Bond University on the Gold Coast and Jake was awarded the grant based on his sporting achievements in 2015.

Jake's main sport is cycling, both on the velodrome (track) and road disciplines, but has also competed for NCC as a regional representative in triathlon, a district representative in athletics and the school Age Champion in swimming and cross country.

Jake was the 2015 U19 Qld Track Champion in an individual event, and a medalist in a team event. He would like to use the grant money to obtain specialist training equipment, and to travel to the National Road Championships to be held in Canberra in July. Congratulations Jake, and we wish you all the best in July.



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NCC exchange

Gemma Haram Beck returns to NCC

When I first visited NCC I was amazed by many things. First, the school hours that ended early was the most surprising thing. Students in Korea sit in a classroom studying from 7am to 10pm or even more.

The second thing was class subjects. The system that taught not only theoretical matters but also practical matters amazed me. Korean students stay at one place for more than 10 hours and thought their doing good at Korean, English, Maths, and Science was all that made them recognized but it was amazing that NCC guided me to find things that I wanted to do. Thirdly, it was the natural environment. Not only the NCC campus but the Sunshine Coast was like paradise. The beautiful natural environment with birds, oceans, kangaroos, and so on made me draw breath and I felt so happy. Australia and NCC was a place to nurture people. My impression was not to make everyone the same but to bring out each one's talent and my memory is that the staff at NCC found my little talent with love and care.

When I completed Year 10 at NCC, I returned to my school I had previously attended in Korea. Keeping the valuable memories, I made in Australia in mind, I studied in Korea for 2 years. I became to gain confidence in the English language so that I could give presentations in English and act as a host to some events at school or elsewhere even though my skills were not very excellent.

After graduating high school, I went to a seminary. I had hoped to go to a seminary since I was in Australia and wished to be a missionary. Thus I went to a university famous for missiology and majored in Theology and Christian Education. During my four years at the University, I met many good professors and friends. While in College, I worked for the school and students as the Vice President of the Student Council as well as working at a café, I also was involved in camps and bible studies for teenagers.

I graduated from University in February 2015 and I have been working as a Secretary at the President office of the University from where I graduated from.

On weekends I serve God as a missionary who teachers about 100 elementary students at church. My English skill is not very good but sometimes I offer worship to God in English, helping a pastor from the US. I have felt the need to further my studies in another area after graduation from the seminary, something that I could work in with the most joy. And now, I am attending classes at Graduate School, majoring in Tourism. At present, I have been leading a very busy life with the office work, ministry, and graduate work.

My experience at NCC was the most unforgettable memory in my life. My life back in Australia is in my dreams even for years after I came back to Korea. There was nothing I could forget about the experience; the friends who studied with me, teachers and staff who took care of me, home stay family that I felt like a real family, Year 10 camp walking all day and kayaking, that was so exhausting it that it was like torture to my body but enjoyable, and classes that dealt with various fields that I could not experience in Korea.

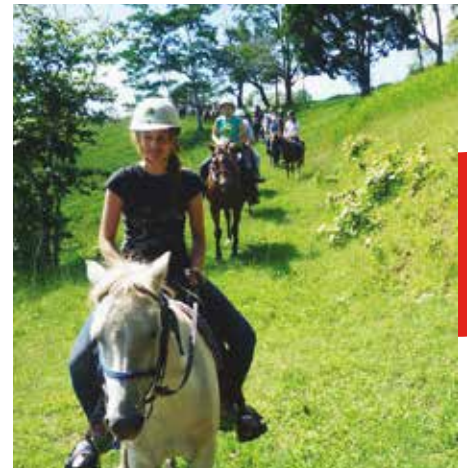
The most memorable event was the Musical 'Sound of Music' where I played the bass guitar with my humble skills. It was a very special and novel experience to me from the practices and camp for advance preparations to the performance. From the actors who looked like just coming out from movies and staff who made a lot of effort to make the actors shine and to the band that played music in the dark relying only on a light, those are some unforgettable memories to me. Thus I still miss NCC whenever I watch the Sound of Music movie or listen to the music.

My motto is "Important is not what to do but why." People cannot see the future so I've decided to look forward to what God leads me to.

Now I am learning about "convention management," which is to plan and carry out international conferences. I hope to play a leading role to organize Christian conventions. I would like to plan and carry out various Christian events as well as Christian exhibitions, debates, and international conferences. By doing so, I hope to be a little light in this era when the flame of the Gospel fades away. To do so, I need to study a lot more so I have an idea to go to Australia if I finish the graduate work until next year

I like traveling and I guess the memories from my experiences in Australia changed my life. I work seven days a week without a day off but I often travel around my country or other countries dragging my tired body if I have any vacation or holiday. I have been going around diverse countries such as England, China, Turkey, and Singapore as well as Australia. However, I particularly missed Australia the teachers, friends, and family so much that I went to the country in February 2016 with my family to share the place where I lived. I visited NCC and I want to thank Mr Campbell and many teachers and staff. 🙏

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NCC experiences

Developing individual, small groups and community values

Mr Geoff van der Vliet
HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL

NCC has a well-considered and structured ‘camping’ program for each year. The Middle School program builds in complexity to match the development

In Year 7, the whole year level goes to camp together with the title ‘Focus, Friends and Faith’. Through various group initiative activities, students are challenged to stretch their comfort zone in as many areas as possible, especially physically, socially and spiritually. The camp is placed after NAPLAN tests (this year Tuesday 17th to Friday 20th May). This camp is an excellent chance for students to get to know others in their grade and build social cohesion which will assist them as they journey through school together. In 2016, the Year 7 Camp will again be held at Maranatha Recreation Centre, Yandina.

The Year 8 Camp is the first of the ‘single-gender’ camps where the boys and girls go to separate locations. The camp is a ‘stepping up’ experience, symbolically making reference to the development of character in the journey toward adulthood and responsible decision-making. The same gender staff travel with the students and lead a variety of experiences which develop the students’ confidence in meeting a range of challenges.

It is hoped that each student will find at least one aspect of the camp difficult and thereby develop their personal confidence and inter-dependence that is an important lesson

for successfully progressing through other challenges in life. Currently, the boys travel to ‘Pindari’ camp in northern NSW and the girls to ‘Kiah Park’ near Gympie.

The Year 9 Camp is the culminating experience of the Middle School and is structured very deliberately. The title is ‘Celebrating Milestones’ and is focused around the concepts of ‘rites of passage’ in the journey to adulthood, a positive concept that is often replaced with negative risk-taking experiences in the western world. Once again students are led in single-gender camps and parents are required to be involved in special ‘celebrations’ before and after camp. Students are led through a series of lessons prior to camp which are focused on what it means to be an adult in more than just a physical way, and what sort of adult the world needs them to be. These lessons coincide with a spiritual challenge as the young people move toward a personalising of their beliefs and values which start as ‘inherited’ beliefs and values from their parents and other significant adults. This is a very important and special experience for all Year 9 students and their families. This year it will be held from 5th to 8th October, with more information coming by early term three. 🐾

There's something in the air at Nambour Christian College's Instrumental Music Program – perfect notes perhaps?

NCC students

NCC Instrumental Music students achieve national and regional acclaim

NCC Year 11 student, Brady Foxley-Conolly recently travelled to Adelaide and brought back to the Sunshine Coast the Australian Under 19 Junior Bass Trombone National Champion title.

Head of Instrumental Music, Phil Smith said the National Brass Band Championships are held each year over the Easter weekend and are attended by bands and individuals from all over the country.

"Following his title wins in the previous two years in Brisbane followed by Sydney, it was an awesome achievement for Brady to take out the 'hat trick' in 2016," Mr Smith said.

"Although neither of the two local Sunshine Coast brass bands that Brady plays in made the trip this year to Adelaide, the lure of competing in the solo competition was too great for him.

"Braving a very cold and windy day in Gawler he nailed his two test pieces and had a very encouraging conversation with the adjudicator after competing in the 'Champions of Champions' section later in the afternoon.

Brady said a highlight of the trip was dashing off the plane and heading straight to the Adelaide Conservatorium of Music where he was able to have a run through session with a world renowned pianist.

"It's always a great experience to attend these events and experience the expertise of so many talented musicians," Brady said.

"I am honoured to have taken out a the Championships for the third time in a row - bring on Launceston 2017!"

Meanwhile, Tyler Keen, also in Year 11, was recently awarded a The Centre Medal 2015 from Trinity College London.

Mr Smith said, the Centre Medal is awarded to regions across the world who host music examinations through Trinity College London.

"Tyler was awarded the medal in recognition for his Grade 6 Drum Kit exam result – 96 marks – the highest mark obtained across Grades 6 – 8 on ANY instrument on the Sunshine Coast 2015," said Mr Smith.

"Tyler will formally be presented with his medal at the forthcoming NCC Instrumental Music Showcase at the end of May where we will publically congratulate Tyler for this tremendous achievement.

"It's always a great experience to attend these events and experience the expertise of so many talented musicians."

Both Brady and Tyler are leading members of the NCC College Bands and are taught by NCC Brass teacher, Mr Kevin Brown, and Mr Phil Smith respectively.



Tyler Keen and his medal with Head of NCC Instrumental Music, Mr Phil Smith.



Brady Foxley-Conolly with NCC brass teacher, Mr Kevin Brown.



Class of 2013

The young man behind wings around the world

At some stage in their lives, most people have fantasised about flying and many have dreamt about travelling the world alone. Few, however have been bold enough to combine the two and believe they could fly solo around the earth. No one has ever done it at just 18 years of age. Ever.

Lachlan Smart is a high-achieving visionary who will take off from the east coast of Australia in July 2016 in a single engine aircraft and spread his Wings Around the World. Lachie is preparing for what is planned to be a 10-week journey that will cover almost 24,000 nautical miles including 26 stops in 20 countries on five continents.

The world record aviation attempt of Lachlan Smart has received a significant boost, with the 18-year-old recently taking delivery of the aircraft he will use to circumnavigate the world, solo, beginning in July this year.

The trip, known as Wings Around the World, has been more than two years in the making, despite Lachie only publicly announcing his intentions to break the record for this historically mind blowing feat in July 2015.

Now, less than one month before his scheduled departure date, Lachie is busy familiarising himself with the high-tech Cirrus SR-22 aircraft, complete with inbuilt parachute system and anti-icing features,

that he will use for the duration of his 10-week journey, beginning and ending on the Sunshine Coast.

Between now and July, Smart will have additional fuel tanks designed and fitted into the aircraft and will spend time flying in a range of simulated situations he can expect

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to encounter during his world flight. The true litmus test will come just weeks before his departure during a long range, over water flight from the Sunshine Coast to Norfolk Island and back.

We wish Lachie all the best on this amazing feat and look forward keeping the community updated in the next Harvest post the event.



Class of 1995

20 year reunion

Written by Rebecca Roberts, on behalf of the Class of 1995.

On Saturday 24th October the Class of 1995 enjoyed our 20 year reunion. It included several events including a morning tea with former teachers, a tour of the school, dinner and brunch the next morning. Former students travelled from Sydney and the Gold Coast to attend.

The morning tea was held in the lovely Whipbird Café and we were pleased to catch up with former teachers Marina Nieuwenhuis, Therese Pringle and Kerry MacFarlane, as well as Bruce Campbell, who had been part of our Year 12 trip to Fiji in 1995. Chef Laurent catered with delicious food and memories were stirred by photos on the TV slideshow. Chris Roberts did a delightful repeat of the poem she read at our Year 12 formal and NCC provided bags including some wonderful honey from the NCC bees and a travel mug, which was really appreciated.

It has certainly changed a lot in 20 years! We were really impressed by all the amazing facilities and it was fun to see the classrooms we once studied in. We were pleased to see the now-very-tall palm trees that we planted in 1995 still growing strong.

The Whipbird Café holds special meaning for our year group as Kirsty Newell (formerly Conwell) did some of the exterior and interior design. Conwell Architects just won the 2015 Resene Total Colour Commercial Exterior Award for their use of bold colours on the exterior of the cafe.

After morning tea Chris Roberts took us on a grand tour of the college. It has certainly changed a lot in 20 years! We were really impressed by all the amazing facilities and it was fun to see the classrooms we once studied in. We were pleased to see the now-very-tall palm trees that we planted in 1995 still growing strong. NCC has created a beautiful Memorial Garden, which gives honour to Rachel Ingram, our classmate who passed away in January 1995, just before we began year 12. It was wonderful

to see the garden and plaque and remember Rachel and what she meant to us. We were so pleased that her mum, Sally, was able to come along to the morning tea and catch up with us.

On Saturday evening we enjoyed a lovely dinner at Cotton Tree, where we also had our formal and 10 year reunion. The Prickly Piñata provided a great venue to enjoy dinner and hear about what everyone has been up to for the last 20 or so years. Here is what a few of the alumni are

now doing – Mary-Anne Gill (formerly Staines) and Melissa MacPherson (formerly Kingston) are both nurses and mums. Daniel Boulenez runs his own earth moving business on the Gold Coast and is busy raising 4 beautiful girls with his wife Jodie. Daniel Neil works for Fusion NSW and has his hands full raising 2 young boys with wife Kim. Maree Ram (formerly Holland) is an early childhood teacher at Matthew Flinders, is married to Prem, a doctor, and is mum to 3 lovely girls. Kirsty Newell (formerly Conwell) lives on a farm with her husband and 2 boys and is doing interior design and accounting. Kylie Donohue is a busy mum to 6 children. Rebecca Roberts is the Supporter Relations Manager for UNICEF Australia in Sydney and still enjoys dancing. 🕺

Class of 1995 Reflections from the reunion

"It was an absolute pleasure to see how our "little" school has been developed into a comparably huge, vibrant campus full of opportunity. Meeting old classmates for the first time in many years was such a great experience. The friendships that we had so long ago are still very real and it's surprising how little we all have changed. We were very blessed to attend NCC and I will always be grateful for the memories and lessons learned."

Mary-Anne Gill (formerly Staines)

"It was a great time revisiting all our shared memories as we walked round the school. Some good, some sad. All the teachers that made the effort to come, who had shaped our school life experience, was greatly appreciated. You know that the reunion was a success when your wife is asking "when is the next one?" Although everything had changed as such, seeing where I used to sit, laugh and play, this little boy had become a man! Meeting again was a bit nervous but being back together brought back a sense of unity that I'll never forget the years that I had!! Thank you the class of 95 NCC."

Daniel Boulenez

"It was as if no time has passed to see my old friends again - the banter flowed easily although we reminisced about how much more confident and comfortable in our own skin we feel now. Touring NCC 20 years later was like stepping into an alternate universe - so much has changed and developed although I still got the nurturing and loving vibe that shaped the person I am today."

Maree Ram (formerly Holland)

We would like to say a special thanks to Nicole Wykes, Chris Roberts and Chef Laurent at NCC for all their help in making our reunion so special and memorable.

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Nambour Christian College Past Students Association (NCCPSA)

NCC past students are an integral part of our community and we welcome their continued involvement in, and support of, College life. All former students are automatically life members of our Past Students Association, and we encourage them to not only keep us up to date with their contact details, but also to inform us of any items of interest that can be shared with the College community.

Past students can advise the College of any relevant details by accessing the NCC Community - Alumni page on our website ncc.qld.edu.au or by emailing us at: alumni@ncc.qld.edu.au

Want to organise a reunion for your year level? Let us know as we can assist with contact details, venue and costs.

Class of 2007 Brooke Douglas



Since graduating from NCC, what have you been doing?

In 2007 just after graduation I moved to Brisbane and studied at Queensland School of Film and television. I received a scholarship for the Australian Acting Academy and completed Certificate 3 in Design and a Certificate 3 in Screen Production and worked in a café in Southbank for just over 4 years.

In 2009 I studied French and Spanish at Griffith University, but decided to take a break and travel the world. During this time, I was fortunate enough to visit 27 countries and meet all sorts of interesting people and I was blessed that the café I worked for always let me come back to work in-between my travel.

In 2011 I jumped on a plane and decided to do something different, so I lived with my Mum at Lake Nash the third largest cattle station in the world situated on three million acres of land, in a small aboriginal community called Alpururulam until 2013. During the two years I worked as a Teacher Aide in the town school and the Health Clinic organising Royal Flying Doctor Service and accommodation for patients travelling into town for procedures. My mother and I also were wildlife carers so our

house was filled with kangaroos following us around and up every four hours to feed them – luckily we were able to take the kangaroos to school in our backpacks so we could feed them with the children.

In 2013-2015 I moved to another remote town called Ali Curung (known for its dog dreaming situated 350km North East of Alice Springs) and worked for the Barkly Regional Council helping to implementing new government strategies, town planning and community development. I volunteered for the NT Emergency Services in which I was a part of a team regularly attending road crash rescue incidents and search and rescue.

In 2015 I graduated from my degree in Counter-Terrorism which I had been studying fulltime by correspondence for the past 3 years and now I am here, back on the Sunshine Coast!

I made some incredible friendships at NCC, most of which are my close friends to this day. I loved my classes with Mrs Arnold and Mr Morgan as they really encouraged me so much with my creativity, they were my favourite teachers by far.

I love working at NCC as the Receptionist, it feels so great to be working in a such a caring environment where everyone that works here has a passion for God and really cares about what they do, it's really special.

What are your plans for the future?

I don't have much of a plan, but in five years' time I still hope to be on the Sunshine Coast and at NCC. Learn a few more languages (or at least become fluent!). I do believe that I have been blessed to have been given such a wonderful opportunity to work at NCC, and I want to continue to do mission work where I can and continue to meet inspiring people along the way.

Do you have any special interests?

I have a passion for drawing portraits, whenever I get a chance you'd find me hidden amongst my pencils.



Class of 2013

Joshua Hemmings

I left for the United Kingdom in 2014 just after graduating from Nambour Christian College. I really felt it was important to travel, to learn more about life and become as independent as I could before settling down to university. I secured employment with World Vision UK for roughly a year and followed that, travelled Europe with some friends for six months.

I have always really valued the mentors that have been and are present in my life: teachers at NCC and leaders within my church. My greatest mentors are my parents who have instilled most, if not all, the principles and values I embrace today. I am a Christian so I depend on Jesus Christ and His Word to direct me and give me spiritual guidance in my walk through life.

As I am currently studying - a typical day consists of reading, writing and more reading! I am also very involved with my church, Life Church Kawana and enjoy spending time working on projects that add value to our youth campus. Amongst studying and helping out at church, I also work 15 hours for a local business to keep my travel fund afloat! An

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exciting venture that I am part of with Tim is starting up a small clothing company, still in its young stages, but we cannot wait to see it grow.

Something that we felt we missed out on during our Year 12 period was having more age appropriate mentors in our lives. This lead me us to thinking about initiating and being part

of investing time into providing an opportunity or a platform for the current leadership and young men at NCC to talk about relevant issues and other topics they might be interested in. Although the group is a bible study, anything can be brought up and discussed if the boys see fit to do so.

My greatest memories of NCC definitely took place in Year 12. Our cohort was a tightly knit group and we were all good friends. Learning and growing together was an amazing experience for me and I am fortunate enough to still be in contact with many graduates of 2013.

My plans for the future.... I hope to graduate from university and go on to complete my

honours. I plan to continue studying a couple more years after that and eventually practice as a psychologist...but what happens on the side of tomorrow is in God's hands. I plan continue facilitating the Year 12 group for as long as possible and endeavour to grab any other opportunities and life experiences will both hands.



Class of 2013

Tim Wall

Since graduating from NCC, what have you been doing?

I've been doing barista work all over the coast, I've travelled around Europe for three months and now I'm working at Telstra and trying to start a clothing label with my best mate.

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You have a passion for influencing young men, who were you influenced by and why? I was influenced by the older guys that would visit NCC when I was a student and also by other youth. I love to be able to help out, give advice and do life in general with these young men.

What do you do on a 'normal' day?

On a normal day I will get up, work at Telstra selling all kinds of modems and phones, then I'll usually be involved in a team meeting or music practise for church that night. 🎸

How did you come about what you are doing at NCC?

We've always seen the potential at NCC, and enjoyed our time there, so we messaged Mrs Paterson to see if we could run some programs that we would have loved to see when we were in school.

What were some of your greatest memories of time at NCC?

Some of my best memories at NCC was being involved in the Musical, Building and Furnishing and Graphics classes. All of my subject teachers made my last few years a very memorable time. The leadership trips were pretty mad as well.

Plans for the future? What do you see yourself doing in five years from now?

I see myself maybe just finishing university, with a couple more locations visited around the world, our label up and running, and having our school programs influencing the young men that go through school so they can reach back into the lives of younger students and help them through their time in and out of school.

Class of 1998

Julie Issell

Everyone enjoys a good love story and NCC has had its fair share of marriages, each with a unique beginning.



These two exude love and laughter at all times. Their smiles are infectious and their hearts are warm.

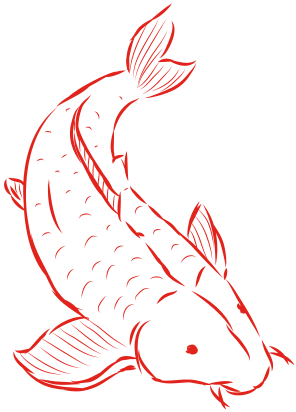
Simon started working at NCC in 2000 as an IT Technician and left in 2005 with his band to live in the UK. Missing Simon by two years, Julie commenced working at NCC as receptionist in 2007 and served our NCC community for over nine years with her warm, caring and extremely efficient character.

Simon returned to NCC at the end of 2012 and officially the pair were dating in March 2013. These two didn't date like a normal couple with dinners, they had sunset flights over the Sunshine Coast as Simon clocked up time for his pilot's license. After a short engagement in December 2015, they married on a perfect autumn day on the 15th May at Annabella Wedding Chapel, Ilkey with all their family and friends to watch make their vows to love, honour and obey each other before God, forever.

The wedding reception was hosted by Harry's Restaurant on Buderim and the bride and groom clearly had the time of their lives. Julie and one of the photographers Jesse Hunter, attended NCC together and the Pastor Joshua Bradford who married them was also an NCC student.

Simon is working for Airways Aviation as a Flight Instructor and Julie works in administration, looking to study alternative health care in the future. The couple have set up home in northern NSW not far from where Simon proposed.

We look forward to seeing what adventures Julie and Simon find themselves on in this exciting new chapter.



**Class of 1989,
1991 & 1998**

A cast of brothers make the perfect catch for channel 7mate!

When three brothers from the Sunshine Coast decided to record their very own fishing adventures, they had no idea it would end up airing on Channel 7mate!

"I had dreamed of hosting a fishing show in the past but never quite believed it would happen! I couldn't be happier," Darren Wallis said.

"We can't believe it. I still ask my brothers to pinch me as it doesn't seem real. I guess when our show airs on TV it will sink in," Leigh Wallis explained.

The trio of fishing enthusiasts have been exploring remote locations around Australia for the perfect catch, taking time out from their full-time jobs, for the past two years. Viewers will see the boys go to great lengths to catch

a range of salt and fresh water, sport fish: travelling for miles out to sea and hiking for hours up hidden creeks and rivers, plus enjoy the friendly banter between the brothers.

"You'll see from the show we are very different from each other personality wise, but we all get along well and love nothing more than getting away, roughing it and catching fish," Kerrin Wallis explained.

The shows inception first began when Dan Price – Film Producer and family friend, recorded a personal short film about Darren for Darren's

40th birthday present. Darren was so impressed he invited Dan to his next fishing trip where the first episode was filmed. Their show is different to other fishing shows as they don't just share their fishing adventures, but also incorporate a panel style discussion from a studio set up in Leigh's shed.

"The show has come a long way since our first episode, and we're looking forward to exploring new places and catching more fish for the coming episodes. There are so many great places around Australia – we're spoilt for choice when it comes to fishing!" Darren said. 🐟



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