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Bruce Campbell | HEAD OF COLLEGE

“By introducing our Normanton students to life and learning at NCC during the middle years of school, the connections and relationships have already been formed. This gives the students confidence and a great chance of success at NCC.”

Head of College note

From Vision to Reality ‘Beyond Horizons’

In 2014, after receiving approval from the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board to offer Middle Schooling for our students at Gulf Christian College, at the end of this year, our first Year 9 students will graduate and move on to boarding at NCC to complete their senior years of schooling...

We called our program ‘Beyond Horizons’. The aim was to create both a Vision and a Pathway for our Indigenous students to complete High School, thus opening up opportunities for them to continue further study or enter the workforce.

Gulf Christian College is a small predominantly Indigenous School in Normanton, 75km from the Gulf of Carpentaria. We offer education from Prep to Year 9 with a total population of 87 students. The school has its own principal, 6 teachers, 6 teacher assistants, office secretary and part-time grounds person.

The school is remote, isolated and can become cut off by road during the wet season. The cost of living is high, but the town is well serviced by the Regional Council and several

government agencies as well as a hospital.

For the past seven years, our Year 10 students from NCC have visited the school, to run activities with the Gulf students and work at the annual Normanton Rodeo by helping with daily cleaning. Our students usually earn around \$8,000 to \$10,000 which they donate to support the biennial trip for the Year 5/6 students to the Sunshine Coast.

At a time when governments are trying to solve the ‘Gap’ between Indigenous and non-Indigenous educational outcomes in Australia, our ‘Beyond Horizons’ program has moved to being very successful in helping to ‘Close the Gap’.



Starting in Year 7, we bring down the Gulf students to NCC for a two-week educational experience in Terms 1, 3 and 4 each year. With the conversion of our old Pre-school building into a home catering for up to 20 students in dormitory style, the students have house parents plus their own teachers and fully participate in regular classes with our own students. We have also been able to link our Outdoor Education with their visits for the Years 7 and 8 Camps. Some of the students have joined our sporting teams during their short stays.

During this time, relationships between the Gulf students and our NCC students are established, often with many emailing each other between visits. On week-ends the Gulf students have the opportunity to explore our Sunshine Coast and enjoy new experiences.

In January 2018, seven students from Gulf Christian College will join our Year 10 classes as boarding students. These boarders will be housed in the school house on our property

near NCC early learners. House parents will be appointed to be ‘Mum and Dad’ for these students.

In Normanton a few weeks ago, we interviewed the students and parents as they filled in their application forms. They were all very excited about the opportunities that will be available for their students at NCC.

While we realise that there will be some challenges for these students, leaving home and family, living in a very different environment, we also know that the connections and relationships already formed over the last three years of visits to NCC will give the students confidence and a great chance of success at NCC.

God Bless. 🙏



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NCC Staff

The Power of Words

Mother Teresa wisely expressed, “Kind words can be short and easy to speak but their echoes are truly endless.” What a wonderful statement, denoting the formidable impact our words have on others. Just as the power of words to hurt is extreme, the potential for them to build up, help and encourage is also enormous. The scriptures are awash with admonitions to be kind and Hebrews 3:13 tells us to ‘encourage one another daily’.

In a culture where people constantly work to tear others down, it has never been more important to teach children the value and

importance of being kind and how to build up and exhort. A simple kind word or deed can be the easiest thing for us to do and yet can completely transform another’s day. Kindness is truly a commodity that has the ability to transform school culture and has been a focus in the Junior School this year.

Through various chapels and assembly times, we have been discussing some of the ways we can display this trait in our interactions and what the Bible tells us about it. It has also been wonderful to celebrate many students who display kindness consistently and we have acknowledged some of



Deb Holmes
ACTING HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

these thoughtful and considerate students at our first ‘Outstanding Student of the Month’ lunch in 2017.

As we model kindness and practise the art of building one another up, it is my prayer that our precious children will realise the value and power of this fruit of the spirit. One act of kindness may teach more about the love of God than many sermons.

“A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees.” - Amelia Earhart



Class of 1999

Jason Box

NCC was my school for 12 years, I started in 1988 and finished in 1999...

I have a lot of fond memories of NCC, I managed to be school captain twice round, once in Primary School and once in Senior School as well.

NCC holds a huge significance in my life, I was heavily involved in maths and I really enjoyed physics and I did technical studies as well, so with this background and foundation I completed a degree in Engineering and worked for a little while in that field before becoming a Helicopter Pilot.

In Year 12, I went on the annual Fiji Mission trip and I found that really amazing. It was good to experience, especially as a young person who had not done any mission trips beforehand. In the lead up to Fiji, the staff help you to prepare for the trip and from a Christian perspective you learn quite a lot about yourself and your walk. Being able to interact with the Fijian locals in their home towns is really an enriching experience.

I’ve seen some massive changes at NCC, I recall the old library and the old building next to the church. Visiting NCC and walking through the school recently, seeing all the facilities that have been built and how much the school has grown, is amazing. I think it’s a testament to the mission of the College and God’s doing a really good thing here. I love the way that it has evolved so much. The values that were set back in the foundation days are still strong today.



Jason and Stacey (Head of Physical Education at NCC), married at Yandina Station in 2016



Class of 2012

Ryan Paroz

A 2012 NCC graduate, Ryan Paroz brings his passion for Sport and teaching young people to his role as an NCC Sport Coach.

Saying that NCC is ‘like my second home, I’ve spent countless hours at the school as a student, and now working. I believe it’s a great environment, for students to learn, and teachers to teach, as it’s a fun and vibrant campus and has a vast range of activities to be involved in’, Ryan feels incredibly blessed that his parents chose NCC for his schooling.

With a talent for Sport achievements, Ryan delights in sharing ‘I won age champion in Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics - but I never won the triple crown, all three in one year; I set school records, I won the Sam Stiller Memorial Shield as well as Nambour Neighbours Aid shield at Senior Speech Night, and I also experienced wonderful Mission trips to Thailand and Fiji.’

‘I really connected well with all of my teachers, but two that really stood out for me were my PE teacher Mrs Stacey Box (nee Hetherington) and my Drama teacher Mrs Judi Allen-Ankins. Mrs Box taught me four lessons a week in Years 11 and 12, as well as coaching my Basketball team for three years, Soccer team for two, and really supported and

encouraged my Sport achievements at School, District and Regional level. Mrs Allen-Ankins helped me conquer my nerves and fears of speaking in front of a crowd, and ultimately helped decide on my chosen career pathway of teaching.’

Currently Ryan is studying a Bachelor of Education and a Bachelor of Science at University of the Sunshine Coast, majoring in Physical Education and minoring in Mathematics. He’s in his fourth year, and cannot wait to graduate and get stuck into teaching and mentoring future generations. Ryan works for NCC as a qualified Sport Coach, and with a love of Basketball, he’s coached a number of our Boys Basketball teams all the way from Junior to Senior Division. He is also a lifeguard with the Australian Lifeguard Service on the Sunshine Coast.

Ryan certainly keeps busy outside of work and study too, as he is a professional athlete in both Surf Lifesaving and Ocean Ski Racing which is a discipline of canoe/kayak. This season, he has been selected to represent United States of America in Surf Lifesaving at the 10th Sanyo Bussan Cup in Fukuoka Japan in late June, and shortly afterwards, will be heading back to America to race in more World Surf Ski events. He’s also recently finished third in his age group and in the top 20 in the incredibly gruelling Molokai to Oahu Surfski Race! 🏄

NCC

early learners

NCC EARLY LEARNERS HAS EXPANDED, WITH SIX CAMPUSES NOW AT -

- BUDERIM
- CHINCHILLA
- KALLANGUR
- NAMBOUR
- ST GEORGE
- WITHCOTT

COME AND SEE MORNINGS

Join the fun of Come and See Mornings to learn more about the opportunities available at NCC early learners.

These open mornings offer a range of activities for your child to enjoy while you meet the teachers.

Come and See Mornings are held every second Wednesday from 9:30-11:00am.

Contact our centres to register.

www.nccearlylearners.com.au

Junior School at NCC certainly isn't what it used to be. With the Abbenbroek building providing space for Creative and Performing Arts, Science laboratories, lower Junior School library, Music rehearsal and tuition rooms, there is a whole new level to providing great facilities for our Preps to Year 6 students. In addition, NCC has extended the space in individual classrooms...

NCC in Junior School

Junior School Development

In the last week of Term 1, NCC's new Junior School development welcomed students into the spacious new classrooms.

NCC's Acting Head of Junior School Mrs Deb Holmes says of the project, 'There were three stages of the building development – commencing with our Year 2 classrooms and Learning Enrichment, moving on to Year 4 classrooms and deck, and finally the Year 5 and 6 classrooms upstairs plus a new façade for the Junior School Administration building. The updated rooms are larger, allowing for more flexibility with how the learning spaces are used. They are bright and colourful, with a lot

of glass, providing connection to the outdoors and a lot more natural light, which is conducive to learning.'

'Our Learning Enrichment department has been completely transformed, with a beautiful open space and a number of smaller breakout areas which are used for small groups of students. We also have some flexible furniture in this space, which can be moved around and adapted to meet the needs of the children and their learning. The new rooms have given the Junior School a wonderful lift and are bright and spacious.'

“The rooms are so much bigger and we have space to do work together in the other areas of the room and spread out to do project work.” Year 4 student



Year 6 teacher Mr Jon Broad was delighted to move his class into one of these spaces, remarking that his new classroom is spacious and provides fantastic opportunities to establish learning centres for collaborative group work, while plenty of storage space and areas to display student work samples. Excited students are appreciating the technological additions, with teachers able to connect devices to projectors to show student presentations and encourage interactive learning.



Mrs Sonya O'Connor is finding her new Year 5 classroom is much quieter with less outside noise distracting students, and the extra space for group projects inspires students to develop and pool knowledge, and tackle more complex projects than they could on their own. The students are also enjoying the colourful interiors and large windows that allow in plenty of natural light, and showcase wonderful views of the Sunshine Coast hinterland.

We're positive that this new development will make students feel more comfortable, jump-start their development, and inspire them to love learning. For a tour of our Junior School, contact NCC's Registrar today.



Class of 1996

Diversifying Australian Women's Stories on Stage

This is a media release from Anna O'Hara who is currently completing her PHD in Theatre at Goldsmiths' College, after finishing a MA in Theatre in London a couple of years ago.

“COMFORT: a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint”

Oxford Dictionary

The word 'comfort' can mean many things: material comfort, comfort food, consolation and safety, physical or sexual pleasure. However, for many women during the Second World War, it came to mean sexual slavery. It is this narrative that Anna Loren, actor and former heartBeast Theatre, seeks to explore in her groundbreaking new work, 'Comfort'.

Currently in development, the project will explore the roles women play in conflict zones and specifically, the language used to describe women's place in history. As the title suggests, Loren's focus is on the experiences of the so-called 'comfort women' of WWII.

'Inspired by my own grandmother, who was interned by the Japanese army in

Burma before migrating to Australia, this is a story I am extremely passionate about giving voice to. Given how little we as a family know about her experiences in the war, I got thinking about how many other women are out there, how many voices that simply haven't been heard. I got thinking about how women continue to be written out of the telling of history and how I might address this through my work.' - Anna Loren

Hailing from Queensland's own Sunshine Coast, where she was a student at Nambour Christian College, Loren, her stage name, has the opportunity to develop the Comfort project in London, as part of a practice-as-research PhD. The project is set to undergo rigorous research and development at Goldsmiths University, where Anna is excited to capitalise on all that London's renowned theatre scene has to offer. Like many before her, the Queensland based theatre maker has turned to crowdfunding to make this project a reality, and is now appealing to the public to help her on her way.



NCC Head of College, Bruce Campbell with Head of NCC early learners, Belinda Briggs

NCC in Early Learning

Five Queensland Childcare Centres saved from closure, NCC expands operations

NCC is delighted to announce it has expanded further into early childhood through the acquisition of five centres across Queensland.

From the 12th April 2017, centres in North Buderim, Chinchilla, Kallangur, St George and Withcott transferred from Churches of Christ Care to NCC early learners.

Head of Nambour Christian College, Mr Bruce Campbell said the opportunity to operate an additional five Queensland centres was a perfect fit.

NCC commenced childcare operations on the Sunshine Coast in 2007 under the NCC early learners brand in Nambour and we have steadily grown each year.

“The centres, many with decades of community involvement, perfectly suits our strategy of sustainable long-term regional growth in Christian education.”

“The decision made by our independent board to take over operations has been well received by the communities as we will continue the Christ-focused values already established in these centres.”

Head of NCC early learners, Mrs Belinda Briggs will oversee the management of all six childcare centres, which includes Nambour.

“We are excited to welcome the 86 staff from Churches of Christ Care centres to the NCC family,” Mrs Briggs said.



NCC early learners enjoy visits to the onsite farm at the Nambour campus



Nambour NCC early learners has set a high standard for quality child care in Queensland, exceeding the National Quality Standards.

Belinda has been with NCC since January 2016, bringing with her more than nine years in national and family-owned operations management.

NCC’s aim is to work with parents, local churches and the community in providing quality educational opportunities that foster security, support and success in academic, spiritual, social and physical areas of students’ lives. 🌱

Learning Naturally

At NCC early learners Nambour campus, children enjoy a hands-on approach to nutrition as they get their hands dirty learning how to grow delicious fruit and vegetables and experience eating a variety of fresh seasonal produce.

Surrounded by the NCC Berakah Farm, a 5 acre working farm with cattle, miniature horses, chickens, honey bees, and vegetable gardens, the centre is aiming to create a sustainable and eco-friendly environment by introducing a range of child-focused gardening and farming projects. The early learners love to spend time with the animals, feeding and patting the miniature horses and learning about how to care for the animals, whilst Farmer Barry assists the children to collect eggs and shows them how to harvest honey.

As the children are encouraged to enjoy spending time outdoors and looking after the natural environment, they have learnt plant names, successfully harvested edible plants, and help to plan and decorate the vegetable garden area – including finding ingenious ways to keep bugs and birds from eating the vegies!

Gardens can be used to integrate science, mathematics, language, arts, history, environmental studies, nutrition and health into fun learning activities for children, as well as doubling as playgrounds with edible treats to promote healthy eating habits. For younger children, an experience with growing and eating their own food can lead to a lifetime of better nutrition, and more interest in eating fresh produce.

Top tips for getting your children involved at home

It’s much easier than you may think and it’s a great activity that your family can do together. Gardening can be scaled down or up according



Year 12 Common Room, complete with large kitchen facilities, table tennis and various seating arrangements

to what you have room for and the age of your children. When you don’t have a garden at all, here are some ideas to help you get started.

Start Small

If you don’t have room in your backyard, you can start with containers - all you need is a sunny balcony. Remember to water often as containers can dry out quickly.

Provide Children's Gardening Tools

Giving children a tool as simple as work gloves encourages your children and reminds them that the work they are doing is important too. Hand tools can be purchased cheaply from hardware stores and work well for a container garden.

Grow and Learn by Reading

Reading children’s books about gardening together help your family stay engaged throughout the entire process. Patience is a virtue not often associated with young children, but during long growing times, reading and talking about gardening help to keep the process top of mind when there isn’t much change.

Choose Speedy Growers

Selecting fast-growing seeds can help your children see the rewards of tending to a garden. Sunflowers and bean vines tend to grow quickly, and cherry tomatoes are also a fun and delicious crop that children can pick straight from the vine to eat.

When it comes to gardening, children are growing more than just plants - they are developing their character, team work, perseverance, overcoming problems and more, including the essential life skills that children experience by having a garden. 🌱

A Room of their Own!

With perseverance, and deep gratitude, the Year 12s now have a room of their own!

On September 12, 2016, in the presence of former and current school Captains, Staff, and Administrative officials, the Year 12 Common Room was officially opened. According to Loida Paterson, Deputy Head of Senior School and Year 12 Coordinator,

“Prayer from the Captaincy Teams over the past eight years and carefully considered Executive discussions led to the building of this Common Room. Its purpose is multi-faceted. It is more than just a room for Year 12s to socialise in. The Common Room functions to provide a safe haven for our senior cohort to proactively engage with each other within its walls, to encourage each other, to communicate, to conduct meetings and organise committees that will bring about change in our school communities and to communities beyond college classrooms. Its location allows them to study, to share their lives over morning tea and lunch meals, to make plans; it’s a place to draw closer as they journey through their final year of schooling.”

The Common Room is fitted out with several colourful stools, adjustable red sofas, multiple long dining benches that inspire group discussions and dining together, as well as a full kitchenette. There is an outdoor patio with BBQ facilities, a ping pong table for some fun competition, and it is fully air-conditioned.

Graduating 2016 College Captain Okki Klijn believes “that the construction of a common room was a wonderful way to give the grade 12’s a sense of community and connection, providing us with an ideal area to share our senior year with our peers!” And former College Captain Marnie Allen-Ankins, one of the many students who persisted in seeing the Common Room become a reality, says, “I think the student are so blessed to have an NCC Board that listens and is willing to put into action a plan that becomes something far better than any of us could have imagined.”

NCC in Music

Coast's Top Brass Students Win at Nationals

The Sunshine Coast Youth Band "Bright as Brass" have returned home from competing in the Australian National Band Championships in Launceston over the Easter weekend. They have come away from the competition with a haul of trophies including being crowned the National Junior B Grade Brass Champions.

Directed by Nambour Christian College (NCC's) brass tutor, Mr Kevin Brown, the Sunshine Coast Youth Band involved a large percentage of NCC instrumental music students – 10 to be exact. The scores achieved by this group of fine young musicians highlighted their strong talent.

In addition to the accolades achieved by the band, a number of the young musicians competed in the solo and ensemble events with fantastic success. Both the quartet and quintet gained third place in their respective sections.

The soloists' results (all from Nambour Christian College) are:

- Brady Foxley-Conolly - National Champion Open Bass Trombone (Brady competed against some of Australia's most talented adult bass trombonists)
- Bailey Comollatti - National Champion Junior Euphonium
- Jackson Weinert - Second Place Junior Cornet (by half a point)



The Sunshine Coast Youth Band "Bright as Brass" National Junior B Grade Brass Champions 2017



Brady Foxley-Conolly, Bailey Comollatti and Jackson Weinert in Launceston



NCC in Sister Schooling

Thai Teacher Visit to NCC

Recently, we were visited by six teachers from our sister school in Thailand. Mettchanupathum Christian School (MCS) is located in Phetchabun, a six-hour drive north east of Bangkok and we have had a strong relationship with this school for many years. This visit is the fifth time we have had staff come to Australia to be a part of NCC for a week of intensive professional development in teaching and learning practices in Australian classrooms.

MCS offers a Christian Education to its students and currently there are over 1300 students from Prep to Year 12. They are well known for offering quality education in their district and there is always good interest in what it is that they are doing as a school. An exciting future for them is that they are soon to begin building for a Technical College on their current school grounds which will offer their students the opportunity to gain skills in trades that are needed for their local area. Full funding is not yet available for this at this stage.

It is wonderful to visit MCS and see pockets of NCC where they have implemented things that they have seen or learnt from previous visits. We regard their visit as being significant in the strengthening of our relationship with them as it is a direct way that we can bless others, because we have been blessed.

The students from NCC always enjoy a visit from MCS teachers also, as it increases their awareness of not only other cultures of the world, but a culture that we have direct involvement with. Annually, our school walkathon raises funds for our Mission Projects and Thailand is one of the recipients of the generosity from our students through this walkathon.

Over the last two years, we have been very fortunate to have Stuart and Trish Kenealy visit us with the Thai staff. They have spent many weeks helping prepare the staff for their visit in Thailand, as they are currently volunteering at MCS and are about to enter their third year of doing this. Their main role at MCS is in teaching English to the students, along with offering English classes to the staff of the school in their own time.

We look forward to 2018 when another six Thai staff will visit us.

Class of 2007

Emily Farrell (Rossiter)

"I enjoyed learning from Mr Rienecker, he was such a patient teacher that invested time in each of us, his persistence to help us to achieve great results, was always remarkably encouraging."

During school and after graduation, Emily worked for nine years from 3am assisting in the training of race horses in Landershoot, whilst completing a Diploma of Justice and a Certificate 3 in Hairdressing, Emily is now a Co-Manager at Stephan's in the Maroochydore Sunshine Plaza.

Keeping busy, Emily has obtained her black belt in Jujitsu and married her long time best friend and partner of 10 years Matt, in 2013.

Reflecting on her time at NCC, Emily says "Agricultural Science was by far my favourite subject. It was a great opportunity to be with the animals at Berakah Farm and I learnt a lot of things that helped assist me with the horses at Landershoot. I also enjoyed learning from Mr Rienecker, who is a very patient teacher that invested time in each of us so that we had complete understanding of each subject that we were taught. What stood out for me about Mr R. was his persistence to help us achieve great results no matter what it took, he was always remarkably encouraging."

A highlight was the Thailand Mission trip in 2007. "I delighted in the opportunity to fundraise for Mercy International, visit the Children's village in Khon Kaen and the Petchabun Children's village. We also had the unique opportunity to assist in craft activities with the children and more labour intensive work such as initiating a playground."

Looking to the future, Emily and Matt have recently started a family with the birth of their daughter named Chelsea born 3rd April 2017.



Class of 2012

NCC Mission Trip shapes Ma'ayan Grace's future



When NCC Alumni Ma'ayan Grace travelled to Thailand as part of a Year 12 Missions Team, little did she know that she would one day call the country home.

After graduating in 2012, Ma'ayan spent two years teaching English in Metchanupathum School's Kindergarten as well as working closely with teenagers in Mercy International's, Petchabun children's village. She then continued for another two years working with her good friend and Thai professor MaeMae, building up the beginnings of a full time campus Christian ministry. As Ma'ayan tells,

perseverance to spread the Lord's word in a mainly Buddhist country, saying 'NCC is a school that really wants to see students develop not just in their level of education, but also their level of character. The teachers worked so hard to give me the best standard of teaching, as well as taking time to sit down and mentor students like me who needed someone to answer questions or lend an ear. NCC is a place where students can feel safe to ask questions and find themselves as young adults, without the outside pressures which can have a negative effect on people's lives. I love NCC and am glad I was able to attend for my high school years.'

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Ma'ayan is positive that her schooling at NCC has given her the strength and

Ma'ayan and her friend MaeMae have grown their ministry to open up a café, aptly called 'MaeMay Café' which has been successfully guiding Thai students to learn about God, and His plans for them. Students can hang out at the cafe, meet Mission teams that come through, play games, order food and drinks, and feel loved and a part of His plan.



The night was spent with great food, drinks, lots of laughs with the photo props, even an award ceremony, but most importantly some quality time with the people we were raised with and didn't realise how much we missed!

An excerpt on the Reunion Facebook page ...

Let's face it. I don't know what to write. I could start with a cliché. It's been a while... No. That's lame.

Ohhh Primary School... so many people broke their arms on that flying fox (Freya! Did you too Nikita?) and how good was the cubby-building phase!

We used to use the giant skipping rope or hire the walking stilt things from the little shed on the primary oval at lunch.

The library was a demountable on the oval near the tree.

Carnival Under the Stars. So many... did it rain every year?

Three words... Hubba Bubba Showbag.

Carol, the legend, actually CHOOSING to come on pretty much every school camp.

Where did we go? Underwater World sleepover, Luther Heights, Great Keppel, Roma, Carnarvon Gorge, the snow, Fiji...

Footy boys and Mr Carlross (also of legendary status).

The cheerleading phase and never mastering the splits.

Class of 2006 10 Year Reunion

Written by Jasmin Chandler,
on behalf of the Class of 2006.

When you are in High School, your 10-year School Reunion is the furthest thing from your mind, but once you graduate, it feels like you blink and 10 years has gone by and you're walking into your reunion!

It's fascinating to see what all your old friends have done with those 10 years; perhaps not a lot or possibly had five kids! Travelled, studied, become a pilot or run marathons or maybe all of the above. Whatever the version, it's so surreal to hear everyone's stories that are ultimately shaping their lives because they have been a part of so many of your own memories.

“Our school reunion was at The Post Office Bar & Restaurant in December 2016 and even as the event organiser, I was a bit apprehensive about how the night would go. It was strange and excellent being surrounded once again by old school friends, almost like we had spent no time apart at all, even the electrical storm couldn't put a dampener on the event.”

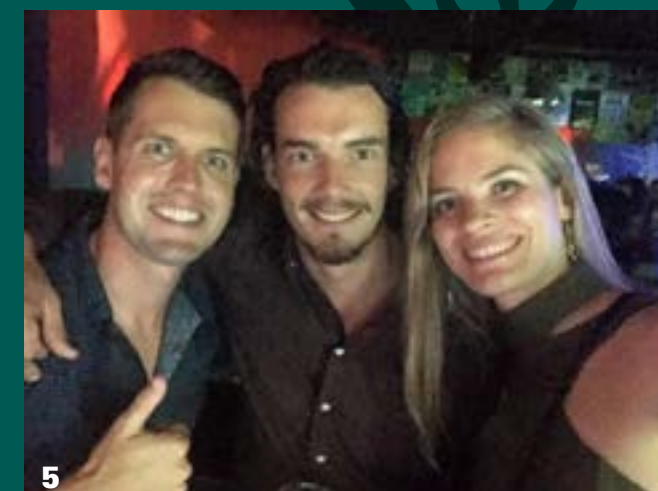
The musicals and vocal group.

Indoor beach volleyball was the business.

The “kiss and go”.

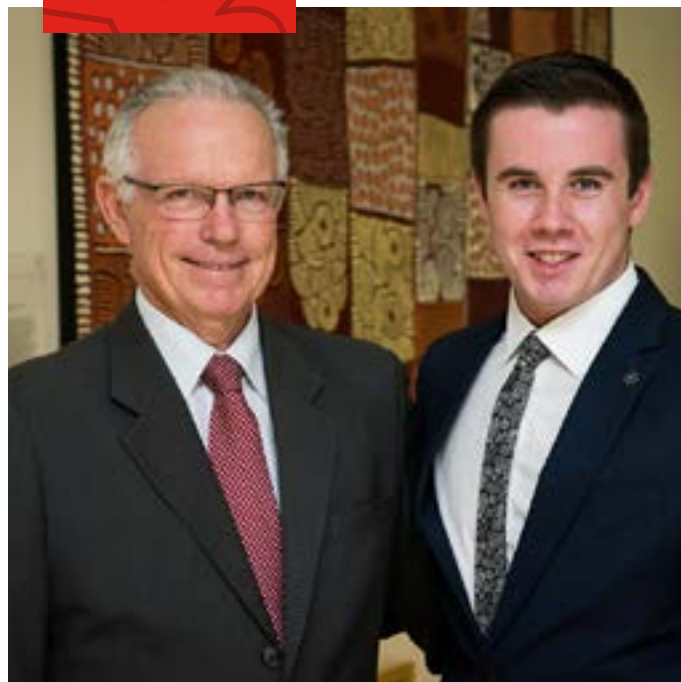
Handball at lunch under C Block

I hope you're reminiscing and I hope it's made you smile (even just a little). I guess what I'm trying to say is I can't wait to see you, yes you, because so many memories were made with you, every one of you, even though we just didn't realise.”



From top/left to right)

1. Dara Cust, Abi Benaud and Courtney Daure (Knowles)
2. Hannah Temple (Davis), Nikita King, Angela Christie
3. Carol Benn (Teacher's aide while we were at school and Nick Bachono's mum), Dugald Loughnan
4. Jay Evans, Jordan Wynn, Elise Branstner
5. Nathan Pawley, Peter Debenham, Hannah Temple (Davis)
6. Katrina Weh and Hannah Temple (Davis)
7. Jasmin Chandler (Garland) and Nick Bachono recreating their photograph from Year 12 Graduation
8. Mathew Potts, Alex Parenty, Nikita King, Elise Branstner, Angela Christie



John Collins of NCC and Lachie Smart at the 2017 Geoff Shadforth Memorial Lecture

Class of 2013 Lachlan Smart

Following in the footsteps of an elite group of Australians, ex-NCC student Lachie Smart delivered the 4th Geoff Shadforth Memorial Lecture at the University of the Sunshine Coast early April, 2017.

Previous presenters of the lecture have been Wal King AO (former CEO of Leighton Holdings) in 2014, Gerry Harvey (Chairman of Harvey Norman) in 2015, and Hon Julie Bishop MP (Minister for Foreign Affairs) last year.

The Geoff Shadforth Memorial Lecture is held annually in honour of Shadforths Civil Contractors co-director Geoff Shadforth. The event honours Geoff's memory within the Sunshine Coast community, and aims to continue his passion for creating growth and opportunities for the Sunshine Coast.

Geoff died in 2013 at the age of 35 while preparing for a charity motorcycle ride in Cambodia.

This hugely successful lecture series has seen high-profile Australians share their personal stories, challenges and triumphs right here on the Sunshine Coast. It is a rare opportunity to hear what inspires some of our most successful politicians, CEOs and entrepreneurs, along with everyday Australians who have achieved something extraordinary.

For Lachie to be selected to present this lecture at age 19 is a fitting acknowledgment of how much he has achieved in a such a short time.

The Nambour Christian College community join in congratulating Lachie on being selected for this honour. We are sure many others will continue to be inspired by his story of how he planned and completed his dream to be the youngest person to fly around the world solo in a single engine plane.✈

Class of 2007

Luke Hicks

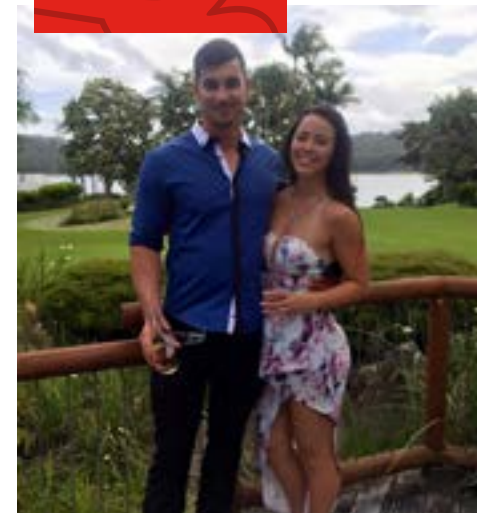


“Mr Carloss was by far my favourite. I have no other words to say, other than he was a legend. All of the time.”

Since completing school in 2006, I've worked all over Queensland and the Northern Territory (now living in Darwin) and completed an apprenticeship as a Boilermaker. I've also had the opportunity to do a bit of overseas travel, where I went to the United States, Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia. I currently work in Civil Construction in Gas Plants.

I made the move to Darwin a few years ago for a number of reasons. There were a lot more career opportunities for me after I had finished my apprenticeship and there was a good chance to save a fair bit of money while I was away from the Sunshine Coast. I also enjoyed the thought of a scenery change for a while and an opportunity to put me ahead financially. My only complaint would be that it can get extremely humid in the wet season so I try to make it back down to the Sunshine Coast to escape. I could say there are a few more experiences up here that really make it different from the Coast, for example a few years ago I swam in the 'Cage of Death' at Crocosaurus Cove with a 5m crocodile.

Attending the 10 Year Reunion last year, it felt it was just like we were back at school, nothing much has changed, we just look a bit older. We had a lot of stories to share and we enjoyed talking about the old memories from our time at NCC. I really enjoyed touching base with those people who I had lost contact with over the past few years. I am glad I made it back to see everyone. ✈



Class of 2007

Mia Malek (Sturdee)

After leaving school, I worked for a few years. For one of those years my now husband and I owned and operated a mobile business selling children's clothing in indigenous communities. So we had the ability to travel, explore our own backyard, and make a living out of it too. When we were tired of living out of our suitcases we returned home and got married.

“Since then I have developed a passion for nutrition and fitness and began my degree in Exercise & Sports Science. In addition to this I have changed over to a secondary teaching degree so that I can teach good habits to the next generation.”

My husband and I have purchased our first home on the Coast last year and I'm currently a mobile personal trainer, training people in their homes and in local parks. In the last 18 months I've helped people lose huge amounts of weight, ace their career goals, and discover a healthier mindset thanks to fitness. The turning point that helped me discover my passion for fitness was the way that exercise made me feel both physically AND mentally, and I love helping others to be able to feel the same, it's amazing to see people's results positively both externally and internally.

My goal for the next five years is to further build up my personal training business (Revival PT) helping others to accomplish things they never dreamed of, finish my university degree, and start a family. In addition to this I am also very involved in our church community and the Sunshine Coast sports club so I am hoping to continue this.✈

Class of 2007

Gabrielle Tobin (Gardner)

What have you been doing since you completed school nine years ago and what sparked your passion for healthy food?



Since leaving school I completed my studies to become a Chef and worked as a Sous Chef at one of Australia's leading health retreats near Noosa (Living Valley Springs) for four years along with spending some time working alongside an incredible French Pastry Chef at a quaint patisserie in Cooroy. My interest for healthy food began from an early age as my mum was passionate about healthful living and my love to cook and create delicious and nutritious food grew from there! In 2009 I married my husband John and in 2012 we had our first child. We now have two children, Zander, 4 and Isla 2! I then started a food blog and recipe website (Kitch'n Thyme) a couple of years ago to share my love and knowledge of food with others! Three years ago I became a Thermomix consultant and have just recently qualified in the top 200 consultants of Australia! I love empowering people to cook amazing healthy food quickly and cost effectively whilst sharing my passion for food and creating lots of new friends too!

What has been your biggest lesson and biggest achievement over the past 'decade'?

I've learnt that no matter what you want to achieve in life you need to work hard! You will see those that seem to gain 'instant success' however the long term

rewards will come through persistence, perseverance, dedication, integrity and a passion for whatever you put your mind too.

My biggest achievement would be my kids! Being a mum is the hardest yet most rewarding job, and nothing can really prepare you for parenthood, but the life skills and personal development that you gain is an asset to so many areas of your life!

What was it like at NCC as a new student in Senior school?

I have nothing but good things to say about my transition into senior school at NCC! The teachers were incredibly personable, helpful and kind and I immediately clicked with many of the students and created some wonderful life-long friendships.

What advice could you give other young Chefs?

My advice would be to work hard. In this industry you have to do the hard yards to make a difference. Find your niche and do everything to perfect your talents and skills. Don't be afraid to offer yourself for unpaid work experience to learn from the best. And most of all, enjoy what you do. Lots of little things done well and with passion will help you reach your goals.✈



Normanton House Cafe at NCC

Have a Coffee on Us!

Normanton House Cafe is in the restored kindergarten building and our focus is on providing a child-friendly cafe where parents can relax over coffee and where little ones feel welcome.

There is something for everyone with a fully-fenced, shady playground for the children, the refreshment options are great too, with a range of coffees, teas and cold drinks and a good selection of treats both sweet and savoury.

Open 7.30-11am and 2-4pm, Monday to Friday. Be sure to mention you saw this in the Harvest Review for your **FREE COFFEE**.



NCC 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.

NCC early swimmers

Giving early swimmers an advantage



Learning to swim and water safety is considered a prerequisite for children living on the Sunshine Coast.

At NCC early swimmers, we know the importance of keeping children safe, being confident in and around water and assisting swimmers to take it to the next level.

Classes are held daily by our qualified and experienced instructors in a relaxed and safe environment.

Integral to our class structure is the promotion of water awareness, confidence, independence, water safety, stroke development and fitness. Living on the Sunshine Coast, our children are surrounded by a variety of water activities, and to ensure they grow up confident and capable, we recommend parents enrol them in classes from a young age.

classes include

- water confidence programs
- infants & toddlers programs
- stroke development
- advanced stroke

fees

Intensives (school holiday program)

\$16 per (1/2 hour) lesson
5 consecutive days (\$80 per week)
Casual rate - \$18 per (1/2 hour) lesson

Term Lessons

\$16 per 1/2 hour lesson
(second lesson in same week \$14.50)
3rd and 4th sibling rate \$14.50 per 1/2 hour lesson

Private lessons

\$45 per 1/2 hour lesson
(max 2 children)



visit nccearlyswimmers.com.au for more information on classes and registration



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