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Cultural Revolution: Doing No Harm vs Doing Good

Changes in culture are difficult to recognise at the time but become more significant with hindsight. Some are calling the changes in western societies in the last 50 to 60 years a cultural revolution. While some of these changes have been good for humanity, some have not.

A core understanding of human life in the Judeo-Christian model is that each person has inherent value – designed, created and known by God. Over the centuries, people with this understanding have driven many benefits that we now take for granted. Health care and humanitarian aid work underpinned by concepts such as equality and justice. These form the foundations for much good in society.

However, the pendulum seems to have swung from the 'value' of each life to 'self-worship' and the belief that 'I' is the centre of the universe. Paradoxically, with this hyper-individualism has come a widespread loss of wellbeing.

The late Jonathan Sacks wrote in his 2019 book *Morality: Restoring the Common Good in Divided Times*:

"The over-emphasis on 'I' and the loss of 'We' leaves us isolated and vulnerable."

Author David Brooks goes further in *The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life*:

"By conceiving ourselves mostly as autonomous selves, we've torn our society to shreds, opened up division and tribalism, come to worship individual status and self-sufficiency, and covered over that which is most beautiful in each human heart and soul."

The moral code that has gained traction in recent decades is 'to do no harm', usually framed 'as long as you don't hurt anyone then ... it's okay.' This idea has been around for thousands of years, with people like Confucius and Cicero reportedly imploring 'followers' to 'not do to others what you wouldn't want yourself.' Just over two thousand years ago, Jesus flipped this idea by summing up God's instruction as, 'Do unto others as you would have them do to you.' (Matthew 7:12) In other words – 'don't just do no harm, do good!'

With not much thought, I am sure you will know many people and organisations that are holding on to, or returning to, doing good – a 'we before I' or 'you before me' way of living and serving others. NCC aspires to be one of those organisations and our students and alumni are leading the way. Our 2021 theme is **'We before I'**. The challenge for all of us is to make 'doing good to others' our habit in every moment and opportunity. 🌱

God Bless.



NCC Education

Delta Therapy Dogs for Sundale Residents

In Term 1, a newly elected Student Council was eager to start its first fundraising project. With COVID fresh on their minds, the students wanted to do something that could help one of the groups in society that lockdown restrictions have most harshly affected, so they approached Sundale Nursing Homes here on the Sunshine Coast to see what could be done to help their residents. To this end, it was decided that all funds raised in Term 1 would go towards Delta Therapy Dogs.

Delta Therapy Dogs train a team of dogs that go into Sundale Nursing Homes and provide the residents with companionship, connection and joy. Often, this service is most beneficial for residents that may not have family nearby, but after fluctuating restrictions on nursing homes, an increasing number of residents have been thankful

for the opportunity to bond with the dogs and they have formed a crucial component of the wellbeing of many residents.

Having selected such a worthy cause, the Student Council got busy planning a Crazy Hair Day for the Junior School. They did a fantastic job to publicise the fundraising event by presenting at assemblies, visiting classrooms and creating posters. Their efforts were certainly rewarded, with a huge number of staff and students joining in the fun on the day and an impressive \$2043.57 being raised for Delta Therapy Dogs. The entire Junior School community had a lot of fun getting behind such a worthy cause. 🐾

Mrs Kylie Baker
Head of Junior School





Class of 2009

Elise Kenny

Elise Kenny was one of four siblings to attend NCC, along with Anna Kenny, John Moffat, and Melinda Airey (formerly Lewis). Elise has been busy with academic studies, among other special experiences since graduating from NCC in 2009.

Elise and her husband Samuel were married in 2019. They are currently living in Brisbane after recently returning from 18 months living in Florence, Italy. Samuel and Elise are theoretical physicists and travelled in the USA, Switzerland, Italy, and Australia to present at, and attend conferences. Elise now works at the University of Queensland as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Theoretical Physics.

When asked what shaped her choice of career, Elise responded, "I've always loved mathematics and science, especially thinking creatively to solve complex problems. My teachers and mentors at NCC pointed out my strengths and values in leadership, critical thinking, and creativity. They encouraged me to pursue a career using these strengths."

"Mr Davis was especially encouraging to me. He helped me find my strengths and his mentorship has made a large impact on my life and career decisions. I enjoyed being School Captain, tutoring younger students in the tutoring committee, being part of the vocal group, and performing in the musicals Calamity Jane and The Sound of Music."

After being awarded dux in 2009, Elise has gone on to complete a Bachelor of Science with Honours (Physics Major), Graduate Diploma in secondary education, taught in a high school for six months and completed her PhD in Physics at the University of Queensland. It was during this time she coordinated the UQ Science Demo Troupe for two years, which involved managing school visits, television appearances and public events.

Elise has published 12 scientific papers, including three as first author. Her papers can be seen online at <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=858QABEAAAAJ&hl=en>



NCC in Service

Service & Gratitude

The first testimonial I heard about NCC, beyond the scope of the staff, was from a real estate agent. I had been looking for a place to live and, on learning that I was coming to join the team at the College, the agent was effusive in his praise. The strongest impression he gave was of a school that was both well-known and integral to the local and broader community.

The impression was an accurate one, and while there are many forums that foster these interactions, I want to report on one in particular.

Appreciation is often expressed privately for community service organisations, but it takes some planning and effort to make this gratitude tangible for the volunteers who facilitate the services they provide. For some years now, Mrs Meikle has supported groups of Middle School students in baking muffins in our hospitality centre, packaging them, and then arranging for our students to deliver them to organisations like the Salvation Army and other Op Shops around Nambour. The gift is only a small one, but anecdotally it does say a lot to volunteers in the community that their services are appreciated and recognised. It simultaneously reminds our own students of the value in giving of time and effort to "do unto others". Beyond the actual expression of goodwill and gratitude, it is an opportunity to do, in a small way, what we recognise to be integral to the functioning of a healthy society – the gifting of effort, time and connection to others. It is a way of being a part of a larger society of givers and to further establish the expectation in our students that volunteering is a natural part of life.

Despite the disruptions to the normal flow of community living these COVID years have created, it is my hope that NCC students, in small acts of service and gratitude, will continue to grow into young men and women who take the time to express gratitude in practical ways to those who serve our community. And, like Jesus Christ, be servants themselves. 🕊

Mr Chris Spencer
Head of Middle School



Class of 2018

Nathan Wheeler

Nathan started in Year 8 at NCC in 2014 and was joined by his two younger sisters Jasmine (2020 graduate) and Skye, who is currently in Year 9.

Nathan is currently living in Sydney after completing two years of study at the Brisbane Academy of Musical Theatre and one year at the National Institute of Dramatic Art. "I wanted a career that would take me on an adventure and challenge me to push my limits as a human to the extreme. I wanted the full human experience and excitement. My love for music and my passion for powerful story, as well as my fascination for human behaviour, has naturally propelled me into my current field of study."

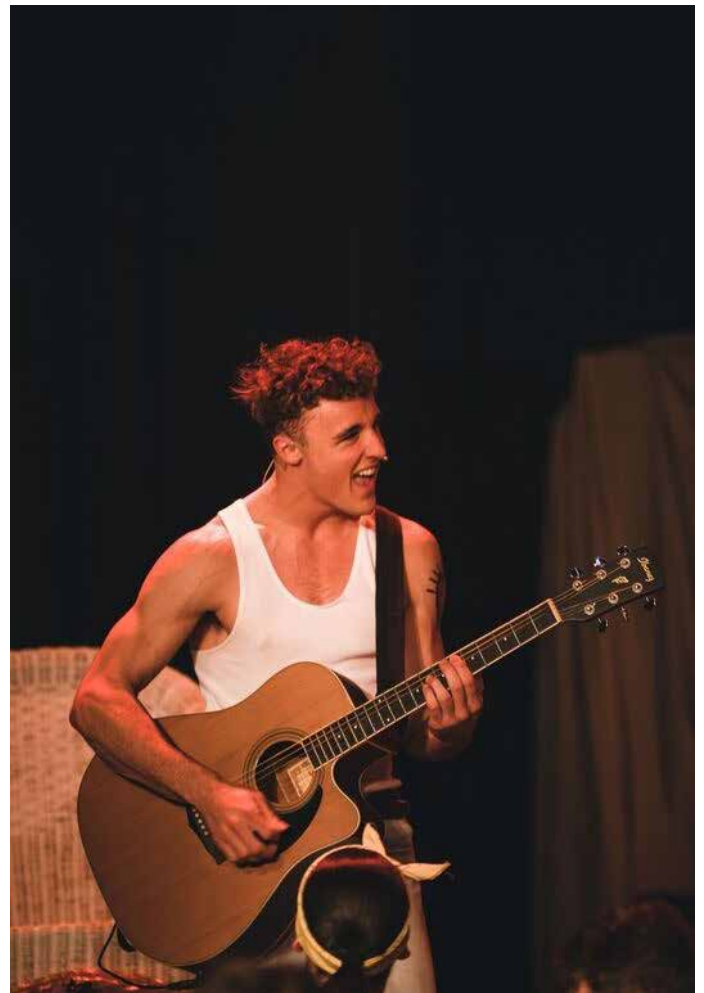
Nathan feels NCC allowed him to explore his options and discover what he was good at in a safe, supportive environment. Nathan says, **"It taught me responsibility, hard work, gave opportunities to lead and build strong relationships with people."**

He continues, "I still to this day talk about Year 8 camp and how significant it was for me. I built friendships and challenged myself and it has stuck with me ever since. Mrs Judi Allen-Ankins played a significant part in my life at school as my Drama/Music teacher, friend and mentor. She is one of the main reasons I'm doing what I'm doing today. She saw something in me that I didn't see in myself and we still keep in touch to this day. Also, the opportunities to travel overseas on mission trips will forever stay with me. Those trips changed my life. I went to Malawi, Fiji, India and walked the Kokoda track."

Nathan's goal is to get the most out of his training and push himself further as a performer, aspiring to tell truthful, meaningful, and powerful stories.

In his first two years of study in Brisbane, Nathan had the honour of playing multiple roles on stage. His most recent performance was in an original show written by the directors of his course called Misfits School of Arts where he played Jackson Jones. He has also appeared in All Shook Up the Elvis Musical as Dean Hyde, Godspell playing the role of Jesus and Heathers The Musical as Kurt Kelly.

"My favourite quote is from the movie Chariots of Fire – "So where does the power come from to see any race to its end...it comes from within." meaning that anything that you need to succeed and to get where you wanna go in life comes from the power, passion and commitment you give. You have that power...you've just got to believe it." 🐾





NCC in Service

Chikwawa Fundraiser

Throughout the past 19 years, Nambour Christian College has been blessed with the incredible opportunity to partner with Neighbours Aid as we care and support communities locally, in Australia and the developing world. This partnership has provided our students with a breadth of fundraising opportunities and hands-on experience serving communities through our Cultural Trips programs in Africa, Thailand and India. These experiences are incredibly formational in our students' lives as they are exposed to how other cultures experience life and the needs that arise from these experiences.

This past year, it has been an honour to partner with Neighbours Aid to support a school and children's home in Chikwawa, Malawi. Our friends in Chikwawa recently built a library for their school; however, they did not have the funds to stock it with educational resources and books. So we set a goal as a community to raise enough funds to fill their library with resources purchased in their local region and native language. This will increase the learning capabilities of the students and teaching staff and inject resources into their local economy, furthering their path out of poverty.

The Middle School students participated in a Walk-a-thon fundraiser to show their solidarity with the community in Malawi and raise funds to ensure the library is stocked with excellent resources. We are so proud of our how Middle Schoolers stepped up to this challenge, as together, they raised a total of \$7,544.30. This is an astounding amount and these funds will make an enormous difference in the lives of both staff and students in Chikwawa, Malawi. We are especially proud of how many of our students gave what they were able and how each of them showed up in force to take part in our Walk-a-thon. ➡



Class of 2014

Kurt Payne

Kurt's passion for helping others was founded by NCC's culture of including and prioritising the needs of its students and families. He has pursued this passion by studying a Bachelor in Disability Studies and Developmental Education at Flinders University. During his studies he worked at a non-profit organisation providing support for people living with disability.

"My passion flamed and I committed to a vision of providing tailored education and support to individuals with disabilities with the purpose of integrating into communities of inclusion, therefore, experiencing independence. In 2020, I launched THE !N CROWD, an organisation that provides support, education and services for individuals, families and communities impacted by disabilities, mental illness and homelessness. The mission, through support, education and services, seeking to create whole communities of inclusion, integration and independence."

"THE !N CROWD works directly one on one with clients to achieve inclusion, integration and independence. There is currently a proposed day service centre under renovation. The centre will be accessible to individuals with disabilities and individuals experiencing mental health issues or homelessness, offering "The Garden", "The Cookery" and "The Expressions" programs along with "The Essentials" and "The Shop with !N" services. Programs and services foundations are designed so that any community can adapt and tailor to fit within their communities structure and preferences."

THE !N CROWD has recently purchased a mobile food truck (The Essentials), making it possible to distribute food and clothing items and health and care packages to individuals experiencing homelessness.

Kurt says, "I envisage and enthusiastically work to develop educated communities to actively participate in inclusion and integration for individuals with disabilities, mental illness and homelessness. THE !N CROWD is committed to tackle any and all obstacles that prevent people living with disabilities, mental illness and homelessness from being included, integrated and building independence in their communities." 🐾



Class of 2005

Karina Richards (Brewer)

We all love a good story of reconnection after much time has passed. A post on our NCC Alumni Facebook page revealed a former teacher and a former student are now both parents of students at the same Christian school in Brisbane.

Karina Richards (Class of 2005) and Gillian Byrne, formally Year 1 teacher Miss Murray, have known each other through their children's school but had not made the connection to NCC.

Karina exclaims, "I've known Gillian for a few years, however only realised why she seemed so familiar when I looked through some old school photos! We've had some great catch-ups over the last few months and still laugh at how we ended up crossing paths again 20 plus years later!! My second child is now the same age as I was in this photo. Slight resemblance I think."

If you too have come across a past teacher or student in your life, we would love to hear your story. Email info@ncc.qld.edu.au ➡





Class of 2001, 2003 and 2005

The Evans Family - Chloe Evans, Lettice Doyle & Kent Evans

The Evans family have had a long relationship with NCC since Leetice's sister Chloe began Kindy in Normanton House in 1989. Chloe graduated in 2001, Leetice in 2003 and their brother Kent in 2005. Their father Pastor Kerry Evans has been a member of the NCC Board since 1998 and held the position of Deputy Chair since 2020 and has been a leader of the Year 12 Fiji Mission Trips almost every year since they began. Kerry is also the Regional Manager Sunshine Coast Wide Bay for Scripture Union.

Having had such positive experiences with teachers at NCC, the Evans siblings were inspired to pursue a career in education. Chloe went to Central Queensland University and studied a Bachelor of Learning Management and started her career at Coolum State School where after three years moved to Cairns and has been teaching there for 14 years. Leetice has completed a Bachelor of Learning Management (Education) and Masters of Education and now teaches on the Sunshine Coast and Kent completed a Bachelor of Education and Science and teachers at St. Columban's Catholic College.

When asked about a special memories of NCC, Leetice commented, "NCC gave such a broad range of experiences throughout my primary and senior years. We were able to experience real-life learning opportunities that wouldn't have been possible if we had attended another school. I couldn't name just any one special memory as there are so many wonderful memories. In primary school, I remember Mr Best sharing ANZAC stories with such gusto and expression the stories became real and relatable. And Mrs Campbell teaching us timbrel, how she got children from years 3 to 7 to play on time and in beat I do not know!"



Kent said NCC “...helped me to learn real life skills and to have the right work ethic to successfully go into the ‘real world’. Having great teachers at NCC also gave me an understanding on how to have an impact on young people’s lives in a positive way.”

The skills earned through subjects studied at NCC, as well as the extra-curricular opportunities NCC provided, has shaped both of their decisions for study and equipped them in some way for the careers they hold now.

For Chloe, her decision to become a teacher also came from growing up in a family heavily involved with a local church and children’s ministry. “I have always loved working with children and have been surrounded by great teachers both in and out of school.”

Reflecting on the highlights of their school years, each of the siblings shared common thoughts but all remember their own special moments. Chloe said, “Going on the Fiji trip I realised I have a passion for children and love working with children with diverse and unique backgrounds. This trip was and still is a highlight.” For Kent, a keen sportsman said, “One of my favourite moments was playing in the rugby final in 2005 under our coach/maths teacher Doug Carloss.”

“The school camps were always a highlight,” Leetice said. “The many memories that were made and the huge variety in where we went across primary and high school provided such great life experiences. Mrs Weidinger was always so passionate and cared so much for her students. Home Ec. was always so much fun with her and her amazing assistant Mrs Underwood.”

Leetice and her husband Matt were married in 2020 and hope to continue to indulge their passion for travel. But first they will welcome their first child in the next month. Kent and Jasmine have a two year old daughter Jordie and both play soccer for NYU. Kent uses the opportunity of coaching soccer and rugby to impact on the lives of young people ➡

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”
Numbers 6:24-26



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Class of 2010

Alumni Reunion

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From our graduating class of 87 students, 32 classmates were able to celebrate their reunion. Thankfully, Covid travel restrictions eased the week of the reunion allowing a few alumni to fly from other states the day before to be there and see their families on the Coast for the first time all year.

One of these was Jonathan Muller, who flew from Melbourne on the first available flight. He has spent months in lockdown, only allowed to go to work and back home again.

Another classmate was Katie Wales. Katie works as a doctor in a Sydney hospital, and is about to finish her studies to become a cardiologist. She had some fascinating stories about working in the hospital during 2020.

Tali Grace and her husband have had an eventful few years. After marrying in 2019 they were living in Thailand when the pandemic began. They finally made it home and finished their hotel quarantine the day before the reunion. They also welcomed their first child, a little girl, in January 2021.



Alexis Kneen (Mundie) travelled 22 hours with her husband and their six and four year old children from Normanton, Queensland, where she works as a teacher.

Ashleigh Prisk, who organised the reunion, lives with her husband of seven years in Nambour and has a son and daughter. Ashleigh is a stay-at-home mum and attends NCC's Normanton House playgroup regularly.

Ebony Borja lives in North Brisbane. She studied music teaching at QUT, where she met her now husband. Ebony taught music in both primary and high schools for four years. Three years ago she turned her hobby of making earrings into a business that she now manages alongside caring for her 18 month old daughter.

After school Susannah King went straight to university in Brisbane to study Radiation Therapy. Her first job after university saw her move to Toowoomba for three years, which was followed by four years back in Brisbane. "I'm currently living in East Brisbane, working as a Radiation Therapist in a cancer clinic at the PA Hospital. I'm publishing my first research paper early next year. I bought my house two years ago and have made many trips overseas to Europe, Japan, America, Central America and NZ."

Cheri Channer studied music and psychology after school. She has been married for seven years and has two little boys. She says "After running my own music teaching business, I took some time off to travel parts of the world with our babies and do the stay-at-home mum gig, too, while we bought our first home in Buderim. After returning to study, I'm now a registered birth worker (doula) and help women deliver their babies. It's a beautiful and rewarding job. I'm so grateful to live here in paradise and pinch myself daily that I am so blessed."

Living in Townsville, Jessica Wynn has been teaching for the last six years and is currently working as a school Assistant Director. The last 10 years have been full of exploring North Queensland with close friends and some overseas adventures, including a missions trip that involved teaching in a remote village in Zambia and some terrifying navigation of a raft on the Zambezi river.

Ilona Lefevre studied to become a paramedic and has worked in Ayr, Childers and as a reliever in South West Queensland around Cunnamulla, Dirranbandi and Surat. She is now working as the Officer in Charge at Injune station near Carnarvon Gorge. Ilona had a brief break from paramedic life in 2017 and lived in Canada for 18 months working as a Lift Operator and Seaplane Dockcrew in Whistler. She met her Australian boyfriend there and says "Who knew we had to go to Canada to

Pictured below is Ashleigh Prisk and family.



Class of 2010

Alumni Reunion cont...

meet... we're looking forward to continuing patting dogs and increasing our houseplant collection in the future!"

Leisha Sturdee and Matt got married the year after graduation and now have four boys in their tribe. In the last 10 years, Leisha has worked in hospitality and studied teaching for creative industries. After she completed a course in photography she started a successful and rewarding business. Leisha and Matt have bought a truck and are building a tiny home on wheels. They plan to head off soon for a life on the road.

Rebecca Saxty moved to Brisbane after school and studied urban planning at UQ, graduating in 2014. Rebecca decided to study part-time for her masters in environmental management when she found herself unfulfilled with the work she was doing. During her masters, she spent time overseas on a study exchange at universities in Hong Kong, Vietnam, Indonesia, and Canada, where she focussed on sustainability concepts and climate change impacts on the natural environment. She also became a Young Endeavour as part of the federal youth program in 2015. In May 2020 Rebecca bought her first home and then got engaged that October. For the past three years Rebecca has been working full time as an environmental planner.

After high school, Jules Lefevre took a gap year and worked at Nambour Christian College in the IT department. Jules says "After that year, I studied video games design and moved to Brisbane with a few other NCC alumni from our graduating year. Unfortunately, by the time I finished university, most of the video games design companies had left Australia, so I channelled my efforts into graphic and web design instead. Having worked at a couple of agencies over the years, I've now been running my own business for the last three years and couldn't be loving it more."

Justin Davis is currently living in North Brisbane, working from home on numerous business ventures. For several years he has been selling 3D models online for videogames, developing his own virtual reality experience called Space Dream and also working on a stock market system to transfer wealth into the third world. In the future, Justin wants to direct as much power and money as possible into rescuing third-world slaves and setting up educational systems to bring communities out of poverty - along with kick-starting even more of the entrepreneurial ideas that have been floating around in his head.

Ciara Kurtz has studied a Bachelor of Early Childhood and moved to Gladstone in 2015 for a full-time teaching position. She met her fiancé Tim that year and is settled in his hometown of Chinchilla. They have now been in Chinchilla for four years and bought their own home.

Jemma Sewell has been working at NCC Early Learners Nambour since graduation, starting out completing her traineeship in Children's Services in 2012. Jemma then completed her Diploma in Children's Services in 2018 and has recently been promoted to the position of Assistant Director. Jemma has also been highly involved in Calvary Christian Church and thoroughly enjoys being part of the creative and Host Teams. 🐾

Pictured below is Rebecca Saxty (left) and Jemma Sewell (right).





NCC in Service

Serving the community

Service and care for others is a core tenet of Jesus' teaching and we as a College aim to embody this in all we put our hands to. Therefore it is a fundamental part of our Christian Living curriculum. Each term in Christian Living, a different year level in our Senior School participates in community service. This is a time where we as a school intentionally serve our local community in practical ways. This past term, some of our Year 11's have been helping out with Bush Care alongside our Sunshine Coast Council as well as serving our local opportunity shops in Nambour.

Maya Angelou once stated, 'I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back', and it's been a privilege seeing our students 'throw something back' in such a practical way into their local community.

Pictured are some of our students weeding and planting new flora in Quota Park.





NCC Governance

Introducing the NCC Board

Kurt Fearnley AO, Para Olympian and Commonwealth Games gold medalist and director of a number of organisations, has been quoted as saying, "Every board needs a variety of lived experience to enable it to make the best decisions." In the same vein, Moses' father-in-law Jethro encouraged him to share the burden of leadership with capable people who exhibited spiritual maturity and integrity.

Nambour Christian College has been blessed to be guided by a team of experienced board members who have faithfully served the College in their role as 'gatekeepers' of its mission and vision over many years. It is my privilege to introduce you to these people who contribute many hundreds of hours behind the scenes to the work of the College each year.

Deputy Chair Reverend Kerry Evans MAICD (Board member since 1998) has a background in media and advertising, working for the Sunshine Coast Daily before becoming Youth Pastor and later, Associate Pastor at Nambour Baptist Church (now Flametree). Kerry is now a Regional Director of Scripture Union and also serves on a community board. His three children all graduated from NCC and became teachers.

Stephen Marshall, FCPA, Chair of the Finance Sub-Committee has been involved in Christian Education since the early 1980's, serving on the NCC Board for 20 years. Stephen has also served on the boards of other not-for-profits, including a community bank, a church and a Christian radio station, making good use of his experience in finance, stockbroking and accounting. Stephen is a grandparent at the College and teaches RE at a local state school in his spare time.

Dr. Lynne Doneley DIP TEACHING; GRAD DIP ED STUDIES; M. ED; M ED. ADMIN; EDD; PHD is the Executive and Principal Research Officer (QLD) for Associated Christian Schools, Board Chair of Gulf Christian College, CEN State Executive Office, Deputy Chair of ISQ and Board representative on the QISPN. Lynne joined the NCC board in 2007. She served as Principal of Genesis Christian College for ten years and is a grandparent at NCC.

John Collins, B.COM, (MKTG); F. EDPLUS, served as President of the NCC P & F Association for eight years while his two sons were students at the College. He was also employed for ten years as NCC's Director of Marketing and Community Relations, joining the board in 2017. John is currently a consultant for Christian Schools and Not-for-Profits and is also employed by Neighbours Aid and is active in his local church.



Jesma O'Hara, Kerry Evans,
Lynne Doneley, Tim McNamara
(top to bottom)



Dr. Tim McNamara, MB.BS.FRCPA, GRAD. DIP. (COMPUTING), is a past parent of two NCC Graduates and a board member since 2012, chairing our Facilities and Planning sub-committee. Tim has been a medical pathologist on the Sunshine Coast since 1996 and was a Director of Clinical Pathology at Nambour General Hospital and Sunshine Coast Public Hospital until 2019. He is currently employed by QML and teaches children's church.



Andrew Lind, B.COM. LLB (Hons); GRAD.DIP. C.S; MA CS, is a specialist in Charity and Not-for-Profit Law working on several Charity Law Policy and Law Reform committees. Andrew has been a leading voice in Christian education for many years as an advisor and also a board member of two other Christian Schools, joining the NCC board in 2020.



Matt Hope also joined us in 2020. Matt and his wife Jessica, a past student of NCC, currently have two children enrolled in the Primary School. Matt is founding CEO of Colour Capital which oversees successful franchises in the building, fitness and hospitality industries throughout Australia and New Zealand. He is also a director of Opportunity International and an ambassador for Compassion. His passion for helping the poor has taken him to developing nations in Africa and Asia.

And finally, a little about me...Jesma O'Hara (board member since 1989 and Board Chair since 2001), BA Arts (Religious Studies and History); MA Arts (Early Christianity and Judaism); DMIN candidate, MAICD. I am a founding parent whose five children all graduated from NCC and a founding Director and Senior Global Project Manager at Neighbours Aid since 2002.



Geoff van der Vliet (NCC Principal) and Bronwyn Taylor (Head of NCC Early Learners), attend all board meetings, providing valuable insights and perspectives to assist the board in our planning and decision making. We are ably supported by Mrs Margaret Sweeney, MBA, head of the NCC Business Office in her role as Board Secretary.

I speak on behalf of all the Board members in saying that it is a privilege to serve the NCC community and the wonderful staff who care for your children.

Jesma O'Hara
Executive Chair



Stephen Marshall, John Collins,
Margaret Sweeney, Andrew Lind
(top to bottom) and
(left bottom) Matt Hope





NCC in St George

From Fiji to Queensland's Backyard

At NCC, we endeavour to live out our Motto 'Sow to Harvest' in all that we do and this is especially true as we commit time and effort each year to our service trips program. As Covid has presented immense challenges for us all, it has also forced us to put our annual Fiji service trip on hold for the foreseeable future. This challenge invited us as a College to look elsewhere in our backyard to be of service to those in our rural communities.

As we already have a presence in St George, QLD, through our Early Learning Centre, we have been blessed with the ability to build relationships with the local primary school and the local church community. These relationships have opened up an opportunity for us to embark on a service trip to St George for our Year 10 and 11 students.

We are excited to announce launching our first Service Trip to St George in the September holidays. We will be organising a school holiday program at the local school and serving at other venues throughout the week.

Serving others is a vital characteristic of the Christian faith and it is often in serving others that we are shaped to become the people God has created us to be. We are so looking forward to this opportunity to be involved in serving the local community. This will be a valuable experience for our students as their perspectives will be opened to how many are living and doing life in rural Australian communities. We pray that as we, as a College, engage on this opportunity, we might be as Mother Theresa said, 'a little pencil in the hand of a writing God, who is sending a love letter to the world.'





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NCC Alumni Facebook Page

This is a group for all previous students of Nambour Christian College, created to connect NCC Alumni with the College community and to allow for greater networking. College events and annual reunions will also be advertised here.

Please invite your fellow Alumni to join this page, and stay up to date with College news. Alumni are welcome to post their achievements, news, information and school photos on this page.

NCC Past Students Association

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 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. For more information, or if you have information which may be of interest to NCC Alumni, please email alumni@ncc.qld.edu.au



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