

THE GRAMMARIAN



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PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Welcome to our latest edition of *The Grammarian*, a celebration of the highlights of our Townsville Grammar School community throughout 2019.

2019 will, undoubtedly, go down in the history books as a year to remember, given the unprecedented flooding in February and the long lasting impact this has had on our Townsville and North Western communities. Many of our families, both day and boarding, were significantly impacted, and as a community we came together in support of each other. My sincere thanks in particular to our staff who ensured we were able to operate as "business as usual," as much as we could, providing a point of continuity for our students and families during a very tumultuous time.



This year we held our biennial production, staging a contemporary version of one of Shakespeare's last plays, *The Tempest*. With a cast, orchestra and crew of more than 300 students and staff, this was a huge collaboration. As a newcomer to the School, I had heard much about the quality and sophistication of past Grammar productions, and *The Tempest* certainly lived up to this reputation. In the lead-up to the production, I witnessed first-hand the vision, passion, commitment, persistence and stamina of our staff and students. I congratulate and acknowledge the talents and skills of everyone involved.

In sport this year we flew the black and gold on the river, on the track and in the pool, with our programme covering rowing, netball, rugby, touch, soccer, athletics, swimming, cricket, tennis, fencing and gymnastics, from junior through to secondary.

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Our Junior School Sports Tour to Cairns was a great opportunity for our rugby, netball and soccer teams to gain competition experience outside of the familiarity of Townsville. In secondary, our teams performed well, under our 2019 theme of "All In". Our netballers did us proud, with Grammar 1 winning their Grand Final. Across the board, whether we won, drew or lost, I have been very proud to witness our students' sense of sportsmanship and spirit, exhibited by both those competing and cheering.

It has been a highlight this year to see some of our netball and rugby training sessions involve both our junior and senior teams, in the spirit of our "one school" philosophy. Indeed, this is one of our defining features as a P-12 school, ensuring our younger students have familiarity with our secondary campus and relationships with their older peers through sport, co-curricular and community events.

Academically, I am once again proud of our performance in NAPLAN testing, maintaining our enduring reputation as the educational market leader in North Queensland. This reputation is not taken for granted, nor is it easily maintained. Our professional teaching team is dedicated to ensuring best practice pedagogy, with a focus on purposeful, sequential and contemporary teaching and learning from Prep to Year 12. The consistent approach and professionalism of our teaching teams underpins the strength of our academic programme, and I congratulate and acknowledge all involved in the delivery of our curriculum.

This year also marked a significant milestone, with the culmination of the OP system and the commencement of the ATAR for our Year 11 cohort. This has been the most significant change for secondary schooling in Queensland since 1992, when we moved from the TE system to the OP. We entered 2019 feeling confident in our preparedness for ATAR and the markedly different course and assessment structure involved. As 2019 has progressed, our students have adapted well and we are confident that this new structure will prepare them very well for the style of learning required in tertiary studies.

Our International Baccalaureate Diploma students are on track to finish the year exceptionally well. We have an even larger cohort enrolled in the IB Diploma for 2020, which is very encouraging, as we remain strongly committed to the continued delivery of this programme.

We celebrated our students' academic diligence and achievement with our Pro Diligentia Awards in Term 2 and Cum Laude Awards in Term 3. Both events were significant opportunities to acknowledge and encourage our students in the spirit of striving for personal best. My congratulations to all students, from Years 5 to 12, who have received awards this year for academic endeavour and achievement.

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Our two Junior Campuses have continued to thrive, with North Shore now offering Year 4 and preparing to extend to Year 5 in 2020. Our Junior Campuses offer a strong programme of co-curricular opportunities including sport, music, drama, STEM, leadership and community service, led by dedicated staff and supported by our families. This family support has again been strong in 2019, evident in the engagement in our weekly School activities, through to our larger celebrations such as Grandparents & Special Friends' Days, sports carnivals, the Bollywood Black & Gold Carnival, Mothers' and Fathers' Days and other themed events. My sincere thanks to our parent community for being such strong ambassadors for our School.

Music continued to shine as a key element in the life of our School in 2019. Our students from Prep through to Year 12 have been provided with exceptional classroom and co-curricular tuition, as well as opportunities to perform for our School community and for the wider community.

We had a wonderful start to the year, with an invitation for our Senior Choir to perform at the Townsville RSL ANZAC Dawn Service. This honour was enhanced by the presence of the Prime Minister of Australia, Scott Morrison MP. This was followed by an invitation to perform the Australian and New Zealand National Anthems at the ANZAC Cowboys Home Game. With several Music Soirees throughout the year, visiting artists, workshops and the Eisteddfod, we finished the year with the Ensembles Showcase Concert and Grammar Sings, two outstanding events to highlight our Music Programme.

In boarding, the Parker-Hall building has undergone a significant renovation this year, and a range of enhancements to the boarding programme have been introduced to further improve the boarding experience. We travelled throughout the year to connect with our boarding families in Western Queensland, the Northern Territory, Hong Kong and Papua New Guinea. We are looking forward to more developments in boarding in 2020.

“The "Every Opportunity" campaign serves as a positioning statement with which to promote the fuller story of the life of our School.”

In 2019, we launched a new marketing campaign and strategic marketing direction, based on the outcomes of community and stakeholder engagement in 2018. The outcomes of this engagement revealed that, whilst our internal school community is fully aware of the breadth and depth of our School experience, the external community largely perceived TGS as an academic only school. Our challenge was, therefore, to revitalise our brand by telling the whole story of Townsville Grammar School. The "Every Opportunity" campaign launched in May, serving as a positioning statement with which to promote the fuller story of the life of our School, from academic and co-curricular through to students, staff, boarding, alumni, the community and our history. It also serves to connect the three Campuses under the "one school" philosophy. To date, this has been gaining significant traction as our School and wider community engage with the campaign.

It has been wonderful to see the strong engagement of our Past Grammarians this year, with several alumni events both in Townsville and further afield, including Darwin, Brisbane and Port Moresby. We have also had a chance to catch up with Past Grammarians during visits to regional towns this year, which has further strengthened our community ties. We held the Past Grammarians Reunion in August, which proved to be another colourful evening of celebration, story-telling and community, and I truly hope this sense of connection continues. I have also been very touched by the number of Past Grammarians who call in to visit us at the North Ward Campus from time to time. Our rich history is, by far, one of the great treasures of Townsville Grammar School.

I trust this edition of *The Grammarian* gives you a snapshot of the busy and vibrant life of Townsville Grammar School in 2019. In a year that has been marred by tragedy and marked by milestones and celebrations, we have much to be grateful for heading into 2020. My appreciation, in particular, to our Board of Trustees, our team of committed and professional staff, our supportive parent community, the spirit of our Past Grammarians and the vibrancy and diversity of our students, from Pre-Kindy through to Year 12.

Until the next edition,

Mr Timothy Kelly

Principal of Townsville Grammar School



Kalea Burch receiving a Pro Diligentia award from Principal, Mr Timothy Kelly

SCHOLARS' ASSEMBLY

To start our academic year, we warmly welcomed back a group of high achieving Year 12 students from the graduating class of 2018 for the annual Scholars' Assembly. This is a proud tradition at Townsville Grammar School, one that is now in its 22nd year. It was wonderful to welcome the returning students, parents and many Past Grammarians who attended this celebration of academic achievement.

The results received by the School's 2018 Year 12 cohort were outstanding, and the evidence of this is clear in a number of 'best ever' results received, as seen below:

- All IB students receiving their Diploma
- OP 1-6 (including IB equivalents)
- OP 1-5: 37.7% (3rd best result in last 10 years)
- OP 1-7: 56.6% (Best ever)
- OP 1-10: 77.54% (Best ever)
- OP 1-15: 98.55% (Best ever)
- The average OP result for 2018 was 7.68, the second best result for the last 10 years, behind the 2017 average OP of 7.54.

We once again wish our Class of 2018 all the very best and look forward to keeping connected through our Past Grammarians Association.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Each year, we celebrate the academic diligence and achievement of students from Years 5-12, through the Pro Diligentia Awards in Term 1 and the Cum Laude Awards in Term 3. Director of Studies, Mr Steven Monk, said the awards serve as encouragement, affirmation and acknowledgement of efforts throughout the year. "It is important that we recognise and celebrate the individual efforts, improvements and achievements of our students, in the spirit of striving for personal best. 2019 has once again been another strong year, with more than 600 students awarded at the Pro Diligentia and Cum Laude Awards."

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE



In March, we welcomed back 2018 International Baccalaureate Diploma graduates, Dennis Perez-Castillo and Matilda Robinson to present at our IB Information Evening to promote enrolments in the programme for 2020. Dennis and Matilda shared their experiences and reflected on how the programme prepared them for their future studies and careers. Enrolments for the 2020 International Baccalaureate Diploma are building, and we look forward to continuing this academic programme.



Scholars' Assembly, February 2019

NAPLAN

2019

Source: myschools.gov.au

We were once again pleased to be ranked as the leading school for NAPLAN results in the Northern Queensland region for 2019, for both primary and secondary.

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Ranked #1 for Primary & Secondary in Townsville.

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Ranked #14 in Queensland for Secondary, out of approx. 900 schools.

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Ranked #27 in Queensland for Primary, out of approx. 1200 schools.



AUSTRALIAN & INTERNATIONAL ENSEMBLES

Congratulations to our students who have been selected for State, National and International Ensembles Programmes this year. A group of 14 students attended the State Honours Ensemble Programme in June. Luke Carroll and Lily Roehr were selected to participate in the Australian Honours Ensemble Programme in Brisbane in October; and in November, Luke Carroll and Aimee Segal will travel to Seattle, USA, to perform in the Pacific Honours Ensemble Programme (PHEP). This is the second consecutive year that Luke has been selected for PHEP, and this is the fourth consecutive year that Townsville Grammar School students have been chosen for this international programme.



PERFORMANCES & EVENTS

Led by Director of Music, Mr Samuel Blanch and music teachers, the 2019 programme provided students with numerous performance and workshop opportunities, including:

- Junior, Middle & Senior School Music Soirees
- Friends of Music Function
- ANZAC Day Services
- Open Days
- Ensembles Showcase Concert
- *The Tempest* production
- Grammar Sings Concert
- Townsville Eisteddfod
- Speech Night
- Australian Festival of Chamber Music Winterschool
- Queensland Youth Orchestra Workshop
- State, National and Pacific Honours Ensemble Programmes
- Junior Strings Concert
- Cultural Awards



Ensembles Showcase Concert



Grammar Sings Concert



Junior School Strings Concert



Ensembles Showcase Concert



Grammar Sings Concert



Grammar Sings Concert



Senior Choir performing at the Townsville RSL ANZAC Dawn Service

ANZAC DAY

The observance of the solemnity of ANZAC Day is a high priority at Townsville Grammar School. This year, our Senior Choir was invited by the RSL to perform at the City of Townsville's Dawn Service at ANZAC Park on the Strand, in the presence of the Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon Scott Morrison MP, and other community leaders. The Choir sang a selection of ANZAC hymns, accompanied by the 1RAR Band. As the Prime Minister laid a wreath, the Choir sang, *'In Flanders Fields'*, set to music by Roger Emerson.

Fourteen students from our Annandale and North Ward Campuses, directed by Mrs Daniela McMahon, performed at the ANZAC Service at the RSL Rowes Bay Retirement Village.

At the School's ANZAC Day Ceremony at the North Ward Campus, we were delighted to have our Guest Speaker, Captain Andrew Wilson, also fulfill the role of piper prior to the service. Members of Grammar Singers and the Symphony Orchestra presented the hymn, *'Lead Kindly Light.'* The Orchestra played traditional hymns such as *'Abide with Me'* during the laying of wreaths. *'The Last Post'* and *'Rouse'* were poignantly presented by Caitlyn Halfpenny. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Symphony Orchestra played a rousing rendition of *'Waltzing Matilda.'*



North Ward ANZAC Day Service



Grammar Singers performing the Australian and New Zealand National Anthems at the North Queensland Cowboys v Gold Coast Titans ANZAC match



ROWING

Grammar Rowing had a strong season with our highest participation numbers in many years. The success of the Year 7 'Try Rowing' Activity introduced in 2018 has boosted our Middle School team significantly, and paid great dividends for us on the podium this season.

Our Girls' and Boys' 1st VIII crews both placed second at the Head of the River in strongly contested races, and we had five team members selected to represent North Queensland at the Queensland Schools State Championships Regatta in September. Major award winners at our annual Rowing Awards Evening were; Erin Keogh: Most Valuable Female Rower; Lachlan Donnell-Wales: Most Valuable Male Rower; Kimberley Brown: Best Coxswain.



NETBALL

In Club Netball, the School had 16 teams participating in the Townsville City Netball Competition. At the end of the regular season, six of the 14 eligible teams qualified for semi-finals. Ultimately, Grammar 4 finished as runner-up in Opal 3 division and Grammar 1 took out the Opal League premiership for the first time since joining the competition in 1999. Grammar Netball Captain for 2019, Lou-Isa Natoga Varea, was a worthy recipient of the Club's Most Valuable Player Award. Best and Fairest Award recipients from Grammar 1-14 were: Ammie Stephenson, Lily Reeves, Amelia Pattel, Grace Tudehope, Ella Banks, Anna Adebiyi, Hiri Alphonse, Ashna Sabesan, Georgie Coates, Quynh Anh Walker, Isabella Wong, Nicola Hitchcock, Sarah Marshman and Gabriella Jones. NetSetGo Coaches Awards for Grammar 15 and 16 were awarded to Lily-Grace Mahne and Sophia Logan.



RUGBY

The School fielded six teams with 112 players in the Townsville and District Rugby Union Competition in 2019. Our most successful team was the Under 14s who reached the Grand Final of their competition for the second successive season, and the U12s also made it through to the semi-final stage.

The school also fielded teams in all age groups for the TDRU 7s tournaments including U12, U14 and U16 girls teams.

Congratulations to Campbell Barrett, Jackson Lawty, Ned Smith, Stanley Alcock and Declan Marchioni who were selected to represent North Queensland this year.

The annual Rugby Presentation Night celebrated the efforts of our Best and Fairest Award winners Jonah Barrett, Marcus Alsop, Jackson Lawty, Reg Alcock, Justin Crane and Michael Mtanios.

Caelan Malone was also acknowledged as the Club's Most Valuable Player for his all-round commitment to Grammar Rugby, highlighting his support and work with junior age groups.



JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS TOUR

Our Junior School Sports Tour to Cairns took place in June giving our soccer, rugby and netball teams the opportunity to play against Trinity Anglican School, Redlynch State School and Holy Cross School. Both Trinity Anglican School and Redlynch State School gave us two very close games of netball, with one win and one loss, and we had a close win against Holy Cross School. Our Rugby team had two great wins, holding off a very fast finishing Redlynch team and Holy Cross team, and our soccer team had a loss against Trinity Anglican School.

The tour was a fantastic opportunity for our players to travel together, work as a team and gain experience competing against teams outside of Townsville.



2019 INTERHOUSE CARNIVAL RESULTS

HODGES, MILLER, ROWLAND, WHIGHT

	SWIMMING	CROSS COUNTRY	ATHLETICS
JUNIOR	H, M, W, R	R, W, H, M,	H, M, R, W
MIDDLE	H, M, R, W	M, R, W, H	W, M, R, H
SENIOR	H, R, M, W		



INTRODUCING OUR HEAD OF BOARDING

This year we have warmly welcomed Mr Jaye Beutel as our Head of Boarding. Jaye and his wife, Katie, and their two sons moved from the Gold Coast to settle in at Townsville Grammar School, just before their family of four became a family of five. Jaye and Katie welcomed Miles, born in February, brother to Harvey and Fletcher.

HEAD OF BOARDING

2019 has been a year of excitement, a journey of discovery in a sense, joining the Townsville Grammar School family and making TGS Boarding our new home. It has been a joy to return to a large North Queensland school and take on the reins of a boarding community which has deep connections to our regional and remote communities. Having started my boarding career almost two decades ago, the commencement of this new role has been somewhat of a familiar experience.

“TGS Boarding is a tightknit community that holds value in the spirit of connecting with and supporting one another.”

It is this trait, I believe, which is unmissable when you spend time within our boarding houses, and truly represents the heartland of where our boarders live – country Queensland. For those boarders from other places, it does not take long to appreciate this way of life and adapt with relative ease. In essence, it is what makes a house a home, and in boarding, that is very special.

Throughout the year, I have had the opportunity to travel to regional areas and meet with some of our boarding families at shows, expos and camps. During the September holidays, we travelled along the western highway visiting Hughenden, Richmond, Julia Creek, Winton and Cloncurry, and up to Normanton, Karumba and Croydon. It was a fantastic trip and a great way to visit some of our families along the way.

To that end, I am looking forward to taking every opportunity in contributing to our proud tradition as a leading boarding school of North Queensland.

Mr Jaye Beutel
Head of Boarding

OUR NEWLY RENOVATED BOARDING HOUSE



The Parker-Hall Building underwent significant renovation in 2019.

BOARDER EXPERIENCE DAYS

In April, we hosted our Boarder Experience Days programme, welcoming families from throughout Western Queensland. Head of Boarding, Mr Jaye Beutel, said the programme was a great way for both the children and their parents to get a hands-on experience of life in boarding.

“We welcomed families from throughout Western Queensland, some who were quite familiar with Townsville and some who had not visited that much in the past, so it was a mix of experience,” said Mr Beutel.

“The students were kept busy at the Strand and Waterpark, in the gym and out on the ovals, while parents attended an information session, enjoyed a tour of the city and dinner, while the kids stayed behind for a movie night.”

“We left feeling really comfortable. We got to sleep in the dormitories, eat in the dining room and explore the campus which will be her home away from home.”



Richmond parent, Ms Megan Easton, said the event was a great way for both her daughter and herself to familiarise with boarding.

“Even though boarding is a part of life for families in rural and remote areas, it can still be confronting when it comes time to make the move. We left feeling really comfortable with what is ahead. We got to sleep in the dormitories, eat in the dining room and explore the campus which will be her home away from home. It was a really worthwhile experience.”

FORMAL BOARDING DINNERS



Our Boarders attend a formal boarding dinner each term with a guest presenter and the opportunity to acknowledge achievements within our boarding community.

COMMUNITY VISITS

This year we have visited communities and attended events across Queensland, Northern Territory and internationally to Papua New Guinea and Hong Kong, including:

- Mount Isa and Cloncurry - March
- Hong Kong - March
- Julia Creek Camp Draft - May
- ICPA State Conference
- Charters Towers - June
- Richmond Field Days - June
- Port Moresby - June
- Clermont - June
- Ayr Show - July
- Katherine Show - August
- ICPA Clermont Sports Camp - August
- Hughenden, Winton, Cloncurry, Normanton, Karumba, Croydon, Julia Creek, Richmond - September
- ICPA Mount Isa Sports Camp - December
- Murray Island - Term Travel





BLACK & GOLD BOLLYWOOD CARNIVAL



Our School community came together for our Black and Gold Carnival under this year's Bollywood Theme.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC



We hosted the annual Townsville Grammar School Friends of Music evening at our Music Centre in March.

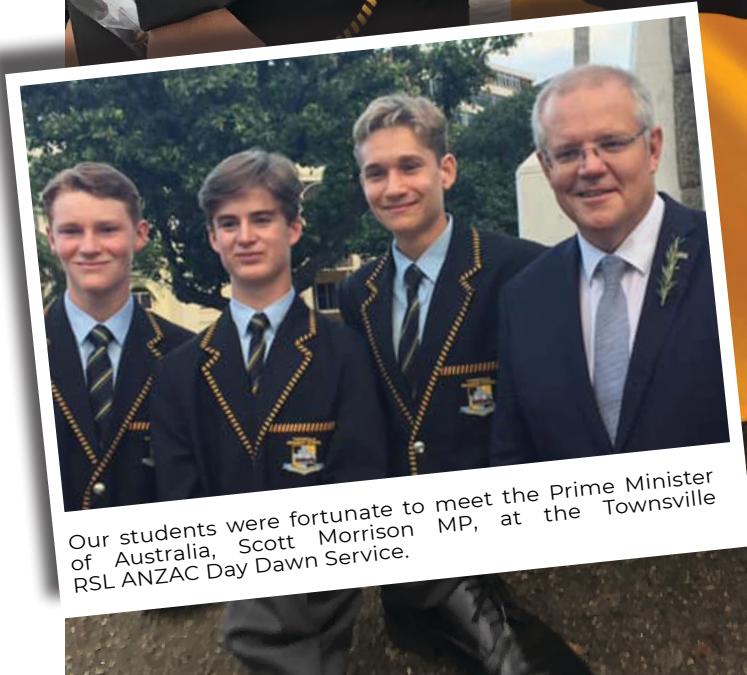
GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL FRIENDS' DAYS



We invited our biggest fans to School in Term 1 and 3 at our Annandale and North Shore Campuses.

What a moment!

Year 5 Annandale student, Aspyr Bell, hugged Uncle Alfred Smallwood, Bindal Elder, following a smoking ceremony to launch the 'Birds in Schools' project, a collaboration with Townsville City Council and BirdLife North Queensland.



Our students were fortunate to meet the Prime Minister of Australia, Scott Morrison MP, at the Townsville RSL ANZAC Day Dawn Service.

Our students once again proudly marched in the Townsville ANZAC Day Parade on The Strand.

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S MEDAL

We were thrilled to welcome the Governor-General of Australia, His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) and Lady Lynne Cosgrove to our BBQ lunch, held for the residents and teams of workers in flood-affected Idalia in February. Staff, students and families from our three campuses came together in what was a wonderful show of community spirit. Sir Peter Cosgrove also presented staff and students with the Governor General's medal.



TOWNSVILLE TOY LIBRARY

Having lost their premises and contents in the February floods, the Townsville Toy Library put the call out to the local community for assistance with temporary accommodation. Our Annandale Campus came to the rescue, providing a classroom for this much loved, not-for-profit community organisation. In May, Mayor of Townsville, Cr Jenny Hill, officially opened the new premises of the Townsville Toy Library.

www.townsvilletoylibrary.com.au



SONY FOUNDATION CAMP

We were delighted to once again host the Sony Foundation Children's Holiday Camp in September in our Boarding House. We welcomed 31 children with special needs from Cootharinga North Queensland, Townsville Community Learning Centre and various primary schools throughout Townsville for the three day camp programme. A group of 64 Year 11 students trained throughout the year to act as Sony Companions to the campers.

www.sonyfoundation.org



R U OK? DAY STOCKLAND NORTH SHORE

Let's Chalk it Out!

Our Prep - Year 4 students created "chalkie talkies" with messages of wellbeing on the pavement at Stockland North Shore Shopping Centre, to mark RU OK? Day. Our thanks to Stockland North Shore for supporting our school with this activity.

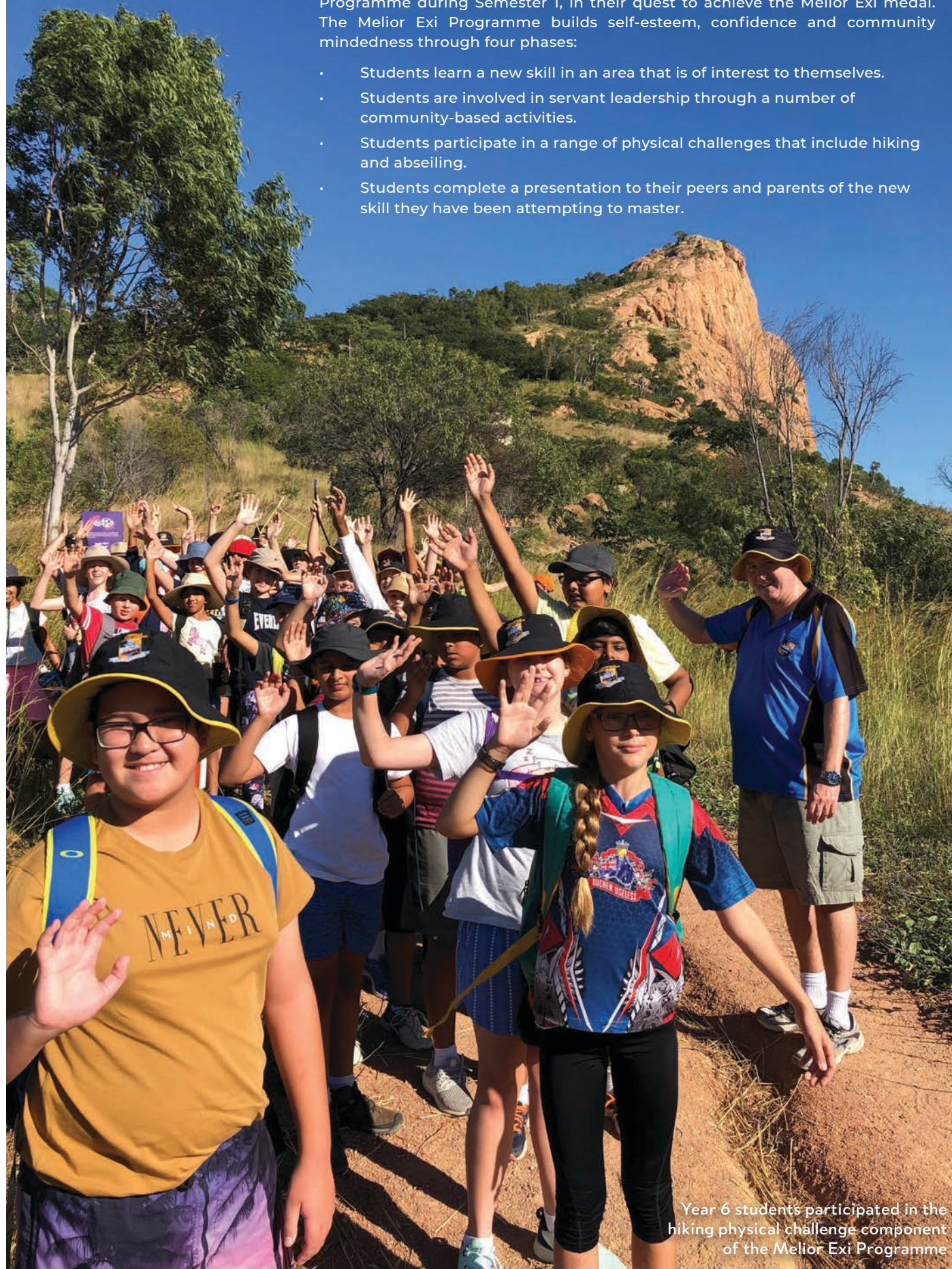
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MELIOR EXI 2019 - LEADERSHIP

Year 6 students embarked on the first components of the 2019 Melior Exi Programme during Semester 1, in their quest to achieve the Melior Exi medal. The Melior Exi Programme builds self-esteem, confidence and community mindedness through four phases:

- Students learn a new skill in an area that is of interest to themselves.
- Students are involved in servant leadership through a number of community-based activities.
- Students participate in a range of physical challenges that include hiking and abseiling.
- Students complete a presentation to their peers and parents of the new skill they have been attempting to master.



Year 6 students participated in the hiking physical challenge component of the Melior Exi Programme

HEAD OF SCHOOL

The word 'positive' is abundant at our School, and this has been incorporated into daily life through the Positive Education framework, embedded within the Pastoral Care Programme from Prep-Year 12. We are fortunate to have Ms Yvonne West as our Co-ordinator of Student Wellbeing and Development, responsible for the pastoral care programme. It has been tremendous to see Ms West encapsulate within the programme its dimensions; Purpose, Engagement, Emotion, Accomplishment, Relationships and Health, as well as highlighting themed weeks and student action groups. Coupled with the Senior School's Psychologist, Dr Charmain Newman, and the Year Level Co-ordinators, students are provided with a team of staff willing and capable of supporting them through the challenges of adolescence.

Within my role is a wide range of events, activities and discussions with all stakeholders, focused on ensuring we have a safe, happy and cohesive environment where students can learn and contribute together. It has been a wonderful year, made possible by the support of staff, students and parents.

Mr Connor Barrett

Head of School

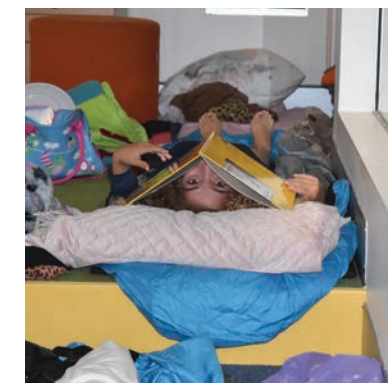


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The year we warmly welcomed Mr Connor Barrett as Head of School of the North Ward Campus. Mr Barrett, his wife, Angela, and their three children relocated from Sydney to join our Townsville Grammar School community.

CAMPS

Our students participated in a series of camps and activities during the year as part of the Townsville Grammar School Positive Education programme:



Year 3 Reef HQ Sleep Over



Year 8 at Camp Kanga-Lake in Proserpine



Year 4 at Virginia Park, Charters Towers



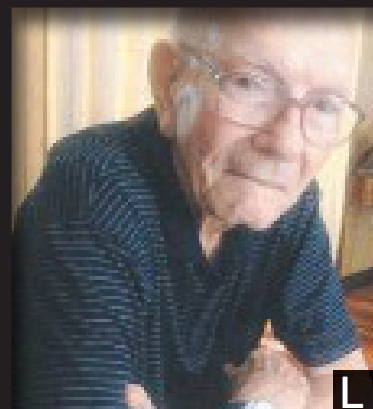
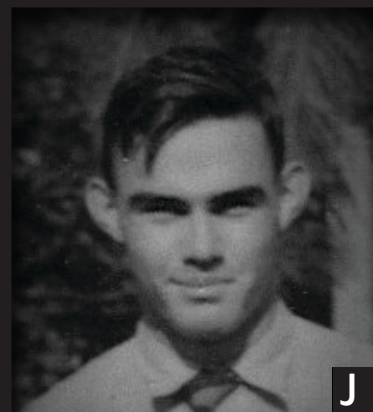
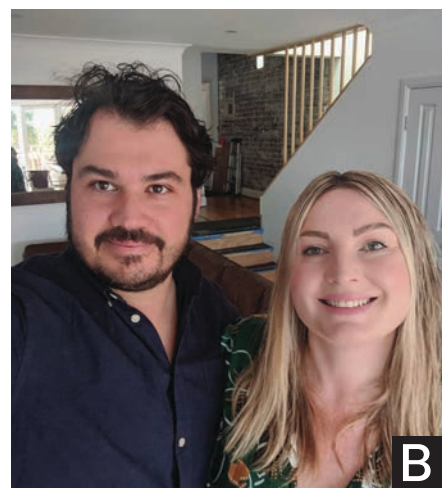
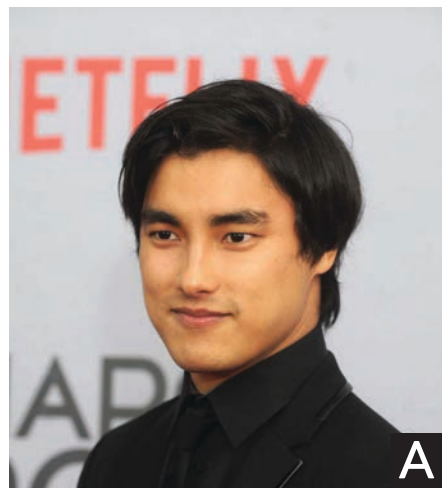
Year 6 at Camp Gedling near Hervey Range



Year 7 Camp at Tinaroo Dam



Year 9 at Magnetic Island



(A) **Remy Hill** (2001) went on attend QUT and NIDA in Sydney and has most recently reached the dizzy heights of Hollywood, starring in films such as *Spiderman*, *Far From Home* and *Crazy Rich Asians*.

(B) **Phyllida (Pip) STEELE-WAREHAM** (1997) is now settled with husband Hugo, managing a 110 year old, 32-acre farm in Tasmania. Following her BA (Hon) Design, UTS and Cert I, II & III in Horticulture, Phyllida works as a garden designer and cherishes each day raising animals and growing organic produce. Phyllida also gave birth to Gwendoline in July 2019.

(C) **Tim PAYNE** (1997), following his apprenticeship, became the Director of Wulguru Engineering in 2010. He then started his own environmental development company in 2014, EnviroEdge Sustainable Developments. Tim is currently building new projects for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, including lookouts, walking trails, bridges, reef repairs and coral relocation for commercial user all tide access.

(D) **Colin LAMONT** (1990), after leaving Townsville, has lived in both Sydney and Tasmania. Having graduated from the University of Tasmania with a Bachelor of Social Science (Police Studies) in August 2018, he is now completing a Post Graduate Diploma Certificate specialising in Police Studies.

(E) **Talitha WOODHOUSE** (2006) upon leaving TGS, joined the British Army as a Combat Medical Technician where she deployed to Belize, Africa, New Zealand, Canada and Europe with postings in Germany, United Kingdom and Brunei. For the last three years she served with the Royal Gurkha Regiment and the British Jungle Warfare Division in Brunei, where she provided medical aid in the

Borneo Jungle, on foot or via helicopter. Talitha is now living in the south of England.

(F) **Ryan CREIGHTON** (2000) is now married to Aimee and is the proud father of three children, Jasper, Evie and Ebony. Ryan started an Elevating Work Platform rental business in 2010 and currently employs 16 staff between two branches in Townsville and Cairns.

(G) **Madeline MOIR-BUSSEY** (1999) and **Katie GLASGOW** (2001) recently had a reunion in London.

(H) **Anika WRIGHT, Kimberley JOHNSON, Samantha SKYE (WEBBER), Kylie LAGERROTH, Michelle KEOGH**, all 2008 graduates, remain good friends and meet up regularly.

Dr Gregory POWELL OAM (1964) and **Dr Prue MANNERS** (1960) (nee HOPKINS) were both listed in the 2019 Queens Birthday Honours Lists. Dr Powell earned this achievement for distinguished service to international community of Zimbabwe in the field of paediatrics and a clinician and mentor.

Dr MANNERS was recognised for her 'significant service to medicine as a paediatric rheumatologist'.

Lisa BANKS (2004) and **Brent STOREY** (2009) were two of the six 2019 Townsville Emerging Leaders Programme graduates.

Prior to being awarded the prestigious Westpac Future Leaders PhD Scholarship, **Henry ORTON** (2012) graduated from ANU with a Bachelor of Philosophy in Science with First Class Honours and the University Medal. Henry has now almost completed his PhD which has a focus on nuclear magnetic resonance technology as applied to protein biochemical analysis.

VALE

(I) **Mrs Marion Easterbrook** worked at Townsville Grammar School for more than 20 years (1962-1983) in different capacities. Initially she was the only staff member acting as Principal's Secretary (for Headmasters Maurie Blank, Len Daniels and Alan Morwood), Office Administrator, Boarders' Administrator and Payroll Clerk. In her retirement she enjoyed attending functions such as Speech Night and Past Grammarian weekends. Her daughter Cheryl Kybus and grand-daughter Karyn Kybus, both Past Grammarians, are current long serving staff members. Marion passed away suddenly on 13 January 2019. She will be fondly remembered.

(J) **(Kevin) John BLANK** (1959). After a long illness, John died peacefully earlier this year. John started at Ashfield Primary School whilst his father, Maurie BLANK, was teaching at Shore School in Sydney. In 1946 his father was offered the headship at Townsville Grammar School, where he held the Principalship until 1965. John completed his primary schooling at Townsville Central School before going onto secondary studies at Grammar. John met his future wife, Jan DON (1960) in her first year at Grammar in 1957. They eventually moved to Canberra.

(K) **Harold (Hal) MOORES** (1943) was both a past student and a long-serving teacher at Townsville Grammar School from 1969 until his retirement in 1993. Hal taught Maths at Grammar in Years 7, 8 and 9 and will be remembered by many staff and students alike. Hal had a keen interest in sport and coached Rugby League at Grammar for many years.

(L) **Frederick (Fred) James EDWARDS** (1950) went to schools at Julia Creek, Cloncurry and Burketown and when the war ended, he moved to Townsville Grammar School. Following matriculation, Fred joined the Queensland Railways in 1952 and was with them for 39 years. At the age of 24, Fred met Veronica Smith. They married in 1963 and had six children and 10 grandchildren. Fred excelled in hockey, basketball and cricket, winning premierships, playing for Queensland State teams and Queensland County, and even toured New Zealand with the Australian All States Basketball Team. Fred was awarded life membership to the Townsville Cricket Umpires in 2011, and this year he is to be inducted into the Basketball Queensland Hall of Fame.

WEDDINGS AND BABIES

(A) **Kate DURWARD** (1999) gave birth to Ethan Gordon on 23 January 2019.

(B) **Daniel WITHERS** (2004) and **Rachel WITHERS** (nee PHILLIPS) (2004), both Past Grammarians, gave birth to Jack Ian in November 2018. A true Grammar baby!

(C) **Carley MERRETT** (1997) gave birth to Jack Owen on 28 March 2019.

(D) **Sin (Celia) AU** (2007) gave birth to Kaylee on 26 February 2019.

(E) **Camille FLORES** (1999) gave birth to Lucinda Eloise, born on 3 June 2019.

(F) **Demi-Lee (THOMSON) RUTLAND** (2008) gave birth to Mylee on 26 July 2019.

(G) **Joshua AGOSTINO** (1999) married current TGS teacher Naomi ADAMS on Saturday, 22 June 2019

in Townsville. Their photos were taken by Past Grammarian **Kaine CONSTANTINE** (2008).

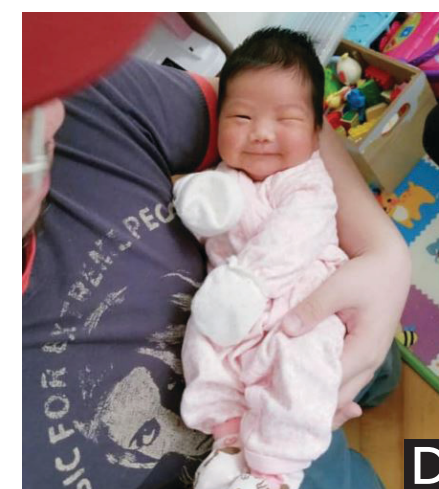
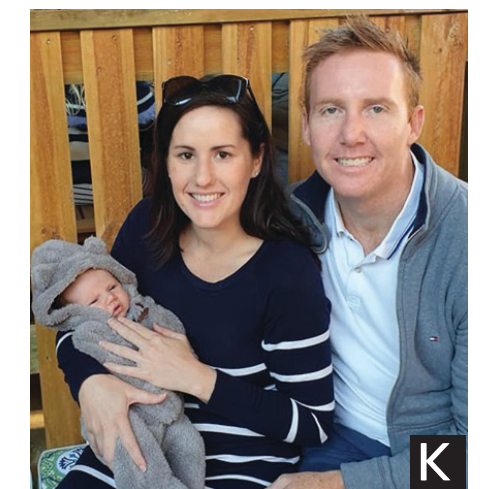
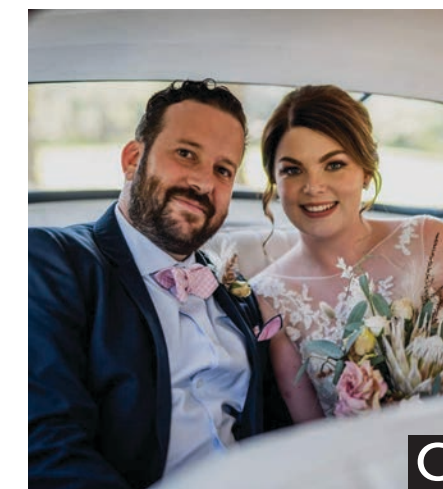
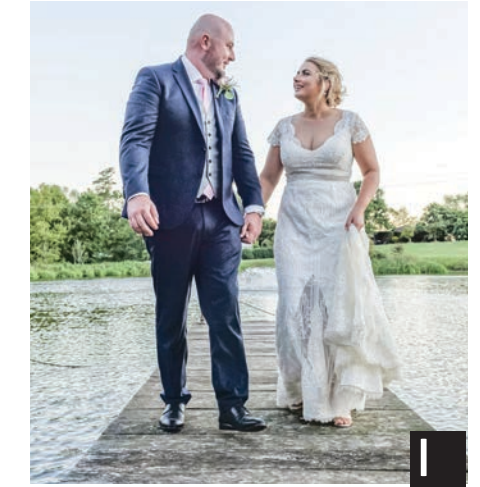
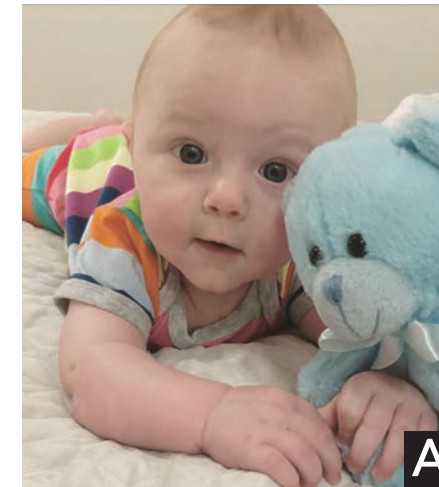
(H) **Chin Hung (Alvan) LAM** (2009) married Qing on 17 March 2019 in Shenzhen, China.

(I) **Scott WARNOCK** (2007) married Alexandria in April this year.

(J) **Simone (CHESNEY) NEILSEN** (1996) married **Matthew NEILSEN** on 31, May 2019 at the NQ Elite Rodeo Grounds.

(K) **Karyn KYBUS** (1999) and **Patrick BALDERSON** (1999) welcomed the arrival of their son, Henry, on 15 August 2019.

(L) **Phyllida STEELE-WAREHAM** (1997) gave birth to Inès Gwendoline on 12 July 2019.



VALE

Arthur Burke OAM was born in Brisbane during the Second World War and enrolled at Townsville Grammar School in 1958, matriculating in 1961.

Following his graduation, Arthur began a military career in the Royal Australian Artillery as a Gunner in the Army. He rose quickly through the ranks serving as an Artillery Battery Fire Control Officer and Forward Observer, before eventually commanding his own Battery and Artillery Regiment.

Arthur managed major Defence projects including bringing into service a new artillery gun, and was the Senior Operations Officer to the General Commanding the Army's 1st Division.

Twenty-seven years later Arthur formally retired, but continued to change lives, becoming a war widows' pensions advocate with Legacy and the honorary Colonel of Artillery in Queensland.

Arthur established and nurtured the 105 Battery Association that cared for their history, and more importantly, cared for each other. He was a member of the Military History Society of Australia, authored and published several historical books on artillery and was a regular contributor to national historical journals and magazines.

In retirement, Arthur also led the ANZAC Day Commemoration Committee (Queensland) continuously for 22 years, firstly as Honorary Secretary from 1993 to 2010, and then as the Honorary President from 2010 to 2015.

Arthur was a champion of the Queensland community's ownership of the ANZAC tradition. His unwavering focus was to nurture and nourish the spirit of ANZAC in every community forum, but particularly in Queensland schools. His legacy is the ongoing Queensland Remembers Programme of ANZAC education modules in schools and the annual ANZAC Students' Commemoration Service in ANZAC Square – the only service of its type in Australia.

Arthur worked tirelessly, alongside his wife Di, on the ANZAC Parade Commemorations in Brisbane for more than 20 years and was a member of the Premier's Queensland Advisory Committee for the Commemoration of the ANZAC Centenary.

He was recognised for his ANZAC Day endeavours with the award of the Centenary Medal in 2003 and the Medal of the Order of Australia in 2006.

Arthur's leadership style was energetic, forthright and uncompromising. He shaped the ANZAC Day Commemoration Committee to his vision, and the Queensland community is immeasurably better for his efforts. In both his military and community careers, Arthur lived the ANZAC spirit.

Arthur played a pivotal role in keeping his fellow Grammarians in regular contact, keeping the Grammar spirit alive by arranging the annual Reunion of Past Grammarians in Brisbane almost single-handedly for more than 20 years.

Colonel Arthur Burke OAM, an officer and a gentleman. Lest we forget.



NADENE MOOREHOUSE



At the end of Term 2, we celebrated a significant milestone in the history of Townsville Grammar School. Nadene Moorhouse reached 35.5 years of service, the longest serving staff member, surpassing Bob Weir (35 years). Nadene commenced employment with Townsville Grammar School on 16 January 1984, as the Office Junior. She has taken on many roles over the years, to now being the Principal's PA.

Reflecting on her time at the School and having worked with three Principals, the main changes she has witnessed include the growth of technology and the development of the School, including the opening of the Annandale Campus in 1997, and North Shore in 2015.



LOUISE SYMONDS

Earlier this year, Junior School teacher, Louise Symonds, represented Queensland in the Sydney International Rowing Regatta. Louise is also the coach of our TGS Girls' 1st VIII crew and brings a wealth of experience to our team as an elite-level athlete.



GRACE LOYDON

Congratulations to Grace Loydon, Head of Faculty - English, who has received accreditation as a Lead Teacher. This process is part of a new teacher accreditation system, for highly experienced teachers in Queensland.



CHARMAIN NEWMAN

Congratulations to our School Psychologist, Charmain Newman, who has completed her PhD - Doctor of Psychology (Clinical). Charmain is based at the North Ward Campus.

FAREWELL PAULA & JULIE

This year we said farewell to two long-serving staff members, Mrs Paula Partanen (Head of Faculty – Business and Humanities) after 24 years of service, and Ms Julie Cowan (Library Aide) who has worked at the School for 21 years. We warmly farewelled and thanked both ladies for their significant contribution to our Townsville Grammar School community and look forward to keeping in contact.





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