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A REUNION OF OLD SCHOOL  
FRIENDS IS VERY SPECIAL!...

*If you and your old school friends would like to hold a reunion at the College, please get in touch via email - see below for email address. We would love to hear from you also if you hold a reunion outside the College. Please send us some photos!!*

On Saturday October 27, 2018, ex-students from 1998 gathered for their 20 year reunion.

An afternoon tea was held at the College for the group and a tour of the College facilities with some of our present Prefects was enjoyed. Afterwards, a dinner was held at Davistown RSL Club and a great night was had by all. Joining the students were present teachers David Russell, Virginia Lumby and Jane McLarty, who is the Acting Principal.



Natalie Miller, Malcolm Van Drempt, Tim Copp, Nick Kerrigan, Natasha Prestidge (nee Kuskoff), Bethany Goodwin (nee Vant), Aiya Pugsley, Lisa Altavilla, Megan Linton, Chris Turner, Ben Southern, Jonathan Miles, Cain Dunn



Natasha Prestidge (nee Kuskoff), Aiya Pugsley, Amanda Melville (nee Featherston), Andrew Melville, Bethany Goodwin (nee Vant).



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*Congratulations to our students from the 2018 HSC!*

**Amelia Ferry** was recognised as an "All Rounder", receiving Band 6's across 10 units of subjects. Amelia obtained an ATAR of 97.35 and was dux of the College in 2018. 20 students received a Band 6 in one or more subjects. Jacob de Lore received an ATAR of 96.65; Jessica Plater received an ATAR of 94.35



Amelia Ferry

Music gained strong results with all students gaining marks in the 80's or the 90's (4 with Band 5 and 4 with Band 6). Visual Arts also gained strong results with 3 Band 6 achievements.

Congratulations to **Maegan Cameron, Gemma Gardiman and Sam Sheehan** who were nominated in September 2018 for possible inclusion in ENCORE,

a selection of performances and compositions from 2018 Higher School Certificate Music students. ENCORE is held in the Concert Hall of the Sydney Opera House on Monday 18 February 2019. While nominated for the ENCORE performance, they were not ultimately selected as participants.

**Melody Suranyi** was nominated and selected for inclusion in Textstyle, the annual exhibition of outstanding Major Textiles Projects developed by HSC Textiles and Design students. Melody has also been nominated for Shape 2018 (the combined exhibition of HSC Technology projects at the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences from February to May 2019)



Melody Suranyi

Melody's dress on a mannequin



Congratulations to **Tiffany Mortimer (Year 12)** who was awarded her Gold Duke of Edinburgh award on 14 November 2018 at an award ceremony in Sydney.

In terms of University offers through UAC, some of the degree courses for which students were given offers included...

Speech Pathology, Law, Nursing, Ancient History, Art (Psychology/Prim Ed), Science (Psychology), Psychological Science, Actuarial Studies, Engineering, Renewable Energy Engineering, Science, Business, Occupational Therapy, information Technology, Biomedical Science, Business Management, Education (Sec)/Arts, Education (Early Childhood & Primary), Creative Industries, Business/Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Social Science, Software Engineering, Media Arts, International studies / Media, Construction Management (Building), Pharmacy, Dental Science, Medical Radiation Science (Nuclear Med), Nutrition and Dietetics, Medical Radiation Science (radiation Therapy), Commerce /Creative Innovation & Intelligence, Visual Communication Design.



Some of our Year 12 cohort from 2018 at their Formal: Kye Sheather, Phoebe Cox, Tom Ostini, Maegan Cameron, Gemma Gardiman, Jordan Leonard.

IF YOU HAVE ANY NEWS OF EX STUDENTS, PLEASE  
SEND TO: [alumni@gpcc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:alumni@gpcc.nsw.edu.au)





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News from our past  
students...

**Juliet Creanor  
(nee Horrocks)  
(2012)** accepting  
her Degree from  
Newcastle Uni's  
Health Sciences  
Faculty



**Bethany Rochford (2003)** - Bethany married Daniel Panjaitan in a traditional Batak ceremony in June 2018, in Medan, Sumatra, attended by 1000 people. She was then able to celebrate with Aussie friends one week later in Uluwatu, Bali, in a western ceremony. Bethany and husband Riko, serve the Lord through the Balilife Foundation, where Bethany has set up and runs a pre-school in Ungasan, assisted by Little Miracles Preschools.



**Joel Rochford (1998)** - on the 1st day of spring 2018, Joel married his best friend, Joanne Robbie in a tropical ceremony in Cairns, attended by family and friends from near and far. Joel is currently 1st Officer on "Spirit" a twin hulled cat/superyacht, sailing out of Cairns/Port Douglas.



**Matilda Waters (Year 10  
2010) and James Webster  
(2010)**



**Bronte McPartland (2011) and  
Daniel Viney (2009)**



**Caitlyn Cresswell (nee de  
Witte) (Year 10, 2011) and  
baby Elijah 2018**



**Raimee Dunn (2002)** - recently gave birth to a beautiful little girl, Fleur. Raimee and husband Johnny Carrol, already have a 7yr old son, Xaviar. Raimee is a successful photographer, living in Newcastle.



**Daniel Webber (2006)** - Currently performing in movies both in the USA and Australia. His current movie, "The Dirt", is about to be released (22/3/19) on Netflix. Daniel stars as lead singer of the heavy metal band, Motley Crew, and his face is plastered all over billboards in Times Square, New York City.



**Mike and Sophie McCarthy** welcomed  
baby Emmett Ru on April 5, 2018





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### Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Nicola McDermott (2014)** who represented Australia at the Commonwealth Games this year in the Women's High Jump Final. Nicola jumped a personal best height of 1.91m to gain the Bronze medal. Many of our Junior School students sent messages of support to Nicola.

After winning a Bronze medal, Nicola came and spoke at our Secondary and Junior School Chapel services about her eternal hope in Jesus and encouraged our students to pursue what they love and commit it to the Lord. Nicola is now an Ambassador with Youth for Christ. Nicola is truly a wonderful ambassador for Jesus, her family and her school.

*"I see my high jump as worship,"* declares Nicola, who has just taken on the role of Ambassador with Youth for Christ.

*"Using the platform I have been given to partner with YFC, I am praying for a revival amongst young people,"* shares Nicola.

*"I am passionate to see this occur in my own community on the Central Coast, as well as Australia."*

Nicola competed at the 2018 IAAF Continental Cup held in Ostrava, Czech Republic in Ostrava, Czech Republic in September. She competed in the ACT Championships on 9 Feb 2019 and jumped a 3cm personal best of 1.94m! This is the 6th best all time by an Australian. It is also a NSW Open record as well as a World Championship qualifier.

Nicola is currently ranked Number One in the world for Women's High Jump.



**David Gale (2006)** David studied Agriculture at GPCC with Mr John Barnes. He was in Vietnam undertaking field work as part of his PhD in soil science in 2016, looking at the application of compost to Acid Sulphate Soils. David has done great work in the Mekong Delta region in the last few years.

**Hey there school leavers from 1999 and 2009 - it's time for your 20 year and 10 year Reunions this year!! Contact the College if you are interested in holding part or all of your Reunions here at the College.**





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## Announcing our New Principal

Green Point Christian College is delighted to announce the appointment of **Mr Phillip Nash** as our new Principal commencing in 2019.

**Mr Phillip Nash** comes to us with 27 years experience in Christian Education; 12 years as Principal in both Australia and overseas.



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*"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His love endures forever." Psalm 106:1*



### Who is Phillip Nash?

I am the son of lifetime missionary parents who instilled in me an attitude of service to God in all of life. I am married to a Kiwi - Raema, and we have three wonderful children, all of whom are also married: Sam to Bex, Stephanie to Michael and John to Lauren. We have two beautiful grandchildren through Sam and Bex - Isaac (4) and Emma Grace (11 months).

For over 27 years I have been involved in Christian Schooling in New Zealand, Australia and Indonesia where it has been my privilege to be a teacher and leader.

Although an Australian citizen, New Zealand is my home and I am a passionate All Blacks supporter. I enjoy gardening, boating and occasional golf. Reading is more than a past-time, it is a necessity I think and I love to read widely and deeply. Social media provides doorways into a world of exploration and knowledge I love to explore.

Raema and I look forward to living again in Gosford, enjoying getting to know all of you and contributing to the College as an important ministry of Green Point Baptist Church.

### Mr Phillip Nash answers some important questions regarding education.

#### Why is Christian Education Important?

Through partnership with parents and the Church, Christian Schooling offers the training that most fully equips our children for the future. Our goal is that our children will be *"...without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which they shine like stars in the universe"*.

We need a generation of Godly men and women, highly educated and able to be an influence for God's Kingdom in whatever field of endeavour He places them.

#### How Should a Christian School Community Work Together?

What an opportunity a Christian School gives to demonstrate to the world the prayer of Jesus in John 17, *"...that all of them may be one Father, just as you are in me and I am in you..."*. We are committed to be a community dedicated to each other and focused on our mission, "Excellence in Christ Centred Education".

#### What is your vision for this School community?

My vision is that Green Point Christian College will be a place that effectively lives out its mission in healthy relationship with home and Church. A place where we help students to view the world through God's eyes and where excellent education focuses on equipping students to go out to be "salt and light" in an increasingly broken world.

