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LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL 25TH JUBILEE

LET NO MAN DESPISE THY YOUTH; BUT BE THOU AN EXAMPLE OF THE BELIEVERS, IN WORD,
IN CONVERSATION, IN CHARITY, IN SPIRIT, IN FAITH, IN PURITY.

1 TIMOTHY 4:12

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COMMITTED TO INTENTIONAL EXCELLENCE IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A ministry of Lighthouse Baptist Church

OVER NEARLY THREE DECADES,
LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL HAS
BEEN SERVING THE ROCKHAMPTON
COMMUNITY.

THIS SPECIAL EDITION OF THE LANTERN
IS A COLLECTIVE MEMOIR FROM STAFF,
STUDENTS AND PARENTS WHO HAVE
BEEN PART OF THIS SCHOOL'S HISTORY;
SOME FROM ITS INCEPTION AND SOME
MORE RECENT.

OUR PRAYER IS THAT THIS IS NOT
SIMPLY A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE;
BUT THAT IT PROVIDES A GLIMPSE
INTO A BEAUTIFUL FUTURE AS WE
REMAIN COMMITTED TO INTENTIONAL
EXCELLENCE IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

THAT OUR SONS MAY BE AS PLANTS GROWN UP IN THEIR YOUTH; THAT OUR DAUGHTERS
MAY BE AS CORNER STONES, POLISHED AFTER THE SIMILITUDE OF A PALACE:

PSALM 144:12



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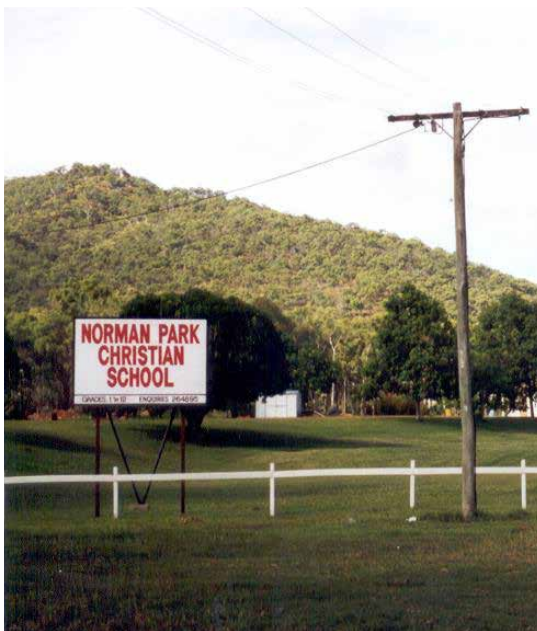
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A photograph of a building under construction. The structure is made of dark wood framing. A worker is visible on the roof, and another worker is crouching on the ground in the foreground, working with long wooden planks. The background shows trees and a clear sky.

1990s HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

For who hath despised the day of small things?...

ZECHARIAH 4:10





PASTOR ROBERT BAKSS

CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL BOARD | 1997-present
and Senior Pastor of Lighthouse Baptist Church

In 1993 a handful of people saw the need for a Christian School to be established as part of what was then known as Norman Park Baptist Church. I was blessed to be a part of the team of faithful church members and leadership who had the vision to start the school.

It was a humble yet exciting beginning and after a year of planning and preparation Norman Park Christian School was opened on 27 January 1994 with an initial enrolment of 23 students. I still recall the day with fond memories as the students, volunteer staff, church members and families gathered in the old auditorium to dedicate the school to the Lord.

In 2004 the school changed its name to Lighthouse Christian School and continued to provide excellence in Christian education. This year marks twenty-five years since the opening of the school and I am always amazed and thankful to God for the great things He has done in and through the lives of the student body and staff each and every year.

In this Jubilee year I look back and reflect on the journey we have taken as a school and appreciate the many staff members and volunteers who have invested their life and influence into the lives of so many. Without them, the school would never be the quality education provider it is today.

My prayer to God and vision is to continue on to greater things that we could ever imagine as we remain committed to intentional excellence in Christian education.

God bless,
Dr Robert Bakss



MARGARET GORLE

FORMER STAFF MEMBER | 1994-2002

As a member of Norman Park (later renamed Lighthouse) Baptist Church, I heard the announcement that we were to open a church school! Helpers were needed! I wanted to play a part but was I eligible? Too old? I was untrained and with little knowledge of the selected ACE system. Nevertheless, I completed the training course and emerged a part-time Monitor. The school had minimal facilities and a handful of students.

Much changed over the years, which is normal. We had a new pastor, who was a visionary for growth and excellent quality of education. Government regulations changed the curriculum. New school rooms popped up like mushrooms. Technology changed dramatically.

Our school was becoming known for excellence. We have dedicated staff and precious volunteers.

My physical participation at school was not extensive; I believe I learned more about finding my part in God's work and purpose for me. Little is much more when God is in it!

What a joy it is to see our current staff who began as students here now as teachers and with children of their own in classes at LCS.



LEANNE GRAY

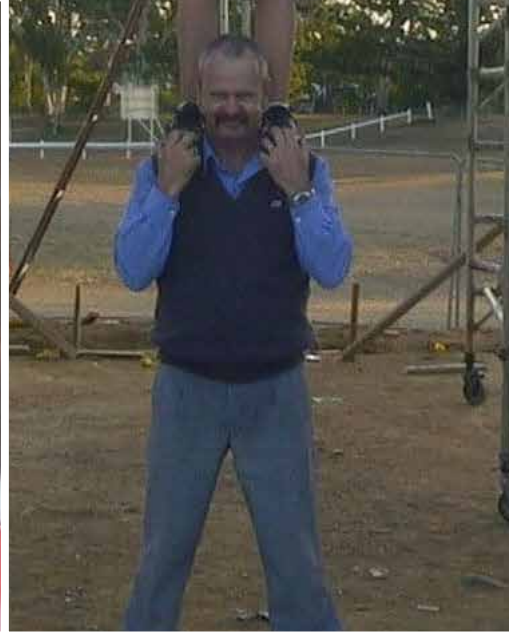
SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICER | 1994-present

In 1990 my husband and I moved to Rockhampton for his employment at Stanwell Power Station. We had a 4 year old daughter and 6 month old twin girls. We had come from Gladstone and had plans for our children to attend Gladstone Faith Baptist Christian School who were using the ACE curriculum. I had been volunteering as a secretary with Gladstone's school for a few years and was trained to be a Monitor in the school. When we arrived in Rockhampton we attended Norman Park Baptist Church who at that stage was very small and had no Christian school and no one seemed interested in Christian education.

God began to work in the hearts of the people at Norman Park Baptist Church and by 1994 we started Norman Park Christian School. Mr Alan Sears, Principal of Gladstone Faith Baptist School, had travelled from Gladstone to talk to our little congregation about Christian education. We saw the hand of God in the commencement of our school as parents began to see the benefit of Christian education for their children. Now, 25 years later, Lighthouse Christian School is going strong and children's lives are continuing to be impacted with the Word of God and excellent teaching.

I love our school and have seen so many lives over the last 25 years (including my own children and now grandchildren) be affected and influenced by our Christian school. I believe God started our school and He continues to guide it.

Praise God for all He has done in and through the lives of the different principals, board members, teachers, volunteer helpers, parents and students. To Him be the glory!





CORAL RUFF

TEACHER AIDE | 1994-present

Our school was started out of the burdened hearts of the Pastor and members of the Norman Park Baptist Church to provide quality Christian education in a loving, nurturing Christian environment for our children.

God moved in the hearts of His people to give of their finances, time and talents to make that vision become a reality. Our sister church in Gladstone, Faith Baptist, who had a Christian school up and running already helped with the necessary Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) training for staff in administration and teacher aide roles. Our new school opened its doors in 1994 in what we know now as the Home

Economics and Science building. We started with just a little over 20 students. What an exciting time it was for us all to see all our planning come to fruition.

In the early years, while the school was being established, most of the staff except for the 1 qualified teacher worked either full-time or part-time on a voluntary basis. I started working 2 days a week as a voluntary teacher's aide as well as working at the Credit Union 20 hours a week. As much as I loved my secular job, my heart's desire was to one day work full-time at the school. In 1998 I started full time as the supervisor of Grade 2/3 when Mrs Milschus left to have her surprise baby, Philip. By this time,

we had grown and a second building, rooms 202-204, was built allowing for more classrooms.

I've been asked to include some precious memories but how do you include 25 years worth of them as they are too numerous to mention. However, some of these include the wonderful staff, past and present, that I've had the privilege of working with over the years, the achievements of our students educationally and the changed lives of students who have accepted the Lord as their Saviour are to mention but a few. One of the biggest blessings to me personally, is not only to have had three of my children attend our school but

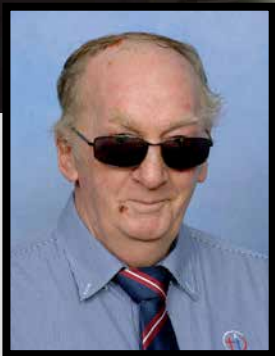
now I currently have eight of my nine grandchildren attending the school also. Next year the ninth one will start at the Lighthouse in the Playgroup Programme. God has been so good to us all!

As I look back over the last 25 years, from where I stand today in 2019, it is clearly evident that the success and prosperity of the work here is all due to the favour, kindness and goodness from

the wonderful hand of God. Going forth into 2020, let us never forget that God does His work through His people. Our part is to be His humble, obedient, servants.

GOD HAS OPENED UP THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN AND Poured OUT HIS BLESSINGS.
MALACHI 3:10





BRIAN REED

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICER | 1994-present

Looking back over the past 25 years of Norman Park Christian School/ Lighthouse Christian School, I started doing volunteer work around the school in late 1994 and all of 1995, then in early 1996 I started full time as a classroom supervisor, looking after the running of a classroom.

Over the years I served in different roles from deputy principal, classroom monitor, classroom supervisor, setting up our school's computer system, managed the local network system and staff email system, bus driver for school sports and other activities.

Then with the help of an outside company we were able to setup two new

servers to enable our growing number of computers to log into our servers via active directory and also we were able to setup staff and student email accounts. Over the years there are so many precious memories that it is hard to put them onto paper but it was a God-given privilege to have been part of these 25 years.

To be able to see two of my children graduate with Year 12 Certificates and to be given the honour and privilege to lead several students to the Lord for Salvation have definitely been highlights!

In the early part of the school we used the ACE Pace system which helped me to reconnect with my prior education

and enabled me to help the students as needed. There was a constant flow of Scripture and memory verses in the ACE system which helped build a love and trust for God's Word and strengthen the relationship between ourself and our Heavenly Father.

Over the years, the good Lord has allowed me the privilege to work with some outstanding and amazing people here at the school. Every year the Lord has allowed growth in staff and students and due to the increase in student numbers, new buildings had to be built or demountable buildings had to be hired to cater for the increase.

In recent years there has been a huge growth in Technology as Chris Gorle has been able to take our Technology services to a totally new level to be able to cater for the increased number of staff and student demands.

Your fellow servant in Christ,
Brian Reed





BRIGITTE MILSCHUS

STEM OFFICER | 1996-present

I started working here at Lighthouse Christian School back in 1996 as a teacher and worked in that role for two years before taking time off for maternity leave. I returned in 2003 to continue working in the primary area.

My three children Timothy, Jessica and Philip have all attended Lighthouse Christian School.

Before all of this, we used to walk past the back of the school before there were any houses built and I said to my husband, "I would like to work in this school."

So one day I went up to the school and asked for a position. Now the teacher at

that time had just one hour before told the principal that she had to leave due to her husband's new job and I just walked in and offered my services and got the job. This is what I call God's working!

My most recent role is as a STEM Officer which is helping to enhance our Science program. I also work with EAL/D Students (English as an additional language or dialect). Further, I support Y3/5 NAPLAN intervention and support mostly Y7-12.

In my new role I like it when the students are excited about the experiments we are doing and ask pointed questions to help them in their understanding. With my EAL/D students I enjoy their ability to

express themselves in English and how quickly they progress.

You do not know where the Lord will position you in life. So learn as much as you can when it is offered. I never knew that I would speak English every day, when I started to learn the language in Grade 5 back in Germany. In Grade 8, I had to do an assignment on Australia and this prepared me for where God was going to bring me in the future! There is a plan for everyone, we just see it in hindsight.





SONYA TATNELL

LIGHTHOUSE PARENT | 1998-present

Hi, my name is Sonya, and together with my husband Dudley, we have had the privilege of being able to send our five children to this amazing, 'God-centred', little private school that exists within our community. As a parent, one of the most difficult decisions to make for our children is what school do we send them to and why. The Lord led us to this little school, which at the time was still in it's infancy. We are so thankful to all those that had the vision and courage to establish Lighthouse Christian School (LCS).

We currently still have our two youngest daughters, Ella and Rosie, attending LCS and they love it. Our three older children, Brodie, Jessica and Taneesha were

all past students and graduated in the years 2009, 2011 and 2014 respectively. They are all now married, working or having children of their own and walking with the Lord. In addition to receiving Biblical teaching as a key component to the foundation of their education, many of their skills, values and confidence to cope with 'life' were also gained. These abilities can be greatly attributed to the influence of the many dedicated, Godly staff that LCS employs/has employed. We will always be grateful to all those who genuinely cared for, inspired and helped mould the lives of our children in a positive manner throughout their schooling years. One to mention, the then Principal, John Buchholz.

In 1998, when our first child, Brodie, commenced Year One (no Prep available) the school was named Norman Park Christian School and had less than 50 students in total (grades 1 to 12). The school used the ACE (Accelerated Christian Education) curriculum and many of the teachers were called 'Supervisors' and the teacher aides were 'Monitors'. The small church was the now school administration. There were only a few sporting opportunities and no musicals but opportunity to show talents if competing in the ACE School Conventions and gala nights etc.

Wow! Hasn't there been some changes in the 21 years from then to now and many treasured special memories made.

Over the years, not only have there been vast additions to the infrastructure and resources available but also the educational curriculum is now on par with other schools and continues to have a 'God-centred' foundation. LCS has become a school within our community that is admired and valued, especially in the sporting arena. It could be said there has definitely been some 'David vs Goliath' moments there. The plays and musicals are a delight, allowing our children to discover and develop skills and talents to share with their parents and school family. The annual Fete also allows full school family involvement and embraces the community.

All schools need parental involvement to assist in running smoothly. I enjoyed my time as a volunteer, working and reading with many of the students over many years. Dudley has been grateful to be able to offer his electrical services, working in many of the new buildings over the years.

There are many, many highlights that occur and come to mind when your children go through their schooling years. I have to say though, the ultimate highlight is when you witness your child up on that stage graduating; the beginning of a new chapter in their life's journey - Proverbs 3:5-6.

Thankful to our Gracious and Faithful Heavenly Father.

Yours in Christ,
Sonya Tatnell



2000s

GROWING IN FAVOUR

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

PHILIPPIANS 1:6





PASTOR JOHN BUCHHOLZ

SCHOOL PASTORAL LEADER | 2016-present
and Former School Principal | 2003-2015

Please join me in praising our Heavenly Father for twenty five years of service to our boys, girls and parents. May each of us rejoice and give thanks for the blessings our God continues to bestow on us and on our ministries at the Lighthouse.

As we labour together to reach the children for His glory, we are also expressing our gratitude that He chose to use us.

I thank Him for the variety of roles I have been given at Lighthouse Christian School. I count it a privilege that I had the opportunity to lead the school as principal during some of its momentous years of change.

O MAGNIFY THE LORD WITH ME, AND LET US EXALT HIS NAME TOGETHER.

PSALM 34:3

I am filled with joyful expectations of what God has planned for the Lighthouse family, and I am blessed to be a part of each day.

Please join us in prayer as we continue to seek to minister to the children with a Biblically-based, character-building, individualized learning mind-set “daily in the Temple.”

AND ALL THY CHILDREN SHALL BE TAUGHT OF THE LORD; AND GREAT SHALL BE THE PEACE OF THY CHILDREN.

ISAIAH 54:13

God has been faithful and by His grace Lighthouse continues to develop and expand its ministry to the community through the local Christian school and the ministry of Lighthouse Baptist Church.

May each of us be faithful to pray for the students, the families, the churches and our country of Australia.

IN ALL THY WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE SHALL DIRECT THY PATHS.

PROVERBS 3:6

Loving you and praying for you.

Pastor John Buchholz





ALICE BAKSS

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL | 2000-present

Norman Park / Lighthouse Christian School has been “my” school for almost 19 years now. A place like this can impact you and influence your future in less than a year – you can imagine how special it becomes after 19! I’ve seen resources come and go (a surprising number of tennis balls and other balls especially), trees...mostly go if I’m honest, principals come and go, teachers come and go, students and families come and go and buildings come and sometimes go... at the very least be repurposed. In my position, firstly as an Aide, then a teacher and then a Deputy Principal, there are particular aspects of the school that have made an impact on my life – the people, the actual place and the purpose and as I look back over the last 19 years of my

time here (but really the last 25 years of the schools existence) one things is certain: throughout the years, through all the developments, God has been so good and faithful – guiding our steps and plans as we have grown into the school we are today.

The people who I’ve had the opportunity to meet, serve and love in my positions here are the biggest treasure. It never ceases to amaze me that my heart never seems to be full and that there’s always room for more. Over the years I’ve listened as the little squeaky, high pitched giggles from the energetic little boys in Prep morph into deep, loud, rumbling laughter of the lads in their senior years. Watched little grade 1 girls

in oversized dresses that almost reach their ankles and toothless grins become the beautiful, poised young ladies in year 12. It never stops blessing my heart that the parents and new teachers, who at one time were strangers, become integral parts of our school family and community. When I first started work here, the student enrolment was fewer than one hundred from prep to year 12. Back then, a hundred names seemed a lot to remember. There’s a lot more than that now! Together as a community we have watched kids grow, move away, move back and start their own families. We have laughed together, celebrated together, hurt together, grieved together and remembered together. There are too many memories I treasure – too many

students and parents and teachers who have shaped Lighthouse and contributed to making it as special as it is today.

The additions to the Norman Park/ Lighthouse campus are probably the best physical representation of the progress and development of the school. When I first started working here there were two school buildings. These buildings housed 3 classrooms and a tiny little administration room for Leanne. There was a half-court, dirt roads, the green (now blue) lunch tables, Poinciana tree and the old playground; not the one we knocked down last year, the one before that. My most favourite thing was the grove of orange trees that meant that, in the right season, I did not need to pack lunch. I'd just go and pick some of the sweetest oranges I'd ever tasted. Apart

from that, there was a lot of open space for kids to run around. Over the years the grove has dwindled to one or two trees. The Poinciana tree and the beautiful big gum tree, both of which I'd spend too many hours asking kids to get out of, are gone. However, now we have 10 school buildings around 18 classrooms, 8 administration rooms, 3 toilet blocks, an IT room/program, a full basketball/netball/volleyball court, a new-new playground and the Purpose Park area, bitumen roads and proper carparks – and we need more classrooms for next year!

The best thing about all the progress and improvements and all the people we have added to our community is that the purpose and culture hasn't changed. For 25 years now Lighthouse Christian

School has been a haven of sorts. Where the principles of Christianity are spoken of daily, without fear of being rebuked. Where God's power and authority is not only respected but also taught to generation upon generation of students. A school where the staff work constantly to provide a safe, loving environment for ALL students; a place where even the child hurt most by other situations can find room to blossom and begin the journey to becoming the person God plans for them to be. It is a blessing and extraordinary honour to have been given the opportunity to be a part of Lighthouse Christian School (and Norman Park Christian School) for so many years.





JASMIN SMYTH

CURRICULUM AND LEARNING COORDINATOR (P-6) | 1994-present

I joined the Lighthouse Staff in 1994 where I worked as the years 2-4 Teacher in what is now the current Science classroom and kitchen. In the time that I was in this room, it was basically a metal shed that had no gyprock walls, no air-conditioning and only a couple of ceiling fans that circulated the dry, hot air in the middle of a blazing, Rockhampton summer. The teacher aides that I have had working alongside me were Judy, Karen and Brian Reed, Ena Tekii and Patty Steffen. Ministry was at the heart of every staff member that joined the team at Lighthouse (formerly Norman Park Christian School).

In mid 1995, I left to start our family and then returned in 2006 with my youngest at the time being enrolled in Prep. From this point on, I have continued to work at Lighthouse in both a full time and part time capacity as a Teacher in years 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, a Literacy Coach and more recently a year 1 Teacher and Curriculum Co-ordinator.

One of the most humorous memories I have was when in 1995, Cathy McNally (another Teacher) and myself were asked to attend what we believed was a learn to play baseball training session so that we could teach our students to play. Pastor Brodie got his wires crossed

though as it was a Level 1 training course, specifically for people who had played rep baseball and were wanting some formal qualification. We could barely run to the bases let alone hit a ball that was being hurled toward us at world record pace. Needless to say, the only thing worse than the first day was having to complete the training on the second day when every muscle in our bodies was in excruciating pain.

I have loved watching our plays evolve over the years that I have worked at Lighthouse, our first early childhood Christmas play was performed in 2006 with costumes that the mums had

put together and backdrops that were painted on butcher's paper. These plays are now major productions which are enjoyed by the whole school community. I can remember a time when I wasn't a staff member, however my eldest child at the time was in Year 1. I had received word that my mother was gravely ill and fighting for life in the hospital and I know that our Lighthouse family among many others were earnestly praying for her.

God miraculously healed my mum and I could see first hand the love and care of the Lighthouse community.

The Lord has had His hand on this school from its inception to our current day. We have been blessed with great leadership of Pastor John Buchholz with his great Pastoral care and admirably steering our school through many significant changes to the current leadership of Mr

Blair Harp with the many strengths and skill sets that he brings. I want to thank the Lord for the opportunity to be a part of the work here at Lighthouse. I have enjoyed the journey immensely and look forward to what the future holds for this school.





BRETT BLEAKLEY

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT: SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS | 2005-present

The growth of the school over the years – I moved to Rockhampton on a mission to attend Bible College and serve Christ as a missionary or in ministry after having become a committed Christian four years prior. I had previously completed a science media degree and I asked Pastor Robert Bakss if there was anything useful I could do with it. He suggested working in Christian education. This rang true because I had already noticed that, while fellowshiping at the homes of families in my church, I was drawn to reading their children's textbooks. Strange but true. I started at the school as a cleaner while completing an education degree at CQU.

My first class was as a prac teacher with Alice Bakss teaching the Year 4-5 class. It was an interesting class and I had almost no sense of how to manage children. After my very first lesson with the class I found myself a room alone somewhere and told God I had made a big mistake doing teaching. That day I learnt that the most important element of Christian education is reliance on God through prayer. God came through, things worked out. I taught the same group again in Senior High and again I was out of my depth as the school transitioned from ACE to the QSA (now QCAA) system. By God's grace we got through and the kids did well. I still know most of them, I've been to a number of

their weddings - two even married each other.

A stand-out memory is a day when John Buchholz circulated through the classes announcing that he was praying that every student would get an A in something that term. At the end of the term, after some surprising successes in various tests and assignments, I looked back over the results for the year 12 class and saw that this request had indeed come true.

Great satisfaction for me is when students find that subject or topic that clicks for them. Also when you see God working in students' lives and knowing that in

some small way you have contributed. It is also kind of cool when you find out that students chose to pursue a career in an area you taught them.

I would like to acknowledge the dedicated, prayerful team of pioneers who built Norman Park Christian School

from the ground up in the years before I came along. It has been a privilege to be a part of the journey they started. Since then we have seen growth in buildings, facilities, changes of uniform, curriculum and development of staff and programs. I have often marvelled at the way God has brought specific people

with specific gifts and talents at just the right time as the school has developed and often following the specific prayer requests of staff or students.





BRONWYN BOSOMWORTH

YEAR 1-2 TEACHER | 2005-present

Lighthouse Christian School or Norman Park Christian School, as it was previously known, has been part of my life in many different ways for almost 25 years now. Over the years, I have been involved as an educational support volunteer, board member, parent, teacher and classroom helper.

1995 was a very special year and a season of change for our family. We were expecting the arrival of our first baby Katelyn. That year, after lots of prayer we chose to make Norman Park Baptist Church our home and the church we would raise our children in. There began my involvement in this school.

Before leaving my teaching position at The Hall State School for maternity leave, the school decided to replace their existing playground, which was now several decades old for a bright new playground. I begged my Principal to give this old playground equipment to a new, small school over at my church, which had no play equipment. One weekend, armed with a truck, small crane and tractor, several climbing frames, monkey bars and concrete tunnels were removed from their foundation by Errol and some church helpers, to be relocated to their new home at Norman Park Christian School.

I remember being shown through the school by Pastor Brodie and witnessed the student's love of learning and care and compassion of staff members. They were providing a Christian education in a tin shed with very few resources but lots of love. Christian education was very new to me and I was fascinated by the ACE system where children could progress at their own pace. I completed the ACE training and helped in the classroom listening to children read when I had a babysitter.

Our family grew to include Katelyn, Hannah and Natalie and during this time I was asked to join the School

Board to provide a teacher's viewpoint and continued to help with volunteer classroom support for reading and maths.

However, our own children attended a small community school in the country town where we lived for the first few years of their education. We were blessed with the appointment of a Christian principal who began a prayer time for parents. What a privilege as a parent to be able to pray in a State School for the children and staff at the school! As parents, we began to think ahead to high school and after lots of prayer, decided to sell our home and move to Etna Creek, close enough to allow our children to attend Lighthouse Christian School for the rest of their primary and high school years. Our Bouldercombe School principal, Mr Blair Harp was a little surprised to hear we were leaving his beautiful little school.

In 2005, Katelyn and Hannah began attending Lighthouse and working with the ACE program. I started doing some supply teaching and contracts, sometimes working in the classrooms at the school. Natalie began school in 2007 as a new prep in the purpose-built Genesis centre. I began teaching at Lighthouse that year with a year 7/8 class, including my own daughter Katelyn. In the years after that I taught year 6 and 7 and taught my daughter Hannah.

During 2010, we were blessed with the birth of another girl Mikaylea and again I



became a parent and classroom helper. In 2013, when desperate for a Prep teacher I returned to part time teaching Prep with 2 teaching partners. Since then I have taught in year 3, 4, 5, 6 and then 1 and 2 and enjoyed the special times of being able to share my faith in Christ and the Gospel with the children in these classrooms.

Over these years, God's favour on Lighthouse Christian School has been evident in the continual growth and expansion of buildings and numbers of children. A huge change in teaching from the ACE curriculum to the National curriculum was a very scary though exciting time for dedicated staff. We also saw a name change and a uniform change for students, who were very excited to wear a smart new uniform with pride. A significant change has been the involvement of our Lighthouse students in the community, taking part in inter-school sports, Eisteddfod, Anzac Day parade and other community events. Lighthouse is now a very esteemed and valued school in the Rockhampton community.

Some of the most special memories I have at Lighthouse would be seeing my 2 older daughters graduate and having the privilege to teach them in my own classroom. It is also very exciting to have seen Natalie begin at Lighthouse in Prep and complete her education this year at the same school. It is very special to work on the same campus as your children, seeing them interact with others and sharing the special moments in their days.

Spiritually, I believe I am very blessed to be able to share my faith, answer Biblical questions and share the gospel of Christ openly and without fear in my classroom. Seeing young children put their trust in God and continuing to serve Him later in life is very special. I know that if I was teaching in a State School I would not be allowed this privilege. Teaching at Lighthouse has helped me to grow in my faith and to be prepared to have an answer for both parents and children seeking God. It has also taught me to trust Him in the little things each day and to depend on Him and to seek His will and guidance daily.

IN MORE RECENT YEARS, WE HAVE SEEN AN INCREDIBLE PERIOD OF GROWTH IN BOTH OUR STUDENT BODY AND THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION THAT WE ARE BLESSED TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE.

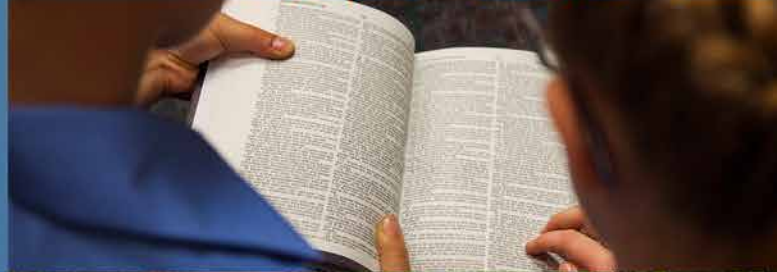
THESE ARE A DIRECT RESULT OF THE GOALS AND VALUES THAT WE HOLD TO AS A SCHOOL COMMUNITY.



ACADEMICS



SPIRITUAL GROWTH



SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT



PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT



RESPECT FOR GOD



RESPECT FOR OTHERS



RESPECT FOR SELF



OUR GOALS

OUR VALUES

2010s

INTENTIONAL EXCELLENCE

Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

1 TIMOTHY 4:12





BLAIR HARP

CURRENT SCHOOL PRINCIPAL | 2016-present

I am grateful to God for the opportunity to be part of a staff team that seeks to serve families in pursuit of the Lighthouse Christian School Mission, that is:

TO EDUCATE AND TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE PRINCIPLES OF GODLY LIVING IN AN ATMOSPHERE THAT GLORIFIES OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UTILISING A QUALITY CURRICULUM AND INTEGRATING CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES AND A BIBLICAL WORLD VIEW.

A fundamental objective of LCS is to be an extension of the home; that is, to ensure that the environment, care, expectations and Biblical perspectives held by parents is embedded in the

culture of daily school life. It is indeed a privilege for us as a team of school staff to be charged with such responsibility.

The maintenance and advancement of the original vision, calling and purpose that lay in the hearts of members of the then Norman Park Baptist School Steering Committee more than twenty five years ago, must be a central part of the intentional daily behaviours of each and every member of Lighthouse Christian School's leadership group and school staff. To collectively ensure the foundational vision and Biblical distinctive remain is a core responsibility of our team. The school's narrative must

always be told and the school's cultural values and core ideology must be modelled to students and families. The team at Lighthouse Christian School is of one heart and mind in guarding and advancing these pillars.

To those staff, volunteers and students of the past that have invested a significant part of their lives into serving the Lighthouse Christian School community, we say thank you. To those pioneers, who were uncompromising in their determination to see God's plan come to pass, we say thank you. To those who paved the way in prayer for this work of God, we say thank you. To those having

recently joined our school family and now call Lighthouse Christian School 'home', we say thank you.

We look forward with great anticipation to seeing this work of God continue to serve the Rockhampton community over the next twenty five years and beyond. We would ask that you, our school family from the past and the present, would continually uphold our school, students and staff in prayer as we endeavour to continue to provide intentional excellence in Christian education.

With love,
Blair Harp
Principal





RACHEL WHITE

STUDENTS WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS COORDINATOR | 2012-present
Lighthouse Christian School Graduate | 1998

It was January 1994 and I knew one other person out of the 23 others. Today was the first day of Norman Park Christian School and this was a totally new experience for me, having completed my primary schooling at Glenmore State Primary School. I started at the school as a year 8 student. I had already completed the diagnostic testing so my self-paced workbooks were ready and waiting for me at my cubicle-type desk. One teacher was paid, all other staff were volunteers, generously giving their time, energy, talents and resources to the investment of Christian education in the lives of Rockhampton youth.

I remember that my mother had sewn my uniform dresses. The school building was a tin shed with a concrete floor.

In summer it was very hot and there were no air conditioners. Our sporting equipment consisted of a soccer ball and our goal posts were marked by trees.

Even during my time at Norman Park Christian School, there was significant growth. The school had expanded to another building, built directly behind the original. A playground was installed and student numbers grew.

I actually enjoyed the independent, self-paced style of learning. I was motivated to learn and so worked ahead, completing Y12 in March of 1998. From these humble beginnings, I was able to gain entry to university and graduate with a Bachelor of Education with Distinction.

However, it was sometime later that I sensed God calling me back to this place. In 2012 I returned to Lighthouse Christian School as a supply teacher and immediately the community of the school captured my heart. Since then I have served the LCS community in various roles including supply teacher, class teacher and most recently Students With Additional Needs Coordinator. In 2014, Jayden, my son, joined the LCS community as a student and in 2016 my daughter, Layla, joined when she commenced Prep.

As a student, then staff member, then parent connected to the LCS community, it has been so encouraging to see God's hand of blessing upon this ministry. With each stage of growth, God has provided

and sustained for every material need. Most importantly, He has driven the hearts, minds and talents of His people to serve willingly, sacrificing beyond measure to see the lives of young people changed eternally.

Personally, I continue to be inspired by the faithful, passionate dedication of the staff, students, parents and wider Lighthouse community as they passionately contribute tirelessly to the growth and development of each and

every student who has been placed here on purpose. This community is so much more than a school and church. This place has become my home and these people are my brethren. I thank our gracious Lord each day for the privilege to be a part of His harvest in this place.





ASHLEIGH KNOBEL & JESSE HARP

2019 SCHOOL CAPTAINS

We have both been incredibly blessed to be able to contribute the gifts and talents that God has blessed us with. Throughout the past couple of years, we've been able to be involved in the school Praise & Worship team, sporting teams, MN8, maths team challenges, fashion shows and other exciting events. These have each grown our teamwork and given us new opportunities to do things we never thought were possible.

ASHLEIGH:

What I've loved the most about my time at Lighthouse is growing with and getting to know my classmates. It's been awesome to spend such a large portion of my life with some of my best friends and I've loved every second of it.

Lighthouse has had an amazing impact on my academic journey throughout my many years here and especially in my senior schooling. Throughout this time, all my teachers have been incredibly

attentive and passionate, giving me quality feedback and making sure I had what I needed to succeed. Lighthouse has been especially important for my spiritual journey as well; during my first year here I got saved and ever since then I've been constantly encouraged and strengthened in my faith.

Throughout my time here at Lighthouse I've been blessed to watch the school grow in so many ways and it's been wonderful for me as both a student and

a leader to be involved in so many extra-curricular opportunities and be able to connect with the community in new ways.

JESSE:

What I've loved most about Lighthouse is the immense amount of opportunities and doors that have been opened for me throughout my schooling. Every single staff member is solely committed to unleashing each student's full potential and by doing so have opened doors of opportunity I never thought possible.

The school has meant a lot for me personally both educationally and spiritually. My first teacher here at Lighthouse was Mrs Cook. She both encouraged me and enabled me to settle in and grow in my writing and find a love

for film, shaping my passions and my academic pathway. Throughout my years at Lighthouse I have also been given so many fantastic opportunities to grow in serving and praising God's name both publicly and privately, allowing me to use the gifts He's blessed me with in a meaningful way.

In my time here I have also been blessed to watch the school grow in many new and exciting ways and it's been incredible to be a part of it. I've watched as we have gone from having no inter-school sporting teams to many across different sports with numerous competing in Grand Finals and one winning a premiership. I have watched our Praise and Worship team form and grow stronger each year in both our musicianship and passion for God.



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