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From the Principal

As a community, we celebrate the outstanding achievements of our alumni and are grateful for God's provision and blessing over them.

Every success story includes challenges, and it is inspiring to read how our alumni have responded to tests and setbacks.

They allow themselves to be stretched beyond their comfort zone, con dent in Father God as He helps them to grow, ready for the next level. They evaluate their performance, re ne their process, and come back stronger as they press towards the goal.

Also impressive, are the stories of alumni who hear the call of God and respond, making a di erence for good and for God in the lives of others.

Read on for exciting news of medallions, academic awards, and professional accomplishments.

God bless,

Mrs Ruth Gravestein
Principal

Watch the 2022 Honour Walk Highlights

Pressing towards the goal

After the Games, James and his teammates re ned their process and prepared for the World Championships in Paris, with renewed con dence. The team included cyclists from the Commonwealth Games and the Tokyo Olympics, which gave James a chance to ride with and learn from Olympians.

Racing against a team from Germany in the rst round, and Denmark in the bronze nal, James and his team placed fourth in the event.

“I think it's always about re ning your process, how you warm up, how you prepare for the race mentally. You always learn from it for next time.”

The games and the tour are important steps towards James’ ultimate goal: joining a road team in Europe, like famous Australian cyclists who have gone before him.

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Andrew Bonney

Class of 1982
Outdoor event manager, business owner, community and sustainability advocate

An adventurous life has led alumnus Andrew Bonney (Class of 1992) to host o -road adventure and endurance events in the Scenic Rim while promoting sustainability, healthy lifestyle and community engagement.

When the Kooralbyn Valley resort in Queensland's Scenic Rim closed in 2008, it lay unused and overgrown until outdoor enthusiast Andrew Bonney began caring for the trails and reinvigorating this ecotourism destination.

Andrew began his company, On the Edge Events, by hosting a trail running event in 2016. Since then, he has added more races to the event calendar

each year including mountain biking and the rst e-bike race in Queensland.

While each event caters for serious competitors, there is something for everyone including junior development and fun family activities on race days.

The Kooralbyn Valley Bike Festival, in September, is a great event for rst-time visitors. It features mountain biking races for athletes, veterans and juniors from 10 years old. Families can camp or stay at the resort and enjoy a family-friendly event focused around the competition.

On the Edge Events now hosts around 17 events annually, each attracting hundreds of competitors and spectators to the Scenic Rim.

Andrew's role in hosting signi cant outdoor events was acknowledged in 2021 when he was named a nalist in the Queensland Outdoor Awards.

"It's quite a large thing and it's organically growing," says Andrew, "And we're now trying to hold the reigns and ride the wave of it all."

Andrew runs the event company with Vicky, his wife of 30 years. Andrew and Vicky have two daughters, Hayley, 17, and Britney, 14.

He pushes himself out of his comfort zone to try something new. He says once the goal is achieved, it becomes his new comfort zone, allowing him to step out again and grow continuously.

Contributing to one of the top 10 regions world-wide

The Scenic Rim has become an important destination for ecotourism. Lonely Planet listed the area number eight of the best regions in the world to visit in 2022. It has been ranked number 50 in the top 100 global destinations, of more than 20,000, by the Tourism Sentiment Index.

It is an exciting region to be part of and Andrew's

Evelyn Cook (née Holland)

Class of 2005
Mortgage broker, wife, mother

The Cook family has been helping Citipointe families with home loans for 30 years. Now Citipointe alumnus Evelyn Cook (née Holland, Class of 2005) is using her experience, training and empathy to continue the practice and help families nd their way into a new home.

Evelyn loves getting people into houses and this motivates her as she works with people seeking to own their rst, second or third property. She is openhearted and empathic and keeps in touch with clients to mitigate anxious waiting times.

> **“I will always be grateful to the school for the opportunity, because it made me feel empowered to choose my own path.”**

“Taking the stress out of buying a property is the main goal, because you don't realise how stressful it can be.”

As a working mum, with a exible schedule, Evelyn understands that life can be a juggle and everyone’s circumstances are di erent.

so wearing a cast or navigating the campus on crutches was a part of life.

“Everyone was willing to help me,” Evelyn recalls.

Mrs Williams advocated for Evelyn, liaising with teaching sta to allow her to use the study hall during sport. The two ate lunch together on these days and this helped Evelyn to feel supported and cared for.

“She's in uenced my life in a big way. She showed me that if you can just make that little connection in someone's life, you don't know how much it will change them.

“She always made an e ort to tell me it's okay to be di erent and that God's always going to love you. She was my favourite person in the world at school.”

Motivated by empathy

Evelyn’s experiences helped her to develop empathy and a desire to help others. This led her to roles as a disability youth worker and emergency care provider.

After working in hospitality and retail for many years and serving in church as a leader, Evelyn began working in residential care for clients with high medical needs.

“I worked with a young man with autism. I'd take him out on Saturdays for respite for his family, so they could just have a break. He was 17, so I taught him how to catch a bus, how to order food in a food court. Just simple things that were going to help him in life.”

Evelyn also provided emergency care for children.

“Some nights we'd get little ones dropped o and they just wanted some love. So, I thought if I can do that, for however long we've got you, I will.”

Evelyn found the role rewarding, but emotionally demanding, and after a seven-year-old client passed away, she decided to reassess and look for other ways to help people.

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supported Denise as she built her nancial management company, so too does Caleb support Evelyn.

“As I have had a lot of experience working with clients and lenders, I have found that communication is the main key to successful outcomes. I pride myself on the way I communicate with my clients. It doesn’t matter if it is the rst or ftieth time you have purchased or sold a property, it can always be a stressful time in your life. I make sure I keep my clients updated at all times even if it is as simple as letting them know we are still waiting on the lender. My goal is to always take the stress out of the transaction and make everything as easy as possible.”

Evelyn s steps to securing a home loan

- Contact broker
- Share your goals
- Complete online pro le
- Meet to explore options
- Review and accept proposal
- Submit to lender
- Keep in touch
- Review outcome
- Reassess or celebrate!

Contact **evelyn.cook@loanmarket.com.au**

Andrew Khoo

Interior designer Andrew Khoo (Class of 2013) is discovering how to create spaces for people a ected by disasters and volunteering in design projects for victims of abuse.

Hospitality, missions, music, and interior design have been part of Andrew's journey towards his current project: a Master of Disaster, Design and Development.

The degree sees Andrew apply his design knowledge to the humanitarian

Designing for life

Andrew began his career as an intern while completing a Bachelor of Design and Interior Design at Gri th University. The small design rm, Character Interior in Spring Hill, employed Andrew to work on commercial projects after graduation.

“I think in a lot of these creative arts areas, you do need someone in the inside for you to get in.”

Opportunities to compete in cooking competitions throughout Secondary allowed Andrew to develop and re ne his skills, and consider a pathway in hospitality.

“I wanted to reach to the top and open my own restaurant. But my parents said once you do that, you're probably not going to have much of a life for the next ve to ten years. And I was heavily involved in church so I just felt like I didn't want to give all that up. Mr Wheeley also helped me understand the industry more and that helped me make my decision.”

Today, Andrew joins his church mission trips to Thailand where he teaches drums to budding musicians in emerging churches. He says equipping music teams is a powerful and practical way to build the Kingdom of God.

“You see them elevate their worship and if you are part of that, that's rewarding.”

Andrew nds inspiration for design in nature and websites featuring the work of top designers from around the world, such as Yellowtrace.

“I like to think quite deeply. So, I re ect on a lot of things around me, things about friends, how people operate in spaces, little things that they do. This is what sort of inspires me to think about how they interact with things. I think the main focus should be on helping the client.”

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Sam Ayling (Class of 2015) is the singer/songwriter behind This New Light, releasing singles and touring from the Sunshine Coast where he teaches music at a local Christian school and brings Christian surfers together to fellowship.

A life of music and surfing on the Sunshine Coast sounds idyllic. How do you spend your time?

Yes, you're absolutely correct! Life on the Sunny Coast is pretty dreamy, and I definitely love the routine I've got going here. As a modern-day musician, I've had to diversify how I earn money and

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gathering. I love CS because it is all about local surfers having the opportunity to meet Jesus. You don't have to travel to a third world country to be "on mission".

Find Sam's music on Spotify and follow him on Facebook: www.facebook.com/thisnewlightmusic/.

Antiga Jones Class of 2018

Academic and mooting award winner, law graduate, contract analyst

An award-winning law student of Bond University, Antiga Jones (Class of 2018) shares how mooting at Citipointe led to success at an international moot court, accolades as an oralist, and fortified her promising career in law.

Twenty-one-year-old Antiga Jones has much to celebrate. This year she completed a dual degree at Bond University where she received numerous prestigious awards for academic excellence and has begun her professional career in one of the world's best consulting rms.

> **"When I put in my all and do my best, I feel so energised."**

The future is bright for this alumna, whose interest in law began with an extra-curricular activity in Year 11 at Citipointe called mooting. Mooting is a simulated court proceeding where student teams are presented with a legal problem which they are required to argue before a judge or panel.

"I love public speaking," says Antiga. "I nd it invigorating and exciting. It's important, especially for law rms, to see that you've done mooting because it demonstrates not only that you are a good oralist and that you can perform in that space, but also that you put the work in for it because mooting can be very di cult, with very long hours."

Antiga continued mooting at Citipointe in Year 12 and was involved in competitions for high school students organised by Bond University. She excelled and was awarded Best Oralist Runner Up.

It was Secondary Business Teacher Mrs Heather Kenyon who encouraged Antiga to try mooting at Citipointe. Antiga says Citipointe was a great starting point for mooting and studying law.

"What we had studied at school was exactly what I was learning in rst year at university. I think when you study legal studies at high school, you don't expect it to be something that you're really using in a law degree, but it is the foundation of that. It's what you need to know."

First in class

Antiga undertook a Bachelor of International Relations/Bachelor of Laws (with Honours) at Bond, where she made the Executive Dean's List for Academic Excellence four times, as well as achieving First in Class for Administrative Law and Vice Chancellor's List for Academic Excellence in January 2022.

She also received Bond University's Excellence Scholarship, which is awarded to students who demonstrate high academic achievement, leadership skills and community involvement.

Antiga is driven by the reward and sense of accomplishment that hard work brings.

Antiga has competed in the International Criminal Court Moot Court Competition, and participated in virtual moots in the Netherlands, Canada and the Asia Paci c. Mooting topics have included homelessness in Canada and Covid. She was awarded Best Oralist in the Wilson Moot in Canada, which attracts high achieving law students from around the world.

“After you nish the moot, even if you didn't get to the nals, you still have an inner sense of achievement.”

The amount of time required for mooting is like a university subject, although students often devote much more. Antiga says the university places a heavy emphasis on mooting for the law program

Adam Ramsey

Class of 2002
Pastor of Liberti Church, Gold Coast, and author

Adam Ramsey leads Liberti Church on the Gold Coast, which has churches in Carrara, Coomera and Mermaid Beach. He also serves as the network director for Acts 29 Asia-Paci c in Australia, New Zealand and Japan. Acts 29 is a Christian organisation committed to church-planting and equipping church leaders. Adam is the author of *Truth on Fire: Gazing at God until your Heart Sings,* and *Truly, Truly, I Say to You: Meditations on the Words of Jesus from the Gospel of John.*

For more information about Adam's books visit
www.thegoodbook.com.au

It is I; Do Not Be Afraid.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were frightened. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going. (John 6:16-21).

After miraculously feeding a crowd of ve thousand with the bread and sh from a young boy's lunchbox, Jesus withdrew to be alone and sent the disciples across the sea ahead of him (John 6:1-5; Matthew 14:22-23). During the crossing, the wind whipped the sea into a frenzy and the disciples were forced to row against the wind, until the gure of Jesus suddenly appeared to them like an apparition o in the distance, walking on top of the waves. Understandably, they became even more frightened.

Now take a moment and try to put yourself in the boat with these disciples. John says they had rowed "about three or four miles" into a strong headwind before the gure of Jesus appeared, walking across the water. In Matthew's account, his appearance was in "the fourth watch of the night" (Matthew 14:25), which means sometime between 3 am and 6 am. In other words, these men had been rowing into the wind, through dark and menacing waters, for roughly 6-8 hours. Not a few minutes of rowing through circumstances beyond their control. Not an hour or so. Nearly an entire night of trauma that had no discernible end in sight. It is not hard to imagine the disciples wondering, "Has Jesus forgotten us?"

And then in his own timing, Jesus appears. Never once in his earthly life do we nd Jesus in a hurry, and that is no less true here. In fact, John's recording of this miraculous moment paints Jesus with a surprising casualness. He is not panicked; he is walking. In the midst of nature's fury, he strolls with supernatural calm. Is it any wonder that the disciples were terri ed that they were seeing a ghost (Matthew 14:26)?

It is here that Jesus announces himself with three simple words: It is I. And in his presence, their fears are exchanged for gladness. Interestingly, the whole encounter carries prophetic echoes from God's promise to his people through the prophet Isaiah. Look at these lines from within the rst ve verses of Isaiah 43:

> *Do not fear, for I have redeemed you …*
> *When you pass through the waters,*
> *I will be with you …*
> *For I am the LORD your God,*
> *the Holy One of Israel, and your Saviour …*
> *Do not fear, for I am with you … (v 1-5, CSB)*

How would your life change if you remembered, and kept on remembering, that no matter what is happening around you, Jesus has not abandoned you? Martyn Lloyd-Jones has given one of my favourite de nitions of what it looks like to trust in Jesus in the gritty moments of life: "Faith is the refusal to panic." After all, Jesus never promised us easy sailing. Just the opposite: "In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). In other words, if Jesus really is with us—truly, fully, inseparably, and eternally with us—then for the rest of our lives, you and I will never have a single good reason to panic.

Trouble is going to come. When it does, where will you x your gaze?

Fix your eyes on the storms around you, and your heart will be battered by despair. Fix your eyes on the resources within you, and your hope will extend only as far as your creaturely limitations. Fix your eyes instead upon Jesus, and you will discover su cient grace woven into every present and future trouble.

He commands your fearlessness by announcing his presence. *It is I; do not be afraid.* There is no storm in your future that he will abandon you to face alone. There is no night so dark or wind so strong or wave so high that will separate you from the , and youyour ees withiaope will ex

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Farewell Mr Rodney Webb

A group of alumni returned to surprise Mr Rodney Webb, long-time volleyball coach and program coordinator, at a training session on the eve of his retirement.

Alumni from the Class of 2008 through to the Class of 2021 attended to honour Mr Webb for his 19 years of leadership and service to the sport. Many more sent expressions of gratitude, as work commitments prevented them from attending.

Completely surprised by the turnout (well done to everyone involved), Mr Webb shared his love for the College and the joy he found in coaching and training Citipointe's volleyball players. The group presented Mr Webb with a gift of appreciation and joined in prayer, led by volleyball coach Mr Justin Chan.

Alumni enjoyed the chance to reconnect with their coach and fellow players and to play volleyball at Citipointe once again! Thanks to everyone who took time to attend or send messages to honour Mr Webb.

Mr Webb is retiring to the Sunshine Coast where he will spend time with his family. We wish you God's blessing and joy in retirement Mr Webb!

Mr Webb's contribution in numbers:

- 46 teams
- 57 tournaments
- 171 days of competition
- 342 games
- 855 sets
- 42,000 points
- Over 100,000 rallies

Volleyball coach, Edison Percy, Class of 2021

Alumni who are passionate about their sport, giving back and inspiring young athletes, often return to campus as coaches. Volleyball coach and former student vice president, Edison Percy (Class of 2021), explains why he coaches for Citipointe.

Why coach?

Coaching has been a great way to give back to a program that gave so much to me. I developed so much from the input given to me through the volleyball program.

Best coaching advice?

Listen to others.

ATAR Achievement Class of 2022

“Goals are good for setting a direction, but systems are best for making progress.”
James Clear, Atomic Habits

Congratulations to our high ATAR achievers from the Class of 2022 who received a special commendation from the

Reunions 2022

Class of 1992 30 Year Reunion

The Class of 1992 gathered for their 30-year reunion at the Story Bridge Hotel in August. Alumnus Andrew Bonney, who also organised the 20-year reunion for the group, said it was great to catch up with so many people from school.

Class of 2012 10 Year Reunion

The Class of 2012 gathered for their 10 Year Reunion at the Osborne Hotel, Fortitude Valley in October,

Celebrations

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