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Each year we send a Christmas Newsletter to our Toormina High School Community with best wishes from the staff for the holidays & New Year!

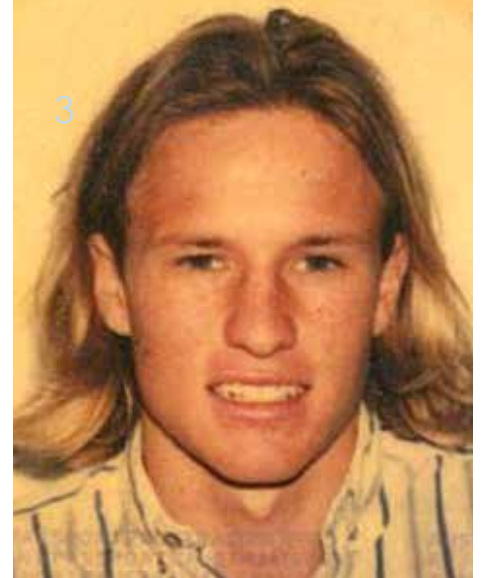
This year we asked our staff for a photo of themselves from their school years! Can you work out who is who!?



1 (above & below) 'I graduated high school when I was 16 so this was the second year at uni when I was 18.'



2 (above) I went to Orara High School.



3 (above) 'I really like the music of Nirvana and thought if I grew my hair like Kurt Cobain's that I would be cool too!'



4 (left) This was me at my Year 10 Formal at Tweed River High, 1998. I won the award that night for 'biggest goth'!!

5 (above) No-one can guess who I am!!! I am not Kyle McGeary!

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6 (left & above) In the photo above I am 13 with my German cousins, I had finished one year of German in school and could have a very jilted conversation with them. The photo on the left is my college Formal, I was the DJ, we organised it ourselves and they bet I wouldn't wear a dress but I wore army boots and jeans underneath it. I was 18 and was moving the next day to a completely different town so this was the last night I spent with all those I went to college with. It was an amazing night.



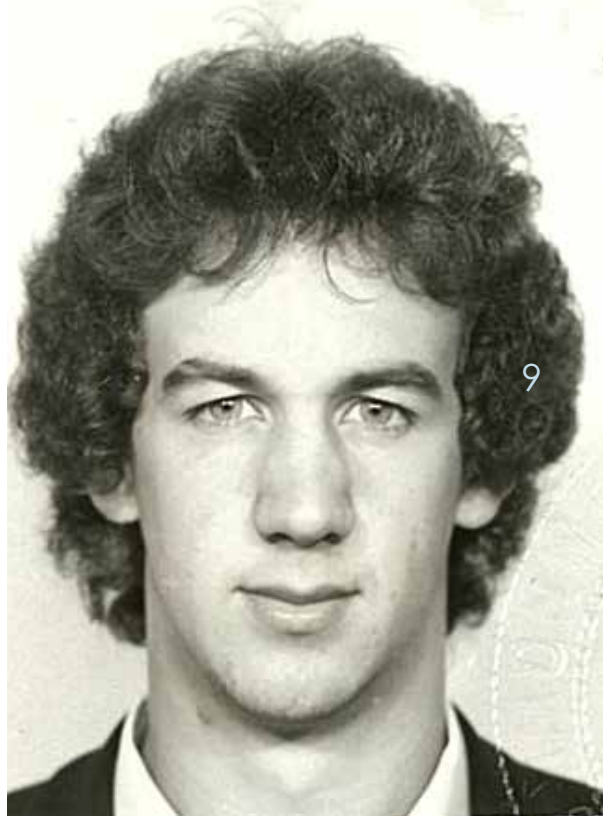
7 (above left) 'I had some great teachers at school, I spoke to one just the other week, now in his eighties, I would have loved to become a draughtsman. I never expected to work in a school but I love my job and look forward to next year!'

8 (above right) 'Being kind is the greatest gift you can give'.

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9 (left) In this passport photo I have a broken nose & stitches in the neck from the football Grand Final the week before.



10(above & right) 'Never stop learning because life never stops teaching'.



11 (two photos above) At the Ballina Debutante Ball AND can you believe it!! a representative netball player!
12 (above right) I am a Gunnedah Primary School student.

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We asked staff for a hint to go with their photo or some words of advice for our Toormina High School teenagers.



13 (above & right) Second form (year 8) at Richmond River High School on right and above at the end of sixth form.



14 (right) I was 17 at the time and in my second year of TAFE in Newcastle studying fashion. We were on a photo shoot with some of our designs.



15 (below) My favourite Words of Wisdom are from Dr Sues... 'You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You steer yourself in any direction you choose'



16 (two photos below) 'I work in the heart of the school. Both of my photos are at good old Mudgee High School. I made the tennis team every year!'



My advice.. 'It's better to regret what you have done than what you haven't'.



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17 (two photos above & below) 'I am year adviser to the best year group at Toormina High School!'



18 (two photos above) This is me when I was attending the Georges River College.



20 (below) This is my Year 10 school photo at Orara High School. The school opened in 1972 and we were the first year 7 students.



19 (left) This is my 4th year (yr 10) school photo. I went to Wynyard High School in Tasmania. One of my teachers who stands out was Mr Richard Pennyquick. He came to the school straight from University and stayed until he retired. Over a number of years he taught me English, Social Science and Maths. He was a very patient man who loved reading to his class science fiction novels to calm them down. On one particular day I stormed out of one of my classes, I was so angry at the teacher and I saw Mr Pennyquick coming down the corridor, I thought I was a sprung big time, but all he said was "Next period in English I want you to use that rage"! So next lesson he took us out onto the oval gave us King Lear to read and perform and I shouted out to my hearts content. What I enjoyed about his class the most was that he instilled in each of us the confidence to give it ago. I did many plays with him and developed a love of Shakespeare.



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21 (above) Toormina High School 1990



22 (two photos above & left) 'I am at boarding school in these photos, Kingross Wolaroi, Orange'.

23 (two photos right) I teach in most of the faculties at THS!



24 (above) Year 9, Coffs Harbour High School.



25 (above) My hint to help you guess who I am is... 'Mirry Christmus'!

26 (below) You haven't met me yet but this is me in year 10.



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27 (above & right) Your current fav band will most probably not be your fav band when you're 30... so think carefully before you get that name tattooed on you!



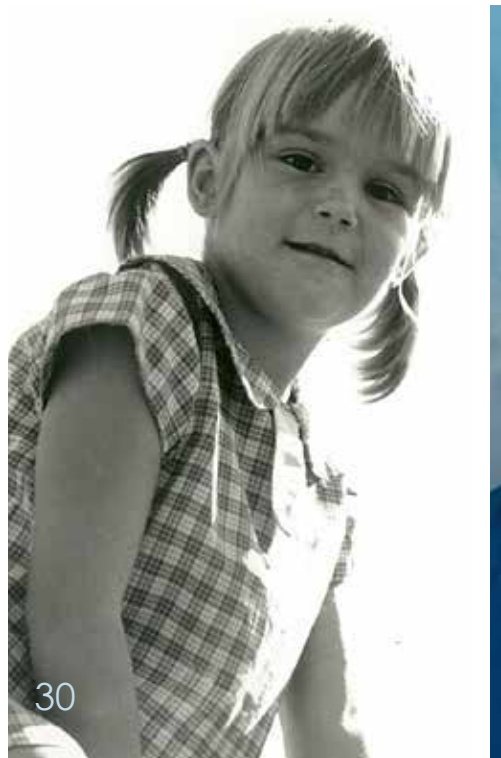
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28(above) I have just left school and it is 1982!



29 (above) I ruin ALL movies by analysing the daylights out of them! I went to Kadina High.



30 (above) I was a student at Blairmount Public School in this photo.



31 (above) I am a local lad, I went to Woologoolga High School.

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32 (above) I work in different places all around the school.



33 (above) Bellinghen High's hairiest dude, 1995. How things have changed.



35 (above) I say 'Chase your dreams!'



36 (above & right) There was a fence down the middle of my school playground and boys had to sit on one side and girls on the other. You could talk at the fence but not touch or enter the other side of the playground. Sounds pretty bizarre these days.



34 (above) shares a story... Picture this! When sitting in your maths class at high school aged 16, do you ever think of where your career might take you? After several different jobs, I became an Assistant in Nursing, in my home town. After several years, who should be admitted to the Aged Care facility where I worked - bathing and toileting patients), but my maths teacher from year 10! Can You Imagine!!!



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37 (above) The young Year 8 me was at Kelso High (Bathurst) I was in the top Year 8 class then to another school where my high school years were not so good. So a few words might have to be 'I survived high school'.



38 (above & left) I won a beautiful baby contest.



41 (below left) I am a 'card sharp'!

42 (below right) Feels like it was 5 minutes ago!

39 (below) Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you've imagined.



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42 (above) This photo is a blast from the past and that is what I teach every day at Toormina High School!



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43 (above) 2452 #home



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45 Sweet Sixteen!



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46 Last day as a school student!



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44 (3 photos above) Loved and still love the sporting opportunities offered at THS.

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47 (above) I am in the school basketball team in this photo. I had an inspiring teacher was Mr Cox who was a caring and interested teacher who made learning science fun. 'Learn as much as you can before leaving school'.



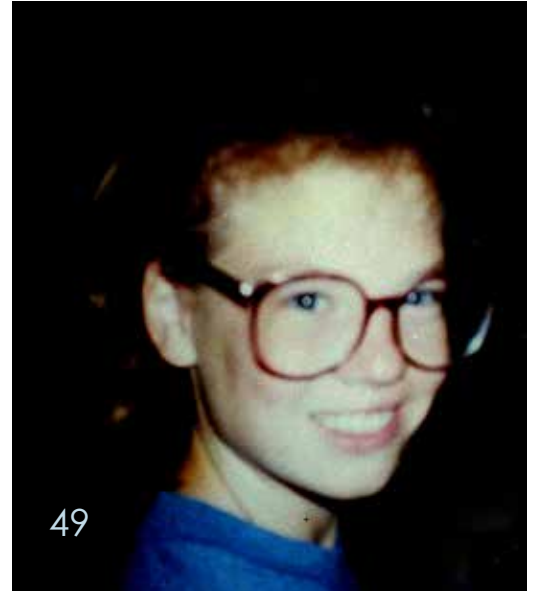
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48 (above) Winning the Regional Debating Competition for Toormina High School! So what's changed!



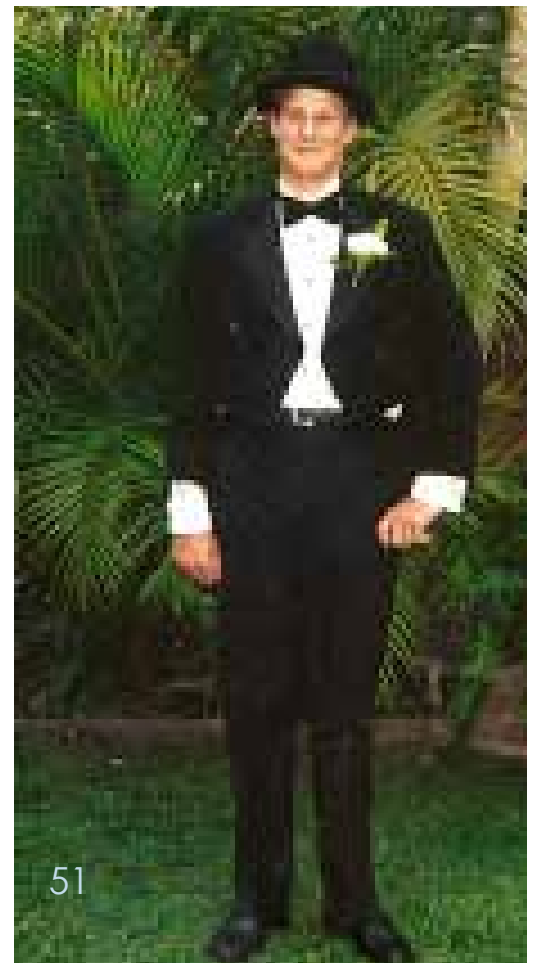
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50 (right)
Toormina High School, then & now!



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49 (above) Can you believe I am 16!



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51 (above) Year 10 Formal, Toormina High School, 2001!

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Merry Christmas to all of our students, parents, teachers and families. It has been an exciting year for all. With this being the final edition for 2017 I think it is great to see the old photos of staff when they were at school, it puts it into perspective that we too were young once. Thank you to the great work achieved by our teachers and support staff this year and congratulations to all of our students that were recognised at the Minor and Major Awards Ceremonies this week. Have a safe and Merry Christmas.

Paul Humphrey
Principal

26.	Michelle Elliot	27.	Kyah Schwartz	28.	Melanie Murray	29.	Karina Menzies	30.	Karina Allen	31.	Scott Gale	32.	Trish Mackay	33.	Richard Raward	34.	Gillian Kelly	35.	Rebekah Schaffer	36.	Karen Waugh	37.	Penny Grace	38.	Adam Berrada	39.	Robyn West	40.	Susan Harwood	41.	Cherie O'Brien	42.	Cheryl Cutter	43.	Katherine Melrose	44.	Allina Hill	45.	Jenny Parker	46.	Lisa Mullan	47.	Therese Purton	48.	Sally Johnson	49.	Janelle Bailey	50.	Sheridan Johnston	51.	Gav Vanderkly	1.	Dr Andrew Willhoite	2.	Jo Robb	3.	Daniel Laing	4.	Natalie Zegers	5.	Craig Holden	6.	Bridget Thornton	7.	Judith Kelly	8.	Susan Jordan	9.	Mitchel Stuckey	10.	Bree Taylor	11.	Linda Berry	12.	Simon Bilborough	13.	Janeane Farbery	14.	Tanya Cheers	15.	Laura McRae	16.	Jodie McCormick	17.	Leanne Firkins	18.	Mathew Gray	19.	Louise Evans	20.	Marcia O'Sullivan	21.	Renee Dawson	22.	Rick Black	23.	Susannah McLennan	24.	Kate Williams	25.	Suz Hardy
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