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The best we can be.

Toby Carrodus

School Captain and Graduate 2006



With the benefit of time and hindsight, one of the most beneficial aspects of my time at CSHS was the fact that it was such a large, diverse school. As one of the biggest public schools in the region, you get to interact daily with people from all walks of life. In this sense, it is a microcosm of life in general. We share the earth with billions of other people, so learning how to get along with and communicate with people from so many different backgrounds is very important for leading a successful, well-rounded life, and I think CSHS does a good job of preparing students in this way.

Another area that stands out is as a performing arts school, students get the opportunity to explore their creativity and build their own confidence in ways that other schools may not. I think this is important in the age of AI, as being creative is an innately human characteristic that machines find it hard to mimic.

By creating such a diverse environment where students learn how to interact with people from a wide variety of background, and allowing students to explore their creativity, CSHS fosters those aspects of human life that are hard to automate with technology. In this sense, it is very unique, and I think these aspects of my time at CSHS really helped me later in life: creativity and getting along with a wide range of people to accomplish common goals.

On a lighter note, I have many fond memories of lunchtime activities at CSHS, such as playing hacky sack. In my final year I recall we even organized a school-wide hacky sack competition called the Hacky-Sacky-Whacky-Super-Mega-Ultra-Happy-Fun-Smile-Competition Where Everyone Gets a Laugh! We got the school going hacky sack mad and it was great to create to an accessible activity that everyone could get involved with to boost school spirit!

- Toby

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school captains report

A quick Q & A with your school captains Jessie Bridge and Toby Carrodus

What have been the highlights of 2003?

Well the first thing that springs to mind for us year twelves was definitely the school camp. Being in first term, this was an awesome bonding opportunity that set the tone for an amazing year.

However, the year twelve events are only the tip of the iceberg. Cairns High has had many other highlights this year, including the musical, extraordinary success at the Minister Awards and the opportunity to host the region's Digital Expo. The Science Department held a very popular Scientific Breakfast with the 2002 Youth of the Year, Scott Hucknell. The Cairns High orchestra also achieved excellence at the Australian Academy of Music Festival.

Throughout this turbulent year, what has helped keep you sane?

We have had a lot of support from our family and friends. Although it may sound corny, setting goals, time management, getting motivated and balancing work, rest and play has helped us greatly. Also, we had the opportunity to attend motivational conferences including the Australian Youth Development Program in Townsville, and Success with Attitude here in Cairns. It's all attitude baby!

In three words, explain your last five years of High School.

Fun, productive and..... potato

We're making you repeat next year, are you going to go for School Captain positions again?

DEFINITELY!!!!

As members of the Senior Leader team, what innovations did you implement in Cairns High?

Well, besides the usual things such as Valentines Day, Senior Slave Auction and the Easter Egg drive, we also had heaps of fun inventing new activities such as themed Pancake Days, a Grandparents Day, a Clean Up day and a Hacki-Sack competition entitled "The Hacki-Sacki-Wacki-Super-Mega-Happy-Fun-Smile-Competition – where everyone gets a laugh!"

Is the cup half full or half empty?

What cup? Really....what are you talking about?!?

Well anyway, the cup of life is half empty because we've still got a lot of experiences ahead of us to fill the cup up

Is there anyone you would like to thank?

We'd really like to thank our Year 12 Coordinators, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Scali, as well as our Principal Mr. Gordon, for their extraordinary support and guidance throughout the year.

Is there any advice you would like to give to the rest of the school?

To the Seniors of 2003, thanks for being such a fun bunch of people. This has been a year of our lives that we will never forget. We wish you the best of luck for your future endeavours and hope that you achieve all that you want in life.

To the Seniors of 2004, make the most of your final year and look after the school.

To the rest of the school.....make love, not war...



2003 School Captains Toby Carrodus and Jessie Bridge

WHAT'S
NEW?

Toby Carrodus Scholarship



I am a former Cairns High pupil and School Captain of the year 2003. I recently started a scholarship for students moving from regional areas to metropolitan areas for university (as I once did)

The criteria are reasonably broad and open across regional areas of all of Australia, but it would mean so much to me personally if a student from Cairns happened to be the recipient.

Applications close October 30.

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