

A note from Mr Jolliffe

Monday, 25 July 2022



Dear NCS Community Members,

I am very excited to be joining the community of Nowra Christian School. NCS is renowned in the industry for its faithfulness in delivering quality Christ-centred education with the aim of presenting students mature in their faith; and I therefore consider myself blessed to be a part of this team from 2023.

To illuminate you a little about myself, I have been involved with Christian schools since 1996, when I commenced teaching physics and junior science at Shire Christian School. I've also taught at Wycliffe, St Paul's Grammar, Emmanuel Anglican College and have spent the last 16 years at Casino Christian School.

Academically, I majored in organic chemistry at UNSW and immediately followed this with my Diploma of Education, also at UNSW. In 2018, I completed my Masters of Education (Leadership) through Morling College. I am currently studying a Masters of Divinity through Ridley College but have elected not to study for the next 12 months as I find my feet at NCS.

I am married to Karen (a Maths teacher) and have five children, Theodore, Winona (married to Matthew), Ebony (married to Tim), India and Sinead. They all live in the Eastern Suburbs of Sydney, as they too studied or are studying at UNSW.

I enjoy playing sport, particularly touch and soccer, although the glory years have well and truly passed. I also enjoy reading, playing strategy boardgames and taking my dog, Holly, for walks. I dream of having Holly as a therapy dog at the school I work in; however, she lacks the requisite social skills and would spend all her time eating the Kindergarten students' lunches, so it has seemed best to keep her at home. I support the Parramatta Eels and clearly need all of your prayers.

I currently attend Gateway Presbyterian Church in Kyogle, which is a humble church, blessed with wonderful people. I've also been involved in Anglican churches, but don't see myself as adhering to a particular denomination, rather, I just want to go where the Bible will be taught faithfully.

My aim as a Principal is to cultivate a school environment that enables students to gain a world-class education and to see students exiting the school, confident in their relationship with Jesus, eager and equipped to share the gospel in whatever capacity God has in store for them.

I am extremely thankful for the strong Christian foundation that has been built by Mr Bray, his predecessors and all the staff at NCS and am humbly praying that God will use me to continue this most excellent work. I look forward to meeting you all, hearing your stories and walking with you in the journey of Christian education.

Graeme Jolliffe