



CEDAR COLLEGE

BRANCHING OUT

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

25... PLUS ONE!

A year ago, I wrote that we were excitedly looking forward to celebrating our 25th Anniversary Reunion in a few months' time. Unfortunately, our reunion plans had to change.

Like many events over the last few years, COVID took its toll, with even the Olympic Games being postponed by a year.

Although we are yet to emerge fully from the shadow of COVID, we are excited to be able to hold our 25th Anniversary Reunion in 2022. Cedar College has now completed just over 25 and a half years as a school, and as our reunion tag line states - *"You're part of the story"*.

Depending upon the year that you graduated, that story may be a distant memory, or a chapter that was recently completed. **Either way, the story will continue**, and that's what our Alumni Association is all about - continuing the story that began at Cedar.



Our first issue of *Branching Out* was sent out in 2012, ten years ago. Back then, there were around 60 graduates in our Alumni. **Today we have over 560 graduates!**

The growth in our school, and our expanding number of graduates, has prompted our desire to focus more time on our Alumni.

We'd love to see some of our graduates actively involved in shaping the Alumni Association, as we build a new part of the Cedar community. There's further information in this newsletter about how you can be involved - and continue being a part of the Cedar College story.

Peter Thomson
Cedar College Principal

IN THE PICTURE

The Resource and Admin building fronts the Primary School Oval, amidst the falling autumn leaves.

While the landmark school building would only be familiar to those who graduated after 2013, the Primary School Oval has been a part of Cedar College since day one. The oval has hosted many years of sport, fitness, and of course, 25 year of Sports Day battles.

The Alumni Association

"Branching Out" is sent to all graduates of Cedar College. It's our way of connecting with an ever-growing Cedar community.

This newsletter is available online at cedarcollege.sa.edu.au/alumni.

To connect with us further, join our Alumni Facebook group:

f [Facebook.com/groups/cedarcollegealumni](https://www.facebook.com/groups/cedarcollegealumni)

or alumni@cedarcollege.sa.edu.au.



I have loved being a part of Cedar College from the first day, sharing a small Year 3,4,5 class with Mr Thompson.

We started off holding classes in some old transportable buildings, with very few facilities. But it was still a pleasure to come to school and spend time with our first students, some of whom now have their own children at Cedar.

Looking back, what we have now would have been beyond my wildest dreams! I feel so blessed to have been a part of the first 25 years of Cedar. **This is my last year as I am retiring at the end of 2022**, so I would love to catch up with some of my previous students.

I also had the privilege of teaching our first Year 7 graduates and once we had enough students to start our own High School, I shared our first Year 7/8 class with Mr Fjording.

Moving back to Primary School, I eventually started our CLIC program and have enjoyed seeing our new building finished a few years ago. It has been well utilised and a lovely space to work in. We have an amazing, supportive staff dedicated to helping our students.

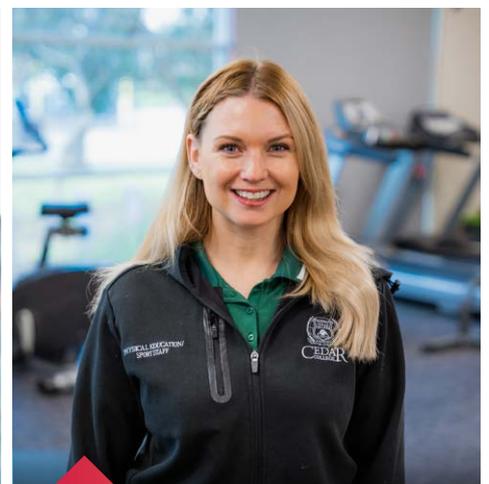
I am really looking forward to catching up with some of our past students and would love to show them some of our amazing new facilities, especially our CLIC department.



JENNY MARSHALL



ANDREW MOONEY



BEK ROBINSON

FIRST CLASS

TIME FLIES WHEN YOU'RE HAVING FUN!

We all know that students remember their teachers. But do teachers remember their students? - The answer is "Yes!". Teachers come into contact with thousands of students during their careers, but some memories never fade away!



I've been teaching at Cedar College for 13 years now, and I certainly have a little less hair as the years have gone on!

It has been a long time since we've connected and I'm keen to hear how everyone is going and be encouraged by what our Old Scholars are up to.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our 25th Anniversary reunion. It should be a great night with plenty of familiar faces.

You may remember me as Miss C - I taught Year 6 in 2010 and 2011 before moving into P.E. Teaching.

I'm now loving my new role as Sports Co-ordinator, working with students from Year 3 - 12. **I have some amazing memories from over the years** with the amount of Carnivals and Sports Days I have experienced with you all.

A highlight of my time has been the new Rijken Cup and it will be great to see everyone and exchange more memorable moments with you all.

This is my 19th year at Cedar, plus a Prac during my teacher training!

I've certainly seen lots of changes over those 19 years! And I've also had the privilege of seeing some of the Cedar students who were around in my Prac days come back as teachers.

It's very hard to think of some favourite moments as there have been so many - from class Army Boot Camp to Book Week dress ups. I've loved being able to foster the creativity of students and have kept some student artwork that I couldn't bear to throw away!

I think the most notable association students have with me is puppets - for 18 years! I've seen some unique creations over the years, and past students often ask, "Does Miss Dix still do puppets?".

The special part about being at Cedar is developing connections with the students each year. I was even fortunate enough to have one group of students for two years when I moved from teaching Year 5 to Year 6, and what a lively bunch they were. We had lots of fun memorable moments.

I love being able to see students grow as they move through school, but also being able to hear about what they end up doing once they leave us and move out into the community.

I look forward to catching up with you at the reunion.



SUSAN DIX



YOU'RE PART OF THE STORY

The Reunion Returns!

It's been a year in the making, but it's back! If you're part of the Cedar College story, you're invited to our 25th Anniversary Alumni Reunion.



Thursday September 22, 2022 6:30pm - 8:30pm, at Cedar College.

What a journey we've been on for over 25 years.

Having taught at Cedar College since 2009, I have seen many changes. And those changes are thanks to each of you, as you played a part in the school's development.

Some of you wouldn't even recognise the Tech Workshop now... actually, you might not even know where it is!

I am really looking forward to catching up with many of you at the 25th Anniversary Reunion. What a great opportunity to chat about your time here are Cedar and what you are up to at the moment. I'd love to know if you have put any of those skills I have taught you to good use!



NIGEL WATSON

Tickets are \$10 through Eventbrite, which includes refreshments on the night.

[CedarAlumni25.eventbrite.com](https://cedaralumni25.eventbrite.com)

This is an exciting time to launch our new Cedar College Alumni Association together, during our 25th Anniversary Reunion.

The evening will include:

New Facilities: An opportunity to view our timeline display and visit some of our new facilities.

Limited Edition Stirling Silver Coin: We've created something very special for the first 100 Cedar College Alumni who confirm their attendance through Eventbrite and attend on the night.

Refreshments: We will provide attendees with light refreshments and nibbles.

Testimonials: Mr Peter Thomson, alongside our Year 12s and Staff, have a special message to share.

Connect: A great opportunity to network with Alumni, Staff and the Cedar College community.

For further enquires, please contact Josh Fernihough:

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Branching Out speaks to Ysobel Coleman (Class of 2011) and asks her...

WHERE ARE YOU NOW?



YSOBEL,
CLASS OF 2011

■ Hey Ysobel, for those not familiar with your name, tell us who you are!

I'm Ysobel Coleman, previously Miss Mason, and before that, just Yzzi!

■ So Yzzi... you graduated in 2011, which seems like ages ago! Where are you now?

I can't believe I've been teaching at Cedar longer than I was a student here! I now work in the Creative Arts department alongside some of the incredible people who taught me! I'm currently in our Music room, which we call the Foundry.

■ So has the Music Department changed since you were a student?

Yes! I still remember when Mr Hill taught us in the transportable classrooms, with Chapel Band rehearsals crammed in

the back corner! The Creative Arts space looks so different now, and I can't wait for you guys to come and check it out!

■ I remember when you were a student you often sang in Chapel, and also sang the National Anthem at special assemblies! Are you still singing?

Yeah, I've never really stopped singing!

I've had so many opportunities to sing on the worship teams that I've been a part of over the years. It's great when the gift God gives us can be used for His glory!

■ Do you have a favourite memory from your time as a Cedar student?

In Year 12, Mr Thompson and a few other teachers took us on the Melbourne trip. We went rock climbing, did an Amazing Race in a city we had never been in, went to the Melbourne Aquarium, and were set the task of buying the most pointless object at the Queen Victoria Markets. Without a doubt it was the best camp to finish on!



YSOBEL COLEMAN

■ You'll be attending the Reunion as an Alumni AND a teacher! What are you looking forward to?

I'm looking forward to re-connecting with so many of you from over the years as a teacher, but also just an old friend.

See you guys at the reunion!

NOW & THEN

The main entrance from Fosters Road has changed significantly since 1999.



The double storey Admin building was one of the original buildings, re-purposed for classrooms, library and computer rooms in the early days. The new Admin adjoins the old one, which now houses the High School Science Labs.

Cedar Alumni GET INVOLVED!



The Alumni Association welcomes Mr Josh Fernihough to the role of Marketing & Community Relations.

This new role will help to shape our Alumni Association in the years ahead.

The Alumni Association exists for

you, our graduates,

and we'd love to

hear from you

as we develop

opportunities to

be involved in the

Alumni Committee,

student mentoring,

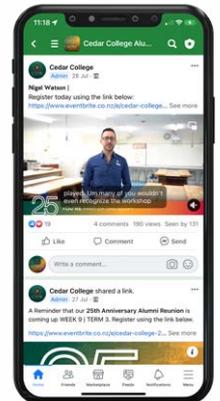
special event

partnerships,

volunteering and

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