

THE HISTORY OF CALOUNDRA CITY PRIVATE SCHOOL

In the short twelve years of CCPS history, a lot of progress has been made and many events have been staged. Our small school has the great privilege of a wonderful school community supporting and encouraging our students to continue striving. As a result, the last twelve years have transformed CCPS for the better, offering bigger and better things, year-on-year.

In 2005, the doors of the Munns building were opened to ninety-three students from Prep to Year 4 and twelve staff. During that foundational year, the Ford and Henzell buildings were being built in readiness for the 2006 school year.

In 2006, 168 students from Pre-Prep to Year 8 began the New Year under the wings of twenty-six staff, in what were now, three major buildings. At that same time, CCPS introduced the one-on-one tablet notebook for each student in Years 4 to 8 and was one of the first schools to implement this ground breaking initiative. During the summer of 2006 a severe bush fire threatened the school, burning the entire bush directly behind. Students and staff were evacuated and fortunately the situation was controlled by the fire services with no damage to the buildings.

The following year, in 2007 saw the opening of the Frazer Building by renowned scientist, Dr Ian Frazer. This building houses the Science Lab, Art Room, and Food Technology Room. CCPS also presented the 'Arts Alive' exhibition during this year.

Tennis legend, John Newcombe opened the John Newcombe Multi-Purpose Court in 2008. The School's P&F organised the first 'Mayfair' as well as the Pelican Waters Christmas Carols which was broadcast by Channel 7.

In 2009 the Pelican's Nest Early Learning Centre was opened and the School's first major musical, *Conundrum* was performed. There were now thirty-six staff and 273 students.

The Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Library was opened in 2010 which coincided with the graduation of our first Year 12 cohort, and so began the creation of CCPS traditions such as the Walk of Fame, Signature Teddies, the Leadership Lamp and the symbolic pouring of water into the pond by each graduate. The Permaculture Garden and Chicken Pen project were created and the first Glee Concert was produced and performed. 2010 was certainly a very proud year for Caloundra City Private School!

The second major Musical, *Wizard of Oz* was performed in 2011 along with CCPS's annual events: Athletics Carnivals, Camps, P&F fundraisers, Swimming Carnivals, Speech night, Formals and Graduations. In 2012 our second Glee Concert was performed and in 2013 the School's third major Musical, *Seussical* was a huge hit. Senior seating and shade areas were added to the school grounds during this year also.

The City Stars Kindergarten opened its doors in 2014 adding another important dimension to the growth of the school; Caloundra City Private School now fosters a positive learning environment for children of all ages.

Aladdin, the fourth major musical was staged in 2015. In 2016, plans were drawn for the new Multi-Purpose Building which will support indoor sport, major staged events such as performances, Speech Nights, Media Art and Music. This building is predicted to be ready for occupancy for the 2018 School year.

With major developments in the Caloundra region, including the Sunshine Coast University Hospital, Sunshine Coast University, Pelican Waters and Caloundra South urban precincts' developments, Maroochydore International Airport, and Bruce Highway upgrades and light rail, our part of the world is rapidly growing. Caloundra City Private School students will be at the forefront of these career and educational opportunities in the exciting future of Caloundra and the Sunshine Coast.

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