For what will 2008 be remembered? In America, and probably across the world, it will be the election of Senator Barack Obama as the 44th President Elect of the USA. Many referred to his election as the change that was needed by America.

2008 was the year of the ‘facelift’. In April 2007 I attended my first interview here at Genesis. As has been the experience of many visitors, one of my first observations was the prominent position of the pink demountable and the mustard coloured OSH house. For those who arrived in 2008, the demountable was situated where the new administration building now stands and the OSH house occupied the site where Little Genesis now operates.

The facelift obviously refers to the significant difference the construction and positioning of the two new buildings has made to the College.

While these two buildings and the landscaping around them have given a much needed boost to the appearance of the College, the heart, or what happened in the classrooms in 2008, also improved.

Considerable work has been done in laying the foundations for solid and improved pedagogy to occur in the years to come. Professional development for all staff has seen them challenged and extended irrespective of where they work in the College.

Staff are acutely aware of the challenges that lie ahead to improve customer service to all our existing and prospective clients. The provision of Little Genesis, our Early Learning Centre which caters for children from six weeks of age, is a demonstration of our desire to support all families, irrespective of the age of their child. The bringing together of all administration staff under one roof is a long time coming. Recently, when I addressed the staff about our purpose and what we hope to achieve, my comments related to efficiency and improved customer service. The provision of generous State and Federal grants has allowed us to build an administration block which should assist us to deliver better outcomes for our students and their families.

I trust you enjoy reading about the Genesis community, knowing that despite the excitement on the College facelift, our heart for God and the desire to see students come to know Him remain our focus together with quality educational outcomes.

Principal
Brian Barker

Danielle Lyn Garner 1987 - 2008

It was with great sadness that the College learnt of the accidental death of alumni student, Danielle Garner in June 2008. Danielle grew up in Toogoolawah, near Ipswich before moving to Bray Park and enrolling at Genesis Christian College. Graduating with the class of 2004, Danni was known by all for her love of animals, especially horses.

Her popularity with her peers was shown when she was elected Gilead house captain in 2003-2004. She represented the school in athletics, swimming and cross country events during 2002-2004.

After graduating Danielle moved to Regency Downs with her family and while working as a veterinary nurse, concentrated on her horse riding and dream of competing at the Olympics.

Danielle was farewelled on Friday July 4, 2008 at the Albany Creek Crematorium. The service was attended by many Genesis students, both past and present.

A tribute to Danielle written by her devoted mother Donna, who was also a strong supporter of the College community, is included for our readers.

Danielle Lyn Garner
Class of 2004
New Administration Building Open for Business

One of the biggest building projects undertaken at Genesis Christian College opened its doors to staff and students on Monday 24 November.

For many past students of Genesis, visiting the college’s administration office meant finding the admin staff and college reception in the church, demountables and most recently, the library. The administration staff who have been around a decade or so thought a new administration building was something of a dream.

During 2008, the construction progressed well with only minimal delays pushing the completion date back slightly. As the class of 2008 began arriving to celebrate their formal, staff began to move into the highly anticipated administration building.

The new building is a double story facility reflecting the modern architecture of the library. It houses the administration staff, the Principal, Heads of School, sick bay, staff conference and function rooms, purpose built tuckshop and student lunch areas, along with separate receptions for visitors and students.

Email us

Want to contact the Alumni and Past Student Association? We’ve made it easy for you with a new email system! If you have questions, information, reached a milestone or simply had a change of address, then let us know! Simply email us at paststudents@genesis.qld.edu.au

Look who’s at Genesis - Past students employed at GCC

Tammra Williams
Childcare Assistant

Shayne Kriel
PE Assistant

Elliott Hollands
Property Staff

Danielle Lee
Chaplaincy

Emma Batten
Sarah Van der Ros
Sarah Williams
Out Side School Hours Care

Natalie Hoogenhout
(past student) OSHC

(Nat also graduated with a Bachelor of Nursing from ACU this year. Congratulations Nat, they’ll miss you in OSH).

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Genesis Christian College is growing up. Our school is 17 years old, and as many of our students (and their parents) know, 17 can be a significant age and a major turning point in life.

By the time you reach this age, you’ve changed considerably and you’re ready for more change. Just like the young people we teach and nurture at Genesis, we felt it was time for a change ourselves. While we still hold firmly to our beliefs, we realised our existing logo (or brand) no longer reflected the contemporary nature of the school and its surroundings.

The updated look aims to represent the College more faithfully, and communicate our philosophy and our motto to a new generation. The new logo was developed as a contemporary progression from the existing Genesis Christian College logo. We felt it was important to include the Bible, as it has always been part of the school’s positioning. The light emanating from the open book signifies new life, growth and Christ-centred standards, while the circular shape encapsulating the Bible symbolises unity.

With this new look, our brand will come to reflect not only our traditional Christian beliefs, but our contemporary learning environment.

Next time you see a Genesis student—take a second look. They are the new generation.

The same beliefs…in a new light. New look for Genesis.
Class of 2008 Valedictorian—Ethan Baker

I feel proud to be up here representing my peers and honored to be chosen by them as their spokesperson. It only feels like last week that we were saying goodbye to the year twelve’s of 2007. Now its our turn. This has happened so fast. Which is pretty radical.

I first came to this school in 2004 to start year eight. In truth, I had applied to another school but a week before school started I was told I couldn’t attend that school. Luckily I was accepted into Genesis at the last minute. Ever since then I’ve really grown with the people of my year level and made some pretty awesome friends. I am very grateful to have been at this school.

We’ve all had some pretty interesting times, particularly this year. Some times were easy, some times were challenging. All these moments, the lows and the highs are what have helped us to grow together.

Your friends and classmates determine about eighty percent of what school life is going to be like and I really have to say I’m pretty thankful for mine. This group of yeartwelves are all great and I think that while most of them are happy to be graduating, we will miss the fun we have had together and the friendships we have built the over the years. I wish everyone all the best in your separate paths. “Congratulations,” guys, we finally did it.

Congratulations and Graduations.

Outgoing captains—Craig Schoenmaker, Hannah Martin Chantelle Fellows and Cameron Little

2008 Dux - Daniel Mellish OP1

Genesis Alumni - Now Online!

Have you been on Facebook lately? If you look carefully, you’ll see that the Genesis Alumni and Past Student Association now have an official Facebook profile! This Profile has been set up specifically for our alumni and past students. We are continually trying to improve and sustain contact with our alumni and have found many of you would like us to bridge the generation gap and use the internet.

We believe that using Facebook will aid us in our quest to stay in contact with you and allow for fast, efficient communication.

We will be able to give you up to date information and inform you about upcoming events. This will also give you the opportunity to maintain contact with Genesis Christian College, informing us of important milestones or change of address. This profile will allow you to stay in contact with your peers long after you have left school.

Where to find us:

www.facebook.com
Genesis Christian College - Past Students. You can also search for us in student groups/alumni groups.

This site is for past students and alumni of Genesis Christian College only. It is not for use by current students, parents or staff.

The profile will be monitored and updated by Alumni and Past Student liaison, Nicole Muhling.

See you on Facebook!

Renee Askew
Patrick Baggerman
Ethan Baker
Adam Beer
Tim Brook
Gabrielle Chamberlin
Geraldine Chambers
James Cranshaw
Jorden Cross
Julie Everett
Rebekah Fay
Chantelle Fellows
Peterfort Gappi
Micheal Hennock
Christopher Herweynen
Samantha Johnson
Kaitlyn Kelly
Jordon Ketter
Kylie King
Thomas Krosch
Rebecca Langdon
Cameron Little
Daniel Lovewell
Nikhala Mahoney
Hannah Martin
Melissa McCall
Daniel Mellish (Dux)
Heidri Mienie
Candice Monypenny
Chantelle Morrison
Andrea Moses
Mitchell Ralph
David Ramsay
Natalie Ross
Daniel Sarmiento
Craig Schoenmaker
Desirae Sciasci
Miriam Scouler
Kenta Shimizu
Anna Stevenson
Nathan Stuart
Keeley Sutherland
Andrew Talbot
Sarah Van der Ros
Natalie Van Egmond
Esther White
Keren White
Sarah William
Krystal Young
Birth Congratulations to:
Marli Rivers (teacher 2003-2005) and Clinton a daughter, Kiana Lani
Chris Lang (class of 05) and Catherine a daughter, Keira Charlotte

Marriage Congratulations to:
Tamsyn O’Neill (class of 04) and Avi Singh

Engagement Congratulations to:
Emily Finch (class of 06) & Bradley Rohde
Vanessa Holman (class of 05) & Bryce Abrahams (past student)
Emily Patterson (class of 05) & Patrick Birch

2008 University Graduation Congratulations to:
Anthony Muhling (class of 04) - Bachelor of Engineering, honours (QUT)
Anita Van Egmond - Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

Notice of Death:
Danielle Garner (class of 04) June 2008

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