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Nick's notes - December 2024

To see a generation of young people in the St. George community come to know Jesus



Year 11 camp - looking for the mountain top

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Dear friends

As we head towards the end of another school year, it is such an important time to pause to thank God for this amazing ministry in our local High Schools. The continued opportunity to share the message of Jesus through Scripture classes to see a ***'generation of young people coming to know Jesus in the St. George Area'*** is only by God's kindness and goodness. What a privilege we have in partnering with Him to this end. Friends with your support, this year, we were able to open the Word of God to around 116 students across Years 7-10 in our SRE classes. But our work is not just confined to the classroom. As part of a school community there are plenty of opportunities to serve throughout the year. Whether it is serving breakfast in the mornings or serving pastorally with a word of encouragement and prayer during life's hard times, our hope is that they may come to see and know Jesus, the one who comes to serve them by laying down his life for them. Mark 10:45 tells us, ***"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."***



Xmas hampers ready to go to some of our needy families care of Cornerstone Kogarah

I don't believe I need to convince anyone today that teaching high school students is a challenging task. But as a scripture teacher the frustration and hard work is outweighed by the privilege of seeing Gods' transforming work in the students through His Word and Spirit.

This year, God's impact on the senior lunchtime group has been one of the standouts. Especially a few of our year 12 boys who would visit me multiple times a week. Their passion and commitment to knowing Jesus and to live in Christlikeness, has been a great encouragement and inspiration to myself and others. Earlier in the year a year 11 student who identified as an atheist came to see me after he was challenged by a Christian student. We started to meet regularly to read the bible and answer his questions. After a few months of reading his bible daily he came across the verse **'*If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.'*** in Romans 10:9.

He told me that this verse was describing his heart and that now he trusted Jesus as His lord and saviour. He now attends church and shared with me how his transformed life is having an impact on his family.

Camps are always a highlight throughout the year. More recently, the year 11 camp at Katoomba was very special. It was evident that God was stirring in the hearts of many of the students there. I had many soul-searching conversations regarding the Christian faith and Jesus. Some were seeking to understand, and others wanted to deepen their commitment as a Christian. Even some of the staff were surprised by the unusual interest shown. Praise God.

As we look ahead, it will be a time of change. An announcement was made a few weeks ago, that in 2026, there will be a merger of both James Cook Boys and Moorefield Girls. Next year will be a time of planning and preparing for the merger. It is also an important time for us, as a Christian community of supporters, to surround the school in prayer. Friends, we know that our schools are not keen on SRE classes. But we also know that God is good. God willing, not only will SRE continue but this change will be an opportunity to grow the SRE program at the schools. Pray that in God's kindness we will continue to see ***'generation of young people coming to know Jesus in the St. George Area'*** for many more years to come through our SRE ministry!

Lastly, I thank God for all of you who have faithfully committed to this ministry in prayer and support. I thank you all for your care and love towards our schools, myself and my family and look forward to our partnership together under God for many years to come.

Have a blessed Christmas

In Christ

Nick Hadges