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Nick's Notes - May 2026

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



Physical feeding has ended, but spiritual feeding continues

John 6:35 (ESV): *"Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.'"*

Dear friends

Great news! Scripture has officially begun at Bayside High this Term 2. As many of you know, 2025 marked the final year of James Cook Boys High School and Moorefield Girls High School before they merged into the new co-ed Bayside High in 2026. While this brought to an end 41 years of combined local Christian churches faithfully providing Scripture teachers to the two schools, by God's grace Scripture ministry continues in the new school under the oversight of the Bayside Scripture Board and with the support of the new Principal Sophie Kapsamalis.

The transition to a new school came with many challenges, especially with the student population growing to over 900 students. Because of this, Scripture classes were delayed throughout Term 1. Every week students would ask me, "When will Scripture start?" While the delay was frustrating at times, it was also deeply encouraging to see how eager students were to gather around God's Word.

Thankfully, our patience paid off. Scripture classes have now begun and have been warmly received. We currently have more than 150 students attending Combined Scripture classes, along with another 50 attending Orthodox Scripture. It has been wonderful to see that Scripture continues to be highly valued by families in our school community. Praise God.

One unexpected blessing from the delay was the opportunity to advocate for Scripture to become part of the new Bayside school culture. As a result, Year 11 students are now included in Scripture classes for the first time. Although there was some hesitation from senior staff initially, many Year 11 students themselves pushed for Scripture to continue.

Teaching senior students has been a real highlight. At this stage of life, many are wrestling with deeper questions about faith, identity, and purpose as they begin taking ownership of their beliefs. During Term 1 I was also able to spend more time with the Senior Christian lunchtime group, encouraging students and reading the Bible together. Some students even committed to daily Bible reading, which has led to lots of thoughtful questions and great conversations.

Another result of the school merger is that year groups are now much larger, so I've begun inviting Scripture helpers into classes for additional support. It has also been encouraging to continue overseeing our internship program. Our current intern, Laura, has now started teaching her own class, which has been exciting to see.

One sad change is that I no longer run the breakfast club, as the school now uses Student Support Officers for this role. This closes a partnership with local churches that began back in 2009. I want to sincerely thank all the churches who faithfully supported this ministry over the years. Together, we served more than 20,000 breakfasts to students. Your generosity and care made a real difference.

At the end of Term 2, I'll also be attending the Year 7 camp in my chaplain role. This will be my 23rd consecutive Year 7 camp — apparently earning me the unofficial title of "Camp King"!

Thank you again to everyone who faithfully supports and prays for this ministry. I look forward to seeing many of you when I visit next.

Please pray for:

- Growth and encouragement within the Senior Christian lunchtime group
- Students to remain engaged during Scripture lessons
- God-centred conversations at Year 7 camp
- Opportunities to build relationships and speak with teachers

In Christ
Nick Hadges