



MERCY COLLEGE ALUMNI

Where are they now?

Introducing:	Past Teacher: 2007 - 2011 Name: Mr Matthew Rawley
Questions : <i>Hello Matthew!</i> <i>Thanks for sharing your story!</i>	Responses: 
<i>When did you commence teaching at Mercy College?</i> <i>What subjects and year levels did you teach?</i>	<i>(How you came to be teaching at Mercy College. What is your background? What did you study and where? What were your first impressions of the school environment? The subjects and year levels you taught?)</i> <i>Mercy College was my first teaching position! I was extremely lucky to be given the position, which was only 800 meters from home! Having completed a Bachelor of Education at ACU (Melbourne) with a focus on Humanities/ICT, I was again blessed to teach Year 11 and 12 Business Management as well as VCE Religious Education/Texts and Traditions.</i> <i>These gave me the experience and confidence needed as a graduate teacher.</i>
<i>In your time as a teacher at Mercy College, what are the significant and memorable events that you recall?</i>	<i>(Mercy College is a strong community of values – Excellence, Hospitality, Justice, Compassion. Share a story / stories of an event that you were involved in that reflects on College values.)</i> <i>Mercy College gave me the chance to educate and inspire a number of young people and equip them with skills and knowledge needed for the real world. There were many great memories of my time at Mercy; Founding a strong social justice group of 50+ students in 2008 was a highlight, as well as the several Year 12 Graduation Ceremonies held during my time. Mercy felt like a family; a safe environment that nurtured and developed everyone in the community.</i> <i>One of the strongest memories was my first parent teacher interviews in McAuley Hall; such a nerve-racking time meeting the parents!</i> <i>Another memory dear to me was my first class (a Year 7 ICT class) in the junior building in 2007 and having to teach in the VCE building with no air-conditioning back then, only ceiling fans!</i>



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<p><i>What were the significant milestones that have impacted your life journey so far?</i></p>	<p><i>(Key pivotal points marking your inspirations, success) (family support, business success)</i></p> <p>A great number of key life milestones were achieved whilst teaching at Mercy College. I was married in 2008 to Teegan, we had our first Child (Imogen) in 2011 and also purchased our first home in 2010.</p> <p>Mercy helped to provide support and guidance during this time. Teachers and Students always took the time to congratulate and offer advice!</p> <p>Mercy taught me that life is a neverending Journey; that life is bound to surprise us, and with faith and focus we can achieve many things.</p>  <p>Teegan , Imogen (8yo), William (5yo)</p>
<p><i>Where has your career path taken you in terms of connecting with wider organisations, meeting people of varying cultures; locally and internationally?</i></p>	<p><i>(Did your career path include travel? What have other cultures taught you? Personal growth etc)</i></p> <p>Since teaching at Mercy, I have travelled to Vietnam, Hong Kong and am now a coordinator at a Catholic High School in Greenvale Lakes, in the North of Melbourne. My career path has remained fairly consistent and teaching remains a passion of mine.</p> <p><i>Education is crucial to each and every one of us. As the saying goes 'You never stop learning'.</i></p>
<p><i>What advice would you give to current students?</i></p>	<p><i>(Current students would appreciate a few words of advice? What is your message?)</i></p> <p>One piece of advice I would give is to try and be positive no matter what, and to always think of the other before making a decision. Oh, and to remember that time does truly fly; make the most of every day! Mercy College will always have a special place in my heart.</p>

Thank you for sharing your connection with Mercy College and your inspirational story!