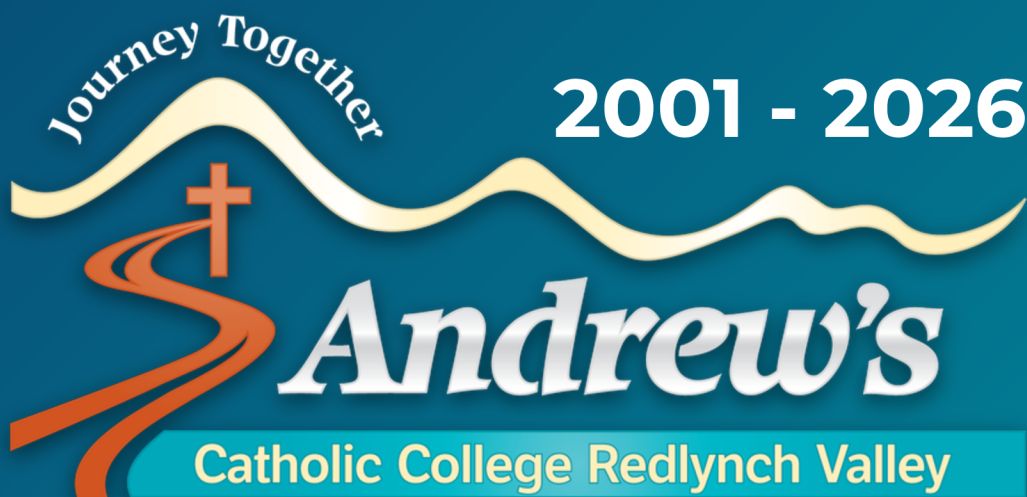




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## Amy Nash (nee Gordon)

### Graduating Class of 2009

 What did being a part of the St Andrew's Catholic College community mean to you?

I joined St Andrew's in its opening year in 2001 and growing alongside the school gave me a real sense of community and belonging. There was something special about being part of it from the very beginning - it felt like we were all contributing to something bigger than ourselves, and as much as we were shaping it as a school, it was shaping us as young adults.

St Andrew's was always a safe and supportive place for me, and I look back on my time there with a lot of fondness. My teachers instilled in me the importance of hard work and taking pride in everything I do and these values continue to guide me in my professional and personal life today.



### Who made a lasting impact on you during your years at St Andrew's, and why?

Maureen Cameron had a lasting impact on me through her passion for music - her energy and vibrancy for the arts were truly contagious, and she sparked a lifelong love of music in me that I continue to hold today and hope to pass on to my daughter as she grows. Trish Nash also played a significant role in shaping who I am today. She taught me the value of Christian leadership and the importance of putting my whole self into everything I do. Her influence has stayed with me over the years and continues to guide the way I approach everything in my life.



Where has life taken you since graduating and what do you love about your career/chosen pathway?

Since graduating, I have completed a Bachelor of Business (majoring in Accounting) at JCU, along with a Graduate Diploma of Chartered Accountancy and a Graduate Diploma in Human Resources. I began my career as an Accountant working within the audit division of an international public accounting firm, where I also had the opportunity to work overseas. In more recent years, I've moved into senior leadership roles, including Financial Controller and COO positions within the NDIS and community housing sectors.

What I value most about my career is the ability to use my skills in a way that contributes to a meaningful purpose. Being part of organisations that support and improve the lives of others has been incredibly rewarding and continues to motivate me in my work.





## What St Andrew's co-curricular activity, sport, concert or event meant the most to you?

Music was the co-curricular activity that meant the most to me during my time at St Andrew's. As one of the first music students at the school, it was rewarding to be a part of the department from its early stages and see it develop over time.

Music remained a consistent part of my schooling and contributed to many of my fondest school memories that I valued most. It also gave me a strong sense of discipline and enjoyment that has stayed with me beyond school.

### **In what ways did St Andrew's shape who you are today and what values or lessons from your time here still guide you?**

St Andrew's shaped who I am in ways I've come to appreciate more as I've gotten older. Being part of the school in its early years meant there was a real sense of shared experience - we were all finding our place as the school itself was growing. That environment gave me a strong sense of belonging and taught me the importance of contributing to something beyond just myself.

The values I took from that time - showing up consistently, taking pride in what I do, and leading with care and integrity - have become part of how I approach both my work and my life. Looking back, those lessons weren't always obvious at the time, but they've stayed with me and continue to influence the way I navigate the different seasons of my life.

### **Looking back, what advice would you give your younger self as a student?**

Keep going, you're only just beginning to discover what this life has to offer. Trust the journey and where it will take you.



St Andrew's Alumni are warmly invited to attend the special Alumni celebrations being held to celebrate 25 Years!



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