

# GRAND GRAMMARIANS



**FORMER STUDENT AND  
CURRENT PARENT **CHRISTIAN  
DE CHANEET (87)** IS A VALUED  
MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL AND  
WIDER BUNBURY COMMUNITY.**

After leaving BCGS, Chris embarked on a student exchange to Los Angeles, California for a year before starting his undergraduate degree in Medicine in 1995 at UWA. He became a Medical Intern at Royal Perth Hospital, where he met wife, Sue, a social worker at Royal Perth Hospital.

*"After a mutual posting to Kalgoorlie in 1998, we were soon engaged and married in 1999. Grace (2000) and Alexander (2002) followed soon after."*

Chris completed his Specialist Physician training in Respiratory and Sleep Medicine in 2003 before accepting a job as a Physician at Bunbury Hospital in 2004. He considers being part of the Bunbury hospitals' growth from small centres with finite capabilities to a major regional health campus delivering sophisticated healthcare as one of his most significant achievements,

alongside helping his wife raise two great children.

*"I have a busy private practice but also enjoy the stimulating work at the Bunbury Hospital, working with junior doctors and an Allied Health team."*

*"Family life is hectic with the kids now teenagers and pursuing wide-ranging interests. Sue and I have enjoyed making our home in Bunbury and feel part of the community."*

Endurance sport has been a significant aspect of Chris' life, which he believes appealed to his personality and provided a healthy work-life balance.

*"I see so many unhealthy, unfit and unhappy people in my work. Exercise really is one of the best anti-depressants and is good for your mental power, not just your muscles."*

Chris fondly remembers camps and excursions that sparked his

interest in the arts and helped build friendships, particularly his Year 11 camp to the Pilbara.

*"Climbing out of the Karijini gorges was terrifying for a ground-dweller like me. I really appreciated the help of classmates, some unexpectedly,*

*who stepped up to help that day. It made me appreciate that everyone has their strengths; they just have to find them."*

Chris acknowledges that although he *"didn't fully appreciate it at the time"*, his Headmaster and Year

12 Physics teacher, Mr Tony Brooker, was one of his greatest role models due to his engaging and approachable leadership style.

Looking to the future, Chris hopes to broaden his horizons with Sue once their children finish school, which may include working in another state or country, or finding time to pursue new interests.

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