

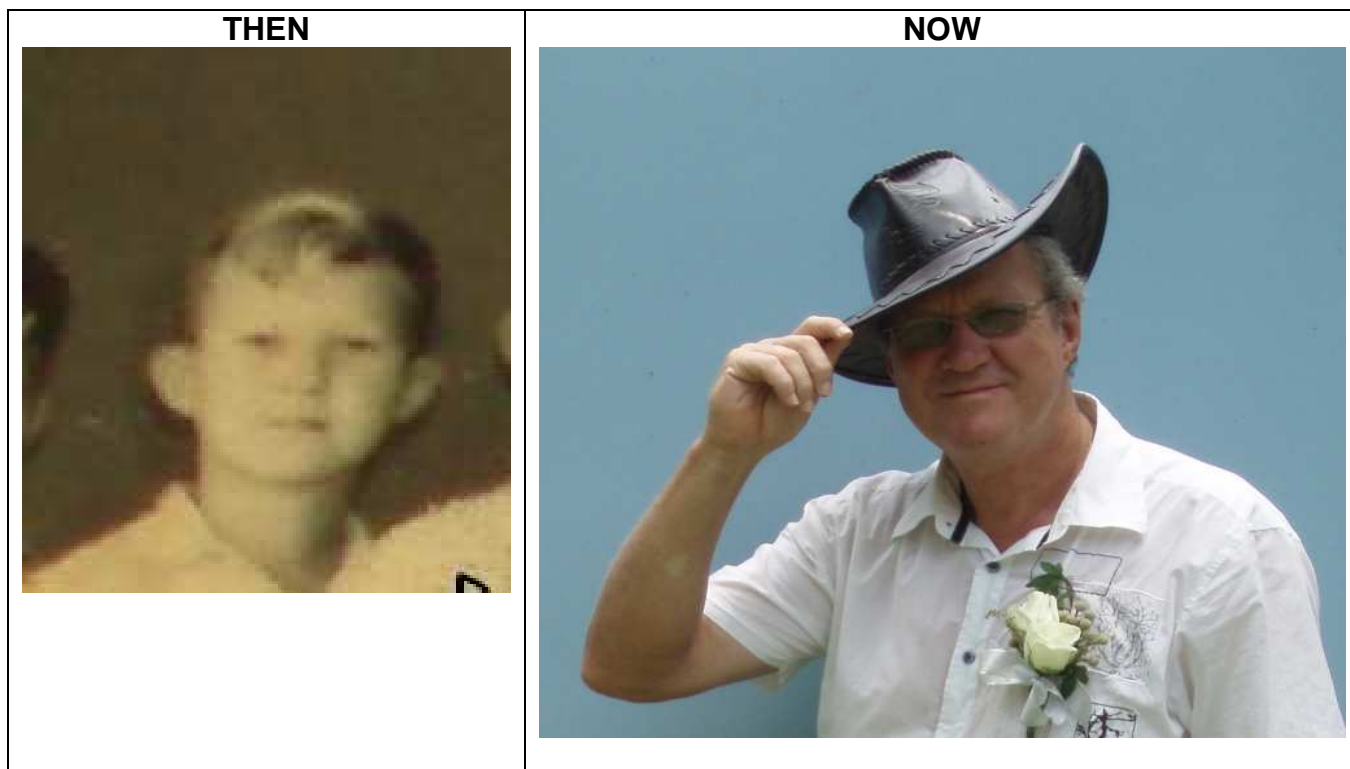
SUNNYBANK STATE PRIMARY SCHOOL - PAST STUDENTS INFORMATION

My name is Nick Rienstra.

When I was at school my name was Nick Rienstra.

I started at Sunnybank State School in 1959 in Grade 4.

I left Sunnybank State School in 1964 in Grade 8.



Three of my most favourite memories of Sunnybank Primary School are:

Holidays were the best... I got to go swimming at the Oasis Swimming gardens and I even had a part time job there picking up papers. I think that was mainly due to the fact that my aunt Ailsa Pottinger, with her husband owned the place. They were like dignitaries in the district. But I always enjoyed meeting up with all my mates late in January and talking about what we had done over the Christmas holidays.

Folk dancing was so embarrassing and yet as I sit here now it is one of my strongest memories. I got to hold hands with the girls and that was a first.

The view from my classroom window is forever emblazoned in my mind. I don't know how many pieces of chalk whistled past my ear. "Nicholas, pay attention..." always brought me back from my dreams of mountain climbing on Flinders Peak.

Something I learnt at Sunnybank which has been useful to me in my life was:

Octavio Schincario was a year younger than me and he had suffered polio when he was a baby. As a result he had callipers on his legs, to be able to walk. He even tried to play sport, soccer and cricket. I was his runner.
There were kids in my class that were really dumb (their reports showed how dumb they were), yet I learnt a lot from them.

Games that I liked playing at school included:

Marbles... I was the Ricky Ponting of Marbles...
Rugby League... Later I went on to play in the position of "left right out"

My cultural background is half cast, yea my Dad was Dutch and my Mum was an Aussie.

When I was at Sunnybank I remember students with the following cultural backgrounds:

We had an aboriginal girl in our class and she had beautiful skin, so did the Russian kid.

I travelled to and from school by shanks pony.

For my lunch I usually had peanut butter sandwiches, still do.

When I was at school good behaviour was rewarded by being told that I had done well.

If you did the wrong thing you were punished by the threat of the cuts, sometimes six of the best.

I went on to secondary education at Sunnybank State High School.

After leaving school I

I went on to the QIT to do a drafting course and then on to an Engineering Degree that I didn't, but should have finished. I have sold lots of things in my life and customer service is very important in our modern commercial world.

The main things in my life now are:

The Internet, my land care project, fossils that I find up at Ipswich, travel to China, the Broncos (when they win), a dry white wine at about 5.00 pm, keeping in touch with my email friends, walking and listening to others particularly Kelly Higgins-Devine in the arvo.

Any current students or old friends can email me at nick.rienstra@gmail.com

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