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THE STAFFROOM SERIES

Welcome to **The Staffroom Series**, a new feature where we introduce you to some of our teachers and support staff across the College.

Through this series, we will learn a little more about their roles and get to know the people behind the work they do each day.

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What is your role at the College and how long have you been here?

I joined Thomas Hassall in September 2025 as a teacher in the HSIE (Human Society and its Environment) department.

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What do you love about teaching at Thomas Hassall?

When teaching a new concept to students and you see the “penny drop” as they understand what you are explaining and their eyes light up and it makes them smile the biggest smile.

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What is one thing students or staff might be surprised to learn about you?

Although I am quite loud and jovial, I’m actually a softie at heart and my feelings can get hurt easily.

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If you weren’t a teacher, what would you be doing?

Cooking food in a food truck on the beach.

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Do you have a favourite Bible verse?

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

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Share a learning moment that has brought you joy recently.

After months of the battle of wills, and many conversations, won over and connected with a few students in a particular class which changed the entire dynamic of the class and allowed for a positive learning environment.

What is your role at the College and how long have you been here?

I am a Year 5 teacher here at Thomas Hassall. I’m a relatively new teacher to the College, and have been here since Term 4, 2025.

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What do you love about teaching at Thomas Hassall?

The thing I love about teaching, is the opportunity to invest in student lives’, help them learn and grow and teach them about how much God truly loves them. The community here at Thomas Hassall is really beautiful and I am so grateful to be a part of it!

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What is one thing students or staff might be surprised to learn about you?

You might be surprised to know that I am quite creative! I enjoy doing anything crafty or artistic and I can draw & paint realistic pictures.

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If you weren’t in your current role, what would you be doing?

I would either be a social worker or do something church related! I love building relationships with people, leading them to Jesus and helping them reach their goals!

Do you have a favourite Bible verse?

Yes! It would have to be Jeremiah 29:11. “For I know the plans I have for you declares the LORD, plans to prosper you & not to harm you. Plans to give you a hope & a future’. This is my favourite Bible verse because it reminds me that God is in control & he has my future in his hands.

Share a learning moment that has brought you joy recently.

Last week a student in my class was struggling with a math concept. After a few attempts to support the student in their understanding, they finally got it and yelled out loudly ‘I GET IT’! I absolutely love those ‘light bulb’ moments and it is such a privilege to witness them!

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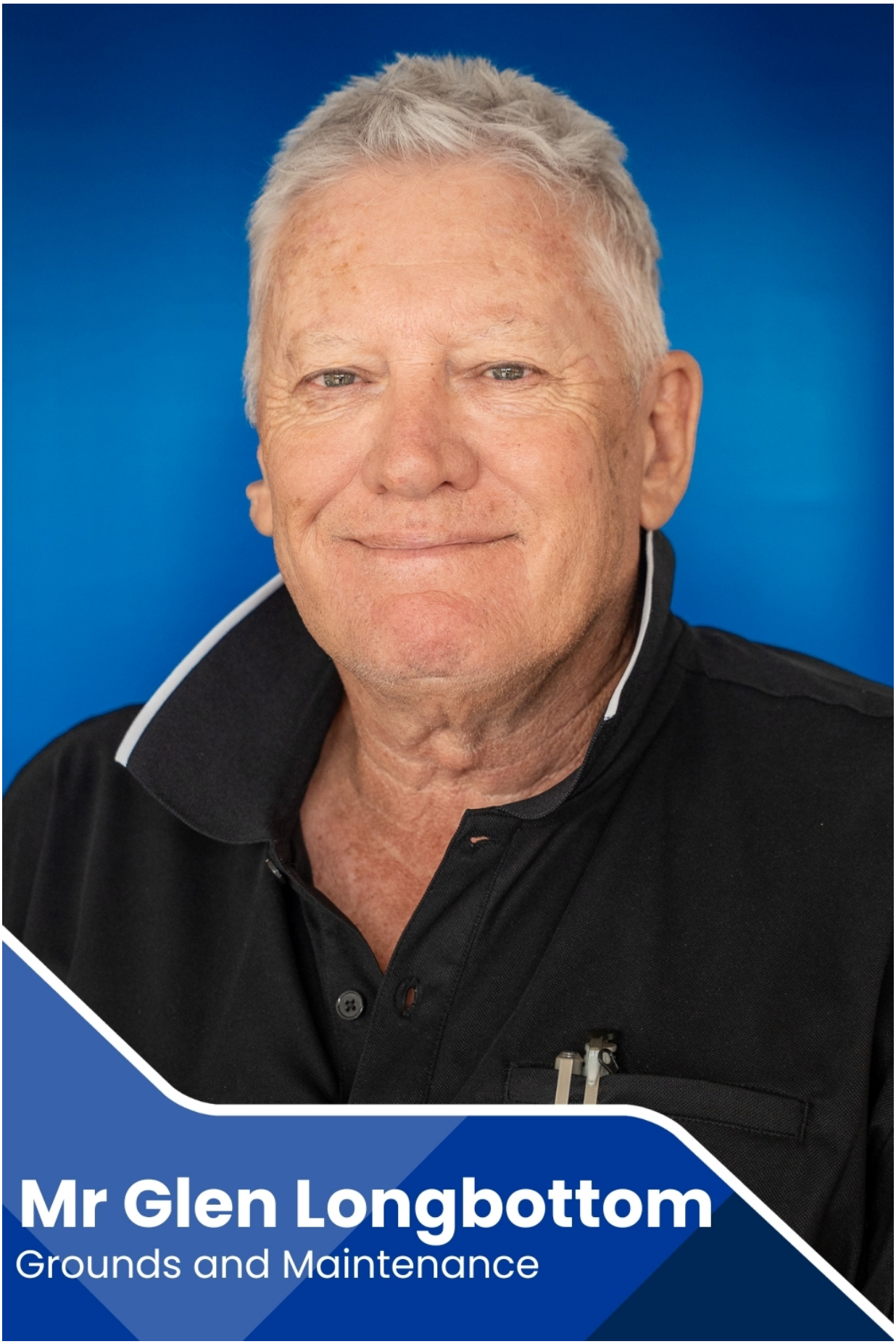

What is your role at the College and how long have you been here?

My role at Thomas Hassall is Grounds/Maintenance. I have been in this role now for approximately six months.

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What do you love about working at Thomas Hassall?

I enjoy working at Thomas Hassall for several reasons. I like the friendly Christian environment, everyone is very helpful and there is a wonderful sense of belonging. The bonus of seeing my grandchildren every day is great.

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What is one thing students or staff might be surprised to learn about you?

During my High School years I played several sports at State and Australian level including Australian School boys cricket and representing the state in athletics.

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If you weren’t in your current role, what would you be doing?

If I wasn't working, I would be enjoying playing with my three grandchildren, playing golf and fishing.

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Do you have a favourite Bible verse?

I don't have a favourite verse, I enjoy all chapters of the Bible.

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Share a moment in your role that has brought you joy recently.

Working with the staff at the recent Musical. Everybody came together making it a wonderful experience, I was proud to be part of it and found it very rewarding.

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