



WRITERS' WORKSHOP STAFF INTERVIEWS

MEET AMANDA YOUNG



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Mrs Amanda Young is the school's Outreach Coordinator, organising the mission trips to Cambodia and the On Country trips to Mitchell with RAW Impact. Along with that, she coordinates all of the special events at the College, such as Mother's and Father's Day stalls, sports day BBQs, the Community Fete, Bush Dance and also the Carols at the end of the year. Amanda worked as a hairdresser for 27 years while also running events and ministry programs at her church. When asked if she ever questioned why she chose to do this job she responded, "I've never questioned why I do this... rather, how I got here!! How does a hairdresser become one of God's success stories... it's incredible what he can do when you say yes to following Him".

If Amanda wasn't an Outreach Coordinator, she said she would work for a social justice NGO or charity to help bring an end to child poverty and abuse issues. Besides working as the Outreach Coordinator, Amanda works part-time at her daughters' dance studio. In her spare time, she's a dance mum which keeps her busy organising and driving her daughters to competitions, exams, and performances. "There's always a costume that needs altering or a headpiece that needs bling!"

We asked Amanda what one of her favourite childhood memories was.

"Growing up I spent most of my school holidays with my Grandparents on their farm in Ayr, North Queensland. There was always something to do either in the paddocks or at the farmhouse. I'd spend hours with my Nana as she tried to teach me to knit, crochet, turn out a pottery bowl or play the piano. My favourite thing to do with her was to cook. When I got married, she gave me a handwritten recipe book full of all of the special things we used to cook together. It's a priceless gift that I'll treasure and hopefully pass onto my girls one day."

Amanda Young is the person to speak to if you have ideas on how to connect the Parklands Christian College community and we thank her for all her hard work!