



**Saints Academy**  
FOR THE WHOLE OF LIFE

# Meet Our Newcastle Team

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Ryan Zwegartt

**Director | Nominated Supervisor**

- **Education:** Bachelors of Primary Teaching
- **Interests:** Spending time with wife and two kids, playing music and basketball.
- **Favourite Core Area:** Adventure - I love getting out in nature!



Deanne Baker

**Educator - Creative Lead**

- **Education:** Diploma of Visual Arts, Bachelor of Science, Cert III in Education Support
- **Interests:** Making art with different mediums - printmaking, drawing, painting with oils, acrylics and watercolour.
- **Favourite Core Area:** Creative - I believe everyone is a creative being, it just takes nurture and care.



Tom O'Connor

**Educator - Active Lead**

- **Education:** Studying Bachelor of Education PDHPE
- **Interests:** Football, video games, board games, saxophone
- **Favourite Core Area:** Active - I feel it's important for students to be active and engage with other students through competition and teamwork.



Josh Moore

**Educator**

- **Education:** Year 12 HSC
- **Interests:** Soccer, music, church youth group
- **Favourite Core Area:** Active - I love the community created through sport.



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## Jake (Chippy) Haydon

### **Educator - Adventure Lead**

- **Education:** Studying - Bachelor of Primary Teaching | Certification IV in Outdoor Education
- **Interests:** Surfing, riding bikes, drawing!
- **Favourite Core Area:** Adventure - I love building forts!



## Jackson Steele

### **Educator - Discovery Lead**

- **Education:** Studying Bachelor of Education (Secondary)
- **Interests:** You'll find me at the beach, practising my guitar, eating gelato, chasing sunsets, reading books, and laughing!
- **Favourite Core Area:** Discovery and Adventure - I love the opportunity to learn about, play with, and enjoy the wonder of God's world with each other.



## David Southern

### **Educator**

- **Education:** Bachelor of Biomedical Science
- **Interests:** Soccer, playing percussion, origami - love my church!
- **Favourite Core Area:** Discovery - You get to look at the world and recreate it in imaginative ways.



## Gab lean

### **Educator**

- **Education:** Cert III Student Learning Support
- **Interests:** I love the beach, baking and board games
- **Favourite Core Area:** Creative - I love expressing myself through art and seeing kids come alive in creativity!



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## Luca Wellham

### Casual Educator

- **Education:** Studying - Year 12
- **Interests:** Singing, art, my family!
- **Favourite Core Area:** Creative - I love exploring through art and craft!



## Joey Skewes

### Casual Educator

- **Education:** Studying Bachelors of Music
- **Interests:** Playing music, AFL, beginner surfer
- **Favourite Core Area:** Active - I love building relationships through competition and love seeing students grow in their skills and teamwork abilities.



## Elissa Baker

### Casual Educator

- **Education:** Studying Bachelors of Physiotherapy
- **Interests:** Surfing, piano, soccer
- **Favourite Core Area:** Active and Creative - because it's fun to move your body!



## Paul Wellham

### Head of Saints Academy

- **Education:** Bachelors of Teaching, Masters in Leadership
- **Interests:** Waterskiing, camping with my family
- **Favourite Core Area:** I love all the core areas and seeing students engage in learning in a fresh new way.





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Nic Gillard

**Casual Educator**

- **Education:** Studying – Bachelors of Education – PDHPE
- **Interests:** Football, church, friends, family.
- **Favourite Core Area:** Active – I love sport, it brings people together!



Caleb Mills

**Casual Educator**

- **Education:** Diploma in Early Childhood, studying Bachelors of Teaching (Primary)
- **Interests:** Hanging with my mates and doing church stuff!
- **Favourite Core Area:** I love Discovery – seeing students combine creativity, imagination and problem solving skills to create amazing pieces.



Taylor Watts

**Casual Educator**

- **Education:** Diploma in Early Childhood
- **Interests:** Home reno's with my husband!
- **Favourite Core Area:** I love them all! I love seeing kids come alive in their interests and find something they are really good at!



Gabby Trounce

**Casual Educator**

- **Education:** Studying Bachelor of Music and Performing Arts
- **Interests:** Music, sports, the outdoors!
- **Favourite Core Area:** Active – I like being outside and being active with kids, kids get connected when they are moving their bodies!





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## Jasmyn Collyer

### Casual Educator

- **Education:** Studying - Bachelors of Teaching (Conditionally Accredited)
- **Interests:** I love my church!
- **Favourite Core Area:** Active - I love getting out and having a run



## Cherie Barlow

### Casual Educator

- **Education:** Bachelor of Early Childhood Education
- **Interests:** Waterskiing!
- **Favourite Core Area:** Creative - I love encouraging children to express their emotions, thoughts and the way they see the world creatively through art. It is such a fun process!



## Jessica Paget

### Casual Educator

- **Education:** Studying Bachelors of Teaching (Primary)