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"I was at Stanley Bay School briefly, as is the life of an armed services child, spending my form 1 and 2 years (Year 7 and 8) there during 1968 and 1969. Both classes were a composite of the two year levels and included an interesting social mix of the 'Stanley Bay' crowd and navy children.

I remember my teacher, Ken Matthews, a good teacher, and I wonder where he is now? On one occasion he took us on a field trip down to the Waikato to visit geothermal power stations, the Huka Falls, and Mere Mere. We put together a project on the river, the region, and the power generation, and forestry (as I recall) in the area. It was a lot of fun and a coming-of-age experience for most of us.

Ken also organised the schools hockey team, which my brother John and I both played. We competed in an Auckland wide competition. Another brother, Warwick, also attended the school during these years. He died in a motorbike accident in Townsville at age 21 .

I now live in Cleveland, a Bayside suburb in the Redland Shire near Brisbane, with my wife and 2 dogs. Both of my daughters are living away from home so we are empty nesters at last!! I run a successful financial services business and have been doing so for more than 20 years. It is a real family affair with my wife and eldest daughter also involved in the business with me. I have come across very few old pupils BUT did run into Chris McQuaid in Auckland last year"