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My name is Ashley (Ash) Stephens and I want to take this opportunity to welcome you.

You may or may not know that last year was my first at Faith after nearly 20 years teaching in mostly Secondary Schools. My specialist areas are Art, Design and Trades, but I have expertise in a lot of practical areas. I was also responsible for the sets and lighting of our College Musical last year, with many of my Year 5 students involved in the design, construction and painting of the sets.

I highly value all intelligences, and endeavour to create interesting moments which reflect the varying ways in which all students learn. I can assure you this year, all students will experience failure in some way. This is important for growth. We will celebrate these moments equally with their successes!

I want to encourage your student to ask questions. I am the kind of person that says yes straight up, and then works out how to make it happen. To this end I will encourage students to get in and have a go.

Having come from a predominantly Secondary School background, I understand the skillsets that will most benefit students in that environment. This means they will have increasing responsibility and input into class decision making. It will require patience as they navigate this freedom.

In my own time I enjoy spending time with my family, sailing, boating and coaching baseball. I like writing and creating and am in the middle of renovating a kitchen.

I hope that your student loves coming to school at Faith, as much as I enjoy teaching here!