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In the year 1997/1998 I was a foreign student from the Netherlands. So I was only at Centenary for one year. It was a special year. As I was introduced to your formal school (wear) system and cultural differences. Being a 16 year old at the time it was hard. It was the only year in my life I struggled with weight, but mostly it brought me special and beautiful memories. I came from quite a liberal country where I was allowed to go to the disco, so I found it interesting to learn how you can enjoy yourself in the weekend with other things (cinema, bowling, eating out and having stay over parties).

I remember I found it interesting to be outside so much at school. Even the classrooms weren't completely closed (windows) nor heated. Art class was special, as you introduced me to special handy crafts (making a rhino from soapstone). I remember Miss Mackey from catering class, she was interested in my Dutch cooking style. And it was my first time to study German, and I was quite good. On sports day all people with freckles and red hair use sunscreen. I regretted I didn't do that weeks after.

Centenary brought me many things. Friends for life, I still have contact with a few. I raise my two children bilingual. And my English was really handy at University, as my Masters Human Resource Management was completely in English. I was able to graduate with recognition (cum laude). And I'm sure that my Centenary Heights High School year contributed to that.

I find it a pity I couldn't visit. But my job, I'm appointed municipal clerk for our municipal council in Lelystad now, doesn't allow it as we just had elections in March. We are busy forming a coalition, a process I advise in. Hope you are all fine and some of you I'll see when I'm in Australia with my family again in the coming years.

Hartelijke groet,

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