



SUNSHINE COAST  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

## Media Release

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### Students Lend a Helping Hand

Rain, hail or shine, the Grammar Helping Hands (GHH) team will be at it again this weekend.

Over 40 staff and students from Sunshine Coast Grammar School will be giving up their Saturday afternoon to clean, mow and garden for local couple Sandra and Phil Bailey of Nambour, who have been doing it tough lately.

Sandra is currently undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer. Husband Phil has been off work due to illness for some time, putting extra pressure on the couple, who have six children under the age of 19.

GHH were put in touch with the Bailey family by another local organisation with its heart in the right place – the Cindy Mackenzie Breast Cancer Foundation (cmbcf). The Cindy Mackenzie Breast Cancer Foundation focuses on making a difference to local families living with breast cancer by providing practical, financial and emotional support.

Foundation President and Co-Founder, Mr John O’Leary, said that working hand in hand with the Grammar Helping Hands team to provide practical support for the Bailey family is as at the very essence of what the grassroots organisation is all about.

“We are delighted to have this opportunity to partner with Grammar and we sincerely thank the teachers, parents and students involved for their generous community spirit and for giving up a Saturday afternoon to put a smile on the faces of the Bailey family. It is a wonderful and very giving gesture,” Mr O’Leary said.

Grammar teacher and GHH organiser, Ben Princehorn, said that the poor weather had done little to dampen the enthusiasm of the students.

“We are really looking forward to this one,” Mr Princehorn said.

“We have been able to secure some excellent donations from local businesses and the school community,” he said.

This is the third ‘backyard blitz’ style project for the Grammar Helping Hands; a school-based program which gives students the opportunity to get involved in community service at the ground level.

Inspired by programs such as ‘Random Acts of Kindness’, Grammar Helping Hands is about promoting servant leadership; giving time, not just money, and looking for opportunities to reach out to others who need a helping hand.

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### Event Details:

**Date:** Saturday 20 March  
**Time:** 2.00pm – 4.30pm  
**Location:** Sandra and Phil Bailey family home: 27 Stuart Place, Nambour  
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