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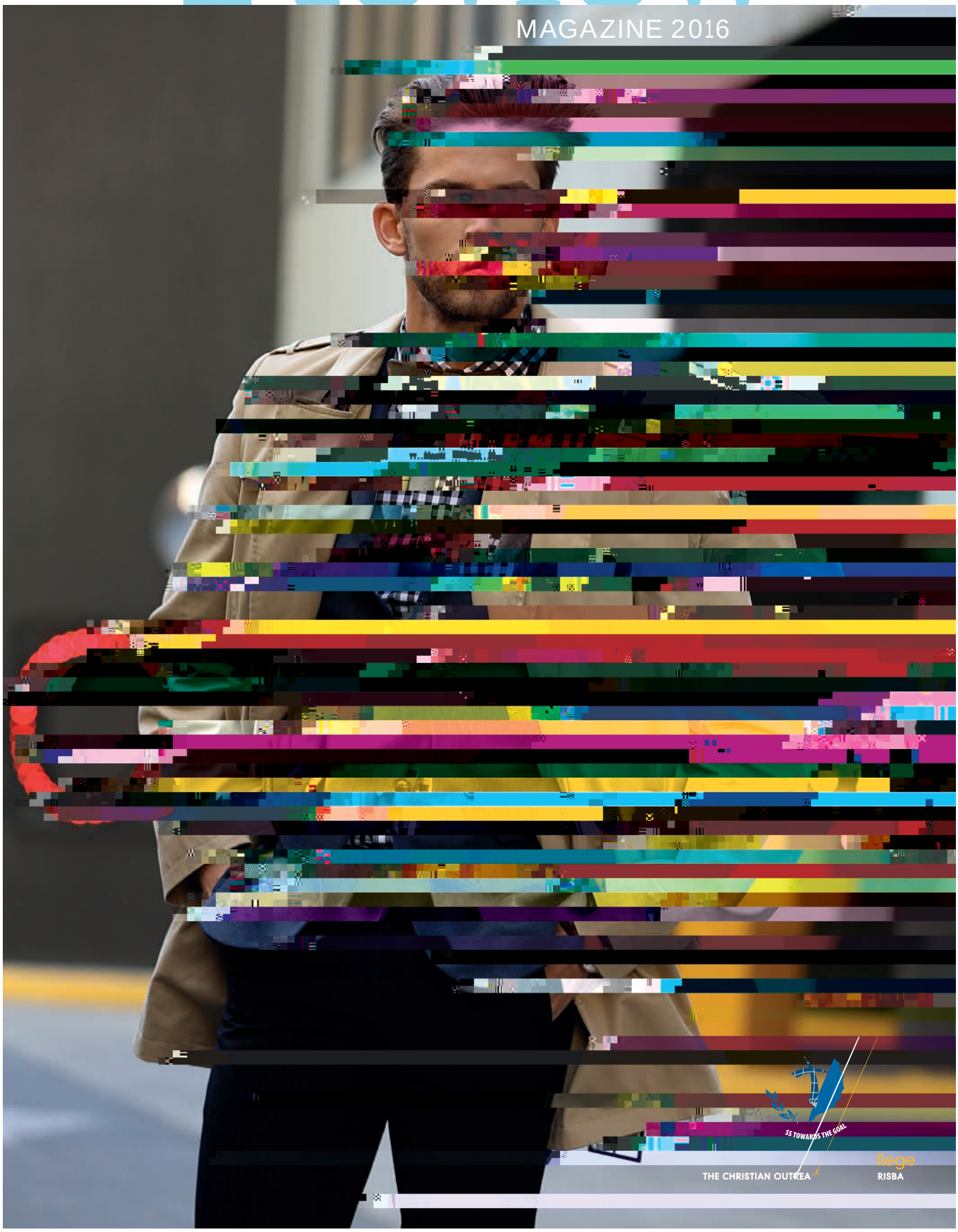

CONNECTING THE CITIPOINTE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE BRISBANE ALUMNI COMMUNITY

From the Headmaster

On 16 May 2016 we celebrated the 38th anniversary of the College. Our alumni are an honoured part of the growing Citipointe community of students, past students and their families. Alumni can register on the Alumni Register page on the College website (http://www.brisbane.coc.edu.au) or go directly to http://community.coc.edu.au/go/connect/.

Our latest marketing theme is: *Imagine a beautifully balanced education – experience it at Citipointe*. Why such a theme?

In earlier decades, resources were quite limited, but as the years have gone by, Citipointe haj2oee19.1(v)14.3(e)-14.6(l)-9.8 Cif8911.9(t)3.8(i)-6.4(p)-15.5(6.4((e h)-11.9e)-13.7(i)-22)2m8.5(c
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When **Aaron Wingreen** (Class of 2009) woke early in the morning, day after day, to swim up and down a pool, little did he know it would one day lead him to a modeling career.

Instead of following a career in competitive swimming, Aaron is now modeling the latest men's fashion, fronting fashion shoots and walking up and down catwalks instead of swimming up and down pool lanes.

Today he is in demand as a model for such organisations as Speedo, Subway, Queensland Tourism, City

The world record number of people ever crammed into a Mini at once is 28.

To launch Liberti Church on the Gold Coast, **Adam Ramsey** (Class of 2002) crammed 52 people into the living room of a historic Queenslander in Ashmore.

He didn't set a world record, but it was the start of a vibrant, Bible-believing, gospel-proclaiming church based in the heart of the Gold Coast, a city Adam describes as "as beautiful as it is broken".

Liberti is the first church where Adam has served as the lead pastor. Previously he served as a location pastor with Ross and Kathy Abraham of Elevation Church on the Gold Coast for a number of years, as well as pioneering student ministries

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Laura Mifsud's (Class of 2010) first full-time job was working as a Membership Administrator for the Gold Coast Suns Football Club.

Seven months into her new role, Laura felt an overwhelming call of

Laura began her new life in ministry as Youth Pastor for Elevation Church in January, a fact for which she is very grateful and amazed.

"At first I wasn't even going to go for the role, because I genuinely thought there was no way they would hire me. I had next to no ministry experience, and I was never involved in the capacity of preaching or organising Friday services during the three years that I was a Youth leader," she said.

"After listening to an Andy Stanley podcast on 'Bold Leadership' I knew I had to go for it. All I can put it down to is God!

"I am so unqualified – but you know what, I actually wouldn't have it any other way! I love what Andy Stanley says in his new book *(Un) Qualified*, 'If you look at the great men and women of Scripture you find one common denominator – they were all unqualified!'"

"God has put a passion in my heart for young people to know who they are in Jesus and to live a life beyond themselves, and without me realising it God had been developing that passion within me for years. I am so humbled that now I get the privilege of leading a Youth ministry as my job!"

Looking back, Laura is thankful for all the opportunities of employment and study along the way, including four years as a lifeguard at Dreamworld, serving as a programs o□cer with AFL Queensland, her time at the Gold Coast Suns and the degree in Sports Management from Bond University which she completed in early 2014 after two years of fast-tracking.

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It's logical to be creative

here are times to be precise, and there are times for artistic flair, and in the world of **Alanah Greentree** (Class of 2004) there's always time for both.

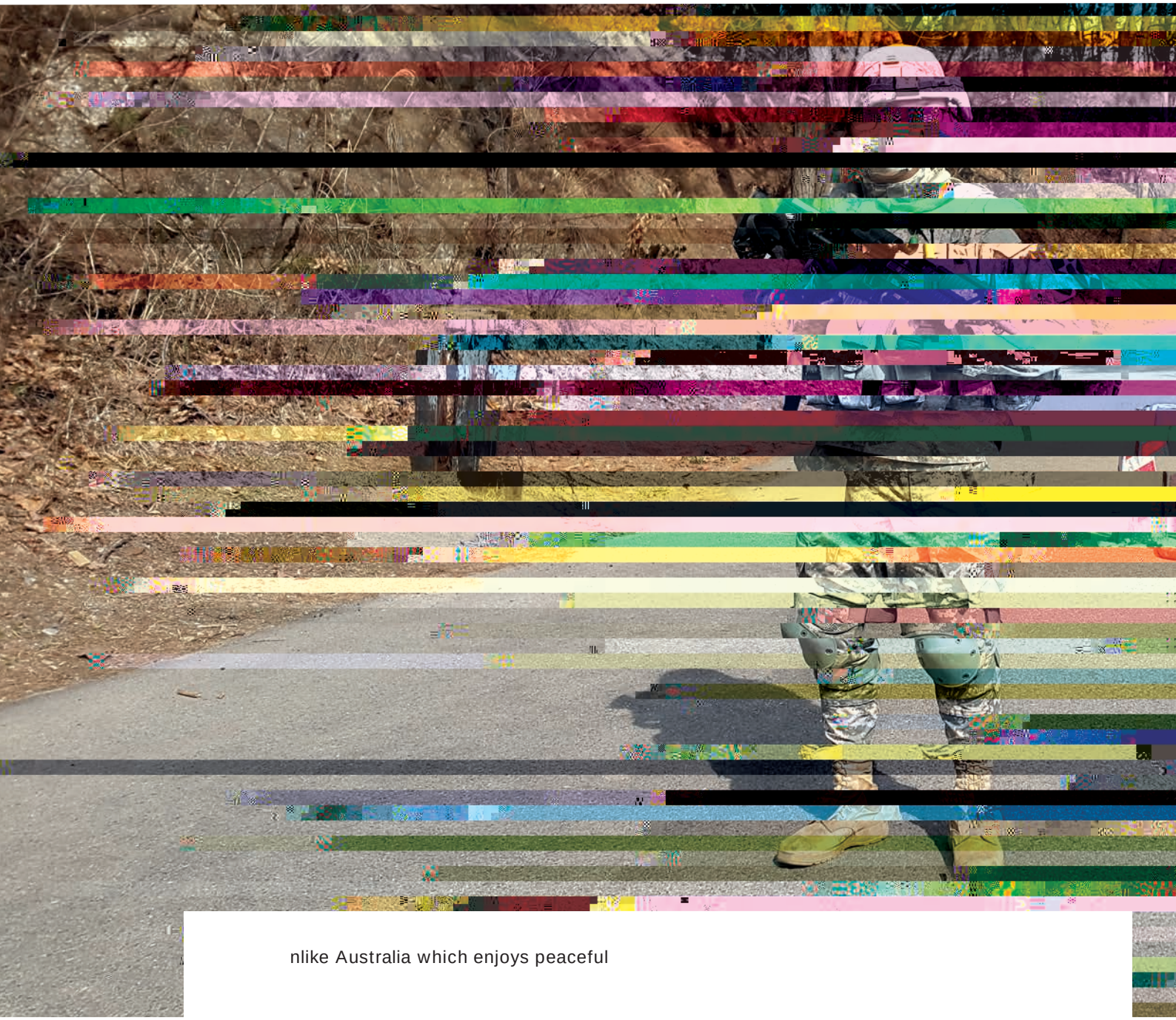
Whether designing furniture, lighting, textiles or fashion, Alanah's approach is one of engineered artistry, synthesising beauty with form and function; art for a purpose.

The range of creative work undertaken by Alanah since graduating with a Bachelor of Product Design nine years ago displays her versatility and passion to invent and inspire.

Alanah started with her "dream job" working with Urban Art Projects, designing public art and eventually being promoted to Lead Designer.

Currently, Alanah works full-time for Brisbane-based furniture and lighting design company, Luxxbox, as their Design Coordinator. At the same time she is running her own textile and fashion business, Greentree Creative (www.greentreecreative.com.au).

Her most prized achievement so far is the Graduate Collection she designed while



nlike Australia which enjoys peaceful

“Because we were there, our families and friends were able to have a sweet and comfortable sleep at night, so we were not going to let the enemy pass.

“I guess because we are used to being a team and looking after each other, finding purpose in a dangerous environment is not that hard.”

All young men in South Korea are required to give two years of service to the military. Jason successfully applied for the Korean Augmentation to United States Army program – essentially serving the US military within South Korea.

Every year only 2,100 people are chosen out of around 41,000 applicants and then, after an English test, applicants are chosen randomly with a nine-in-one chance.

Jason was selected and graduated from military school in December 2014. He has served both South Korea and the United States as a Chaplain Assistant ever since and is a highly qualified army marksman. His role is to protect the Chaplain in the field, provide religious support and care for the soldiers.

The strict army life is a far cry from Jason’s first jobs after he returned ted States as a Ch /dTerv[f-1.557 T15(o gr5.1(eaft)15.1(er he)]TJ

The futuristic, musical journey of Tyler Touché

Give **Jordan Hankins** (Class of 2013) a computer and stand back while a whole heap of x-factor comes back your way.

Where creative genius and high tech intersect, you'll find Jordan weaving magic with loops, apps, code and lots of originality.

What started as some tinkering with electronic music in his room, has taken him to some of Australia's largest music festivals under the alias "Tyler Touché".

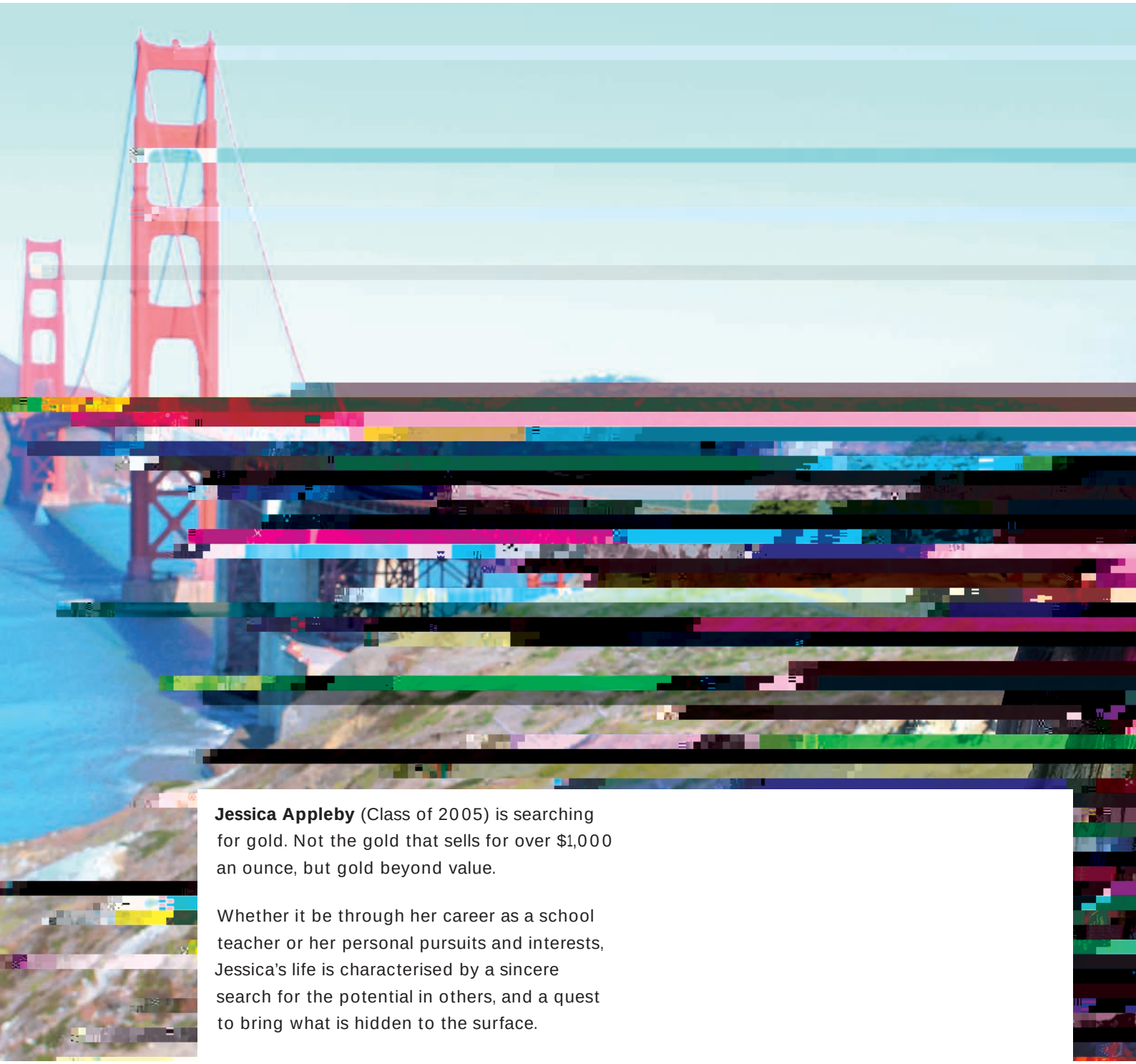
After starting to create disco and house music when he was in Year 10, Jordan's music gained the attention of the music industry and traction amongst the music-loving public when he became a finalist in the Triple J Unearthed High Competition.

This led to radio play and developing contacts within the music industry, eventually prompting Jordan to sign with a manager and booking agent. He currently has a record contract with "Of Leisure", a branch of Universal Music Australia.

Jordan has performed as Tyler Touché on several national tours, as well as major music festivals such as Big Day Out, Splendour in the Grass, Falls Festival, Laneway Festival and plenty more. His music has even been played on BBC Radio 1.

"I enjoy being able to travel, experience di□erent places and share music with people," said Jordan.

"I'm grateful that I can support myself through my job within the competitive arts industry – it does EMC aT9e



Jessica Appleby (Class of 2005) is searching for gold. Not the gold that sells for over $1,000 an ounce, but gold beyond value.

Whether it be through her career as a school teacher or her personal pursuits and interests, Jessica's life is characterised by a sincere search for the potential in others, and a quest to bring what is hidden to the surface.

While her teaching career provides that opportunity on a daily basis, Jessica's desire to be a conduit of change for individuals goes further and deeper.

After five and a half years of teaching Years 4 and 5 at Calvary Christian College in Carbrook, Jessica last year began ministry school at Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry in Redding, California. After a year of learning,

The sporting life beckons for volleyballer Grace

Four people hitting a ball around 128 square metres of sand, over a net 2.24 metres high, occasionally diving full-length into the soft sand sounds like fun.

It's so much fun that beach volleyball is a world-wide phenomena, an Olympic sport that attracts millions around the world who play socially and competitively.

So when **Grace Convey** (Class of 2015), earned a scholarship to attend the University of Louisiana Monroe (ULM) and play beach volleyball full-time, it was a good day!

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acknowledges that her passion for volleyball began with the help of two teachers.

“Attending Citipointe has been one of the greatest blessings in my life. The relationships formed with friends, teachers and God have shaped who I am today, and helped me live my dream of being an elite athlete,” she said.

“If it wasn’t for Mr Cobb and Mr Webb’s enthuLang (en-US)/s been

Some may say that **Earl Duncan** (Class of 2003) speaks a different language.

The language Earl speaks is not specific to any country, but is universal to all. You won't find this language on Google Translate, and very few taxi drivers are conversant, but it pervades everything.

Earl is fluent in mathematics and is currently undertaking a PhD in the field of Bayesian spatio-temporal modelling at QUT (please contact Earl for an explanation of what this is). He is due to finish his doctorate next year, and is paying the bills by working as a part-time sessional lecturer.

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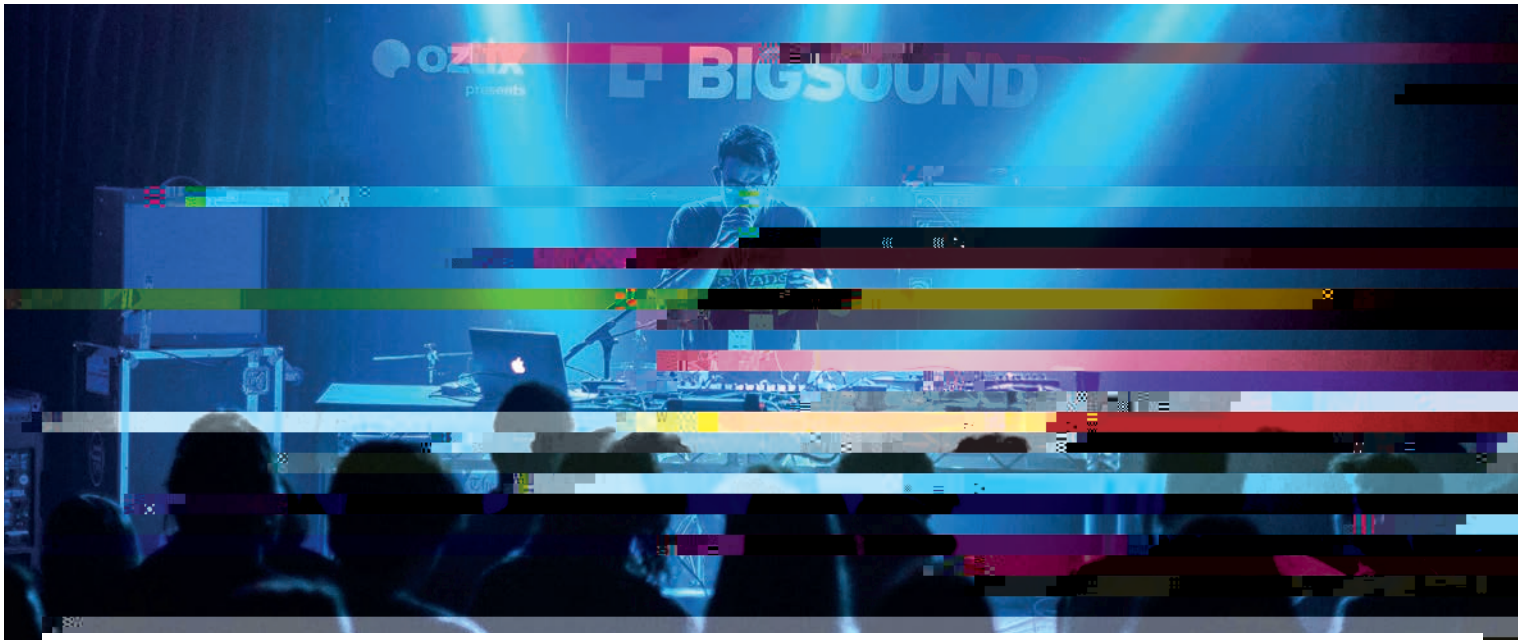
Callan's intriguing mix



Callan Alexander (Class of 2012) is in his fourth year of studying a double degree at QUT in Laws and Science.

It's an intriguing mix of degrees – Law and Science – which will give Callan any number of career paths to choose from after graduation. But currently, it's Callan's intriguing mixes of electronic music that are opening doors of opportunity worldwide.

Recording under the name cln, Callan has been creating "slightly o□-centre electronic music" since Year 9, and people around the world are enjoying what they hear, including his EPs *Sideways* (2014) and *Found* (2015).

"I've been very fortunate in that my songs have currently been streamed over five million times across various platforms," said Callan.

"As a result I have been able to play shows all across Australia, have performed at the Queensland Music Awards and signed a publishing deal with Ministry of Sound.

"I have also signed to AM Only, one of the biggest booking agencies in the United States, and as a result I will be touring there in September this year.

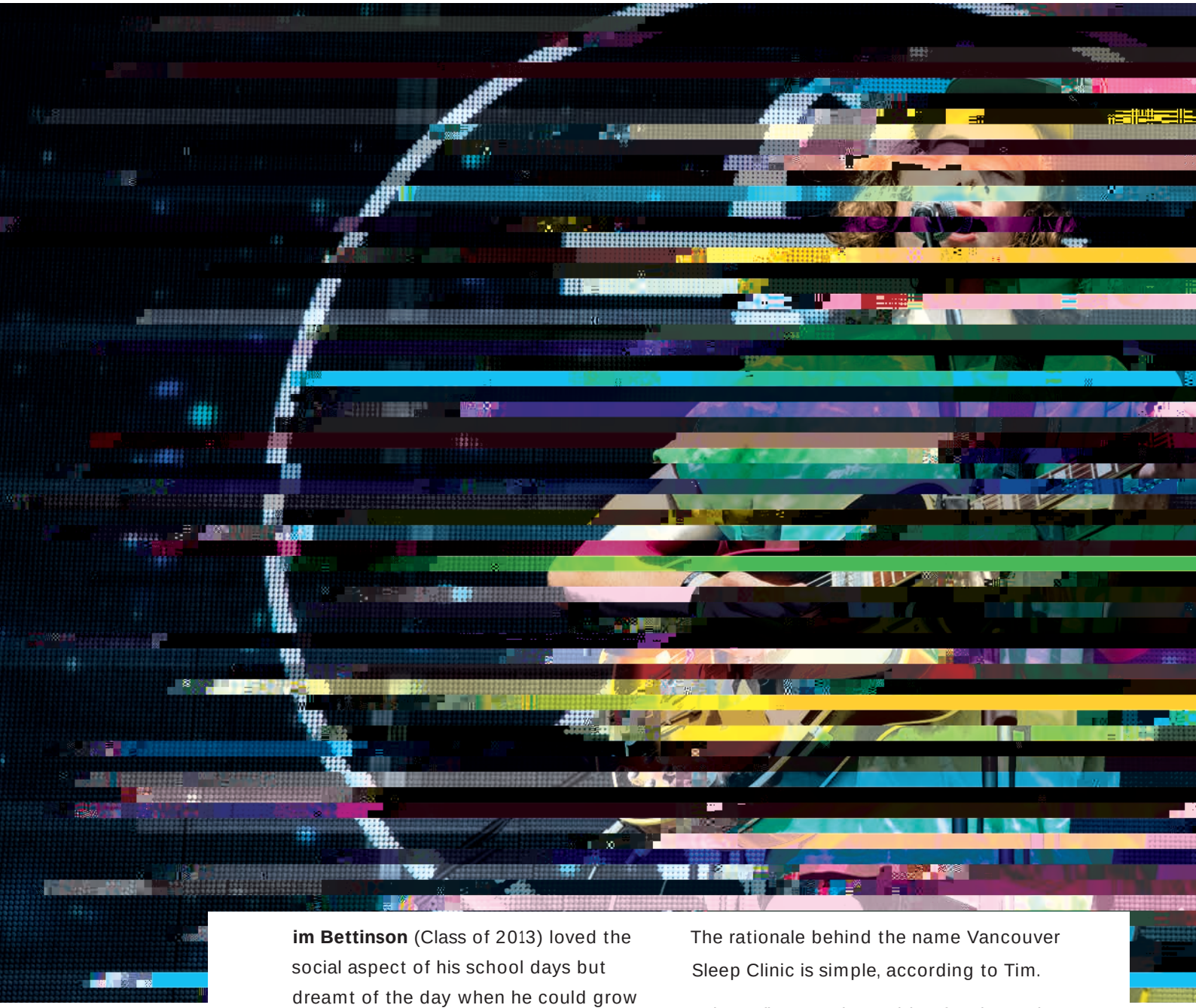
"My music career is still in its very early days, but at this point I love being able to travel and do what I enjoy at the same time."

In one of Callan's recent projects, he was given the opportunity to work with widely-respected Australian vocalist Katie Noonan. While touring he has supported some of his music idols including Kele Okereke (frontman of UK group Bloc Party), Australian dance music duo The Aston Shu□e, and American electronic duo ODESZA. When in America this year, he will be supporting The Chainsmokers at the renowned Red Rocks venue.

When he's not creating music, you may find Callan coaching chess or hanging out with fiance Mimi. The couple are planning to marry later this year.

Although the music curriculum at Citipointe Christian College wasn't to Callan's taste and style, he admits that the Nova Arts Program directed by Mrs Kathy Thomson inspired his creativity. Her husband Ian also contributed to his musical development.

"Mrs Thomson's husband Ian was my piano teacher so I can also attribute a lot of my background musical theory to him," said Callan. "Although, I must admit, I c co t han3 8(i)-6.4(n)-Arts



im Bettinson (Class of 2013) loved the social aspect of his school days but dreamt of the day when he could grow his hair long and "play a heap of music with my friends".

Just over two years out of school and Tim is living the dream, and then some.

Writing and creating music under the name Vancouver Sleep Clinic, Tim shot to prominence when his debut single "Vapour", received widespread acclaim and was listed as an Unearthed High Finalist by national broadcaster Triple J. He is now making music full-time and travelling the world sharing the fruits of his labour and promoting his first LP, Winter.

The rationale behind the name Vancouver Sleep Clinic is simple, according to Tim.

"When I first starting writing for the project I felt like it could be the type of atmosphere music that people could fall asleep to, and Vancouver just looks like a beautiful place." Simple.

His unique music has been described by critics as "glacially gorgeous" which "seductively sedates", with his vocals being "high, ethereal, almost choral". This year he was named a

"It's funny – my Maths workbook at school was usually filled with lyrics that I wrote while staring out the window in class, and then I would get the musical parts fiddling around at home, and somehow they generally ended up fitting together perfectly!" he said.

"During high school I spent most of my spare time writing