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John

John Marsden was born in Melbourne, but his family moved frequently, to country Victoria and Tasmania before settling in Sydney. John had a conservative education at The King's School Parramatta, a strict military school in Sydney, and from there went on to the University of Sydney. However, he soon decided that a career in law looked too boring, so he dropped out and drifted around for nearly 10 years. This

was a time for jobs exotic, such as working in a mortuary at nights, jobs unique, such as looking after Australia's oldest building, and jobs tedious, such as cleaning barristers' chambers.

When John was 28, he began a teaching course, and was engaged by it from the first day. In the years that followed, as he taught secondary English, he became more and more interested in writing, and in 1987 succeeded in getting his first book, So Much to Tell You, published. A string of huge hits followed,

highlighted by the Tomorrow series and The Ellie Chronicles. John has now sold around five million books in Australia and overseas, and has many national and international awards to his credit, including the Buxtheder Bulle, awarded in Germany for the best teenage novel published anywhere in the world over a two-year period.

John's interest in education has however never waned. In 1998 he bought the Tye Estate, 850 acres of natural bush, on the northern edge of Melbourne, which with additions now comprises 1100 acres. For eight years John ran writers' courses and camps at Tye, before starting his own school there, Candlebark, in 2006.

Candlebark enrolls 100 students from prep to grade 9. A lively and friendly school, with a spirited curriculum, it has been described by John as "somewhere between Steiner and The Simpsons". Despite regular battles with bureaucracy, the school's adventurous curriculum remains undiluted, and the waiting lists are long.

These days John dedicates virtually all his time to running Candlebark and enjoying family life. John and his partner live in an old nunnery, near the school. They have six children aged from 6 to 16.

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Tomorrow Series

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