

Tears flow for 'a great kid'

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TRIBUTES flowed for Tyler Cassidy yesterday as friends and family turned to newspapers and the internet as an outlet for their grief.

At the [Leinster Arms Hotel in Collingwood](#), where Tyler worked as a kitchen hand for more than a year, staff were planning a quiet wake tomorrow night to remember the cheerful, happy boy who spent hours washing dishes.

And at the scene of the shooting at a Northcote skate park, friends, family and strangers braved heavy rain to leave flowers and notes.

Leinster Arms licensee Glen McGee, who runs the pub with wife Wilhelmina, said Tyler's older brother, Blake, had worked as a cook at the hotel for five years.

He said Tyler sometimes worked alongside his brother in the kitchen.

"He was a great kid, always on time, always clean, always helpful, asking what else he could do," Mr McGee said.

He said the McGee and Cassidy families were long-time friends and the Cassidy boys were devastated when their father, Ian, was struck down with cancer about four years ago, dying only 11 weeks after being diagnosed.

He said Mr Cassidy had asked him to look after Blake and he had been happy to employ him and Tyler.

"He was always pleasant to have around and he never showed any signs of aggression," Mr McGee said.

"It's just a tragic situation that shouldn't have happened, but nobody can bring him back."

Tyler worked his last shift on Tuesday night. On his MySpace page, the 15-year-old listed his father and brother as his heroes.

Friend Tiffany wrote of her love for Tyler on her MySpace page. She used the online language of teenagers to say Tyler had always been there for her.

"you always belived in me and that i will neva forget," Tiffany wrote.

"i miss you with all my heart and i love you more than more than youll eva no."

In a newspaper notice from mother Shani, brother Blake and stepfather Greg, Tyler is described as a loving child, a caring and loyal person who lived his life as an adventure.

Members of the white supremacist group [Southern Cross Soldiers](#), or SCS, went online to pay tribute to their new member.

"on behalf of the gold coast scs chapter. ull be missed dearly mate. we gunna keep it going and have a comemeration for u on aussie day," one said.

Another member told Tyler to rest in peace.

"you were one respected bloke. you went down fighting like a true champion."