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Trinity College is a school that encompasses a strong sense of community that has been shaped by the Marist charisms and the gospel values of Catholic education. My involvement with the College spanned twenty-eight years from 1989 to my retirement in 2017. I was both a teacher and a parent as both my children, Nicholas and Amanda, attended the school. What impressed me most about Trinity was the enthusiasm and passion of those who worked there. There was a strong sense of belonging founded in the Marist tradition that permeated all staff and this was passed on to our students. Relationships were important in building the ethos of the school whether it was in the classroom or in the many extra-curricular activities in which the College was involved. We shared our joys as well as our struggles. We were a family.

As a History teacher, my focus was on teaching students about the concepts of change and continuity. This was evident in how we taught and in our use of technology. Initially the blackboard was the focus, then it changed to whiteboards. I remember how excited I was to get a television set with a VHS recorder in my classroom. It meant I could show a video when I wanted without making a booking into an AV room. Overhead projectors were another tool we used, but they were superseded by data projectors. The introduction of computers, iPads and laptops made the resources we used in the classroom more exciting for learners. The things that remained constant were the students and their quest for knowledge as well as the dedicated teachers who took on the challenge of developing the potential of our students.

I have many happy memories of Trinity College that I will always treasure.

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