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## TRINITY COLLEGE

When I first arrived at Trinity College in 1985, it was a relatively small school, run by the Marist Brothers and going into Year 11 for the first time. As it was the only Catholic College between Brisbane and the Gold Coast, we drew most of our students from what was a large farming area around Beenleigh and out to Beaudesert. The school had a lovely country feel to it and the students were very down-to-earth, friendly and polite, something that never changed in all my years there. Our dances at that time were reflective of this in that at each dance, one year level was responsible for bringing supper – the dancing would stop at a designated time, supper was served and then the dancing would recommence. We also had an Equestrian team with their own Trinity saddle cloths as many of the students rode horses and were keen to compete.

In order to get the community involved with the College, we ran a yearly Fun Run, on a weekend, where students and the locals could run together and the organisation was monitored by the staff. Our fund raising event each year was the Walk-A-Thon. Students walked approximately 10 klms from the College to a property on the river at Eagleby and back, gaining sponsorship for their efforts. My fondest memory of these is Sharon Altena and myself, as the first check point, outside the Dog Pound at Eagleby, trying to keep the flies out of the rubbish bins full of cordial ready for the student's first drink stop – each student carried a cup, before the days of drink bottles. This eventually changed to Beach-A-Thon.

During our early years we put on several musicals such as Oliver, Oklahoma and Bye Bye Birdie. We had so many talented students who wanted to be involved and the productions were first class. In 1992, we won the AFL Grand Final, an amazing feat, helped along by Michael Voss who was a student at the time. With this and our win at the Rock Eisteddfod, College spirit was incredibly high. In the 26 years I was at the school, I felt that the students always had a great pride in, and respect for, their College.

Over the years, Trinity has had some brilliant students and a very cohesive staff who have all worked together to make it an exceptional College and my years there were the most memorable in my teaching career.

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