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My Trinity College, Beenleigh journey began in 2008. As a fresh faced second year teacher I motored up the M1 from the Coast to a suburb I had only ever driven past. I will admit I was unsure what I was in for, however 14 years later I can't imagine where I would be without this school and the people who have passed through it.

In the time I have been a teacher at Trinity there have been significant changes within the school, local area and recently, the world. In 2008 there was limited technology within the classroom (besides the magnificent air conditioning!) Students did not have devices and teachers had only just received a PC at their desks in the staff room. Fast forward to the past 18 months and I have been delivering lessons online with students and teachers working from home as well having staff meetings and parent teacher conferences via video link! For a job that relies on face-to-face interactions and building of relationships, this has been one of the most challenging changes to which we have had to adapt.

The one thing that has remained consistent and keeps me coming back every day, are the students and staff. No matter how much time passes or on the tough days, the students are there every day, working hard within the varied classrooms, representing Trinity College at sport, supporting the community through one of the many ventures available to them, walking the beach every year to fundraise, cooking the millionth sausage for a BBQ...bringing life to the campus. I have laughed every day with them. To me, Trinity College is Marist spirituality being lived out by staff and students, past and present, making Been Town the special place it is.

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