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## MEMORIES

In 1986 I was given the privilege by the Principal, Brother John Mullins, to work in the Library at Trinity College.

Mrs Margaret Behan and I had the arduous task of learning the workings of a library, as well as getting to know our librarian, Ms Mary Clark, the students and the staff. Helping the students find books was interesting, especially when we were asked things like, "Miss, do you know where the green book beginning with S is?" .... and we did track it down.

In 1988 we welcomed Mr Lloyd Yates, affectionally known as "Conan the Librarian" (Conan the Barbarian was a popular fictional character at the time), as our new librarian. He automated the library, and a year or two later we set up Trinitext Book Hire, another learning curve.

Mrs Mary Crowley our teacher/librarian joined the library when Mr Yates retired. She was also the Music Co-ordinator; what a hive of activity! She was cheerful and happy to give the students a hand but on the "odd day" she needed a hot cup of tea to revive her. During this time Mrs Behan decided to retire to enjoy life after all her hard work.

Trinity has so much to offer and when the Trinity Learning Centre was established for students with learning difficulties, I jumped ship to work and support them. One of our most successful enterprises was "Tables Cafe" which was the brain child of our teacher, Miss Cathy Boyes. These students were taught all the aspects of running a cafe and it was a popular spot for the teachers to enjoy morning tea or lunch on a Friday.

I consider myself to be so lucky to have spent 25 years at Trinity College, I still keep in contact with past teachers and students. I can look back at all the aspects of the College that I was involved in and still smile.

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