

Ms Judy Bell, current member of the Teaching Staff: (written in 2021)

Memories

- **The Famous Fire**
- John Lamb decided a visit to camp would be a fine thing and nothing was bound to happen at Trinity on a Friday.
- I was on the oval running some Javelin events, pre-Athletics Carnival with Paul Gardner. Suddenly, students started sprinting across the oval heading for the demountable that used to be the home of PE and Art.
- Flames were shooting upwards from one end of the building where the high jump and gym mats were stored underneath.
- The fire started to take over the entire building. Dympna Rigby and Trish Gault were on duty in the multipurpose courts. They had to lock the gate adjacent to the fire to stop students getting too close to the flames.
- The cause of the fire was a student smoking behind the building. When he saw the teacher on duty heading his way, he flicked his cigarette into the storage room and set everything on fire.
- The interhouse athletics carnival was scheduled for the following Friday. Chisholm came to the rescue and let us borrow their equipment.

- **The Daring Car Chase (Paul Hegarty still talks about this one)**
- It was in the days of Wednesday afternoon Inter-school sport. Buses had just arrived and were offloading Calvary College students when sirens could be heard in the distance. Out of nowhere, a car sped through the Bouganville Street gate and proceeded to drive recklessly through the school grounds. Teachers were frantically trying to push students out of the way but of course this was hopeless. The car had only reached the old Manual Arts building when a few police cars joined the chase.
- In those days the lower Netball courts were grass and the embankment led all the way down to the courts. Paul Hegarty was sitting on a seat marking the roll while the teams were warming up. The car almost rammed him as he sat on the seat.
- Meanwhile, students and teachers were following the chase through the school grounds.
- The cars completed a lap of the oval before heading out the back gate and on to Boundary Street
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- **The day the staff confused the students**
- The Staff at Trinity are known for having a sense of fun and willingness to do anything to build some community spirit and to show students how they looked when not wearing their uniforms correctly.
- Staff used all kinds of excuses to borrow uniform items from students and lost property. The next day staff arrived at school dressed as they usually would then they quickly changed into school uniforms. Hair was left out or messy, ties not tied correctly, socks down, no belts, skirts hitched up and items of formal uniform mixed

with items of sports uniform. Whilst this was meant to be a bit of fun, the students did notice how sloppy they must look when not wearing uniform correctly.

* **MacBob** - one of the best things to ever happen at Trinity. Staff Christmas lunches since this performance have never been as enjoyable.

- **Staff**

- The staff at Trinity have always been known for welcoming new members and making them feel at home. Regardless of how many move on and new ones arrive, the same care and concern is shown to all. There is a special spirit among the staff, and this is one reason why so many who move to other schools, eventually return. This is the same reason many former students come back to teach at Trinity and why many pre-service teachers try to seek employment. Staff have supported each other through the myriad changes to curriculum and the internal structure of the school, the changes to Senior schooling and the ever-increasing demands brought about by demanding levels of compliance and reporting.

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- **Students**

- The students at Trinity have always been and continue to be very special. They have a uniqueness about them that endears them to most people. Many of them have gone on to successful careers both locally, nationally and internationally. Trinity students have excelled in fields such as law, medicine, engineering, education and sport.

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- **Changes**

- #The daily timetable has changed from an eight-period day in the eighties and nineties, to a six-period day until 2019 when the day changed to a five-period day with lunch and morning tea reversed.
- Trinity has one of the largest subject offerings of any school in the Logan and Gold Coast Districts. The VET department has expanded to include a fully operational hair salon, motor vehicle servicing bay, electrical engineering and construction work areas.
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- #The house moved to the College for the Marist Brothers back in the early eighties, was used as the Principal's residence during the time of Bob Peacock. When John Lamb took the reins in 1996, the house was converted to the Caretaker's residence. It has now been converted and renamed the Trinity Health Hub. The house has been converted to suit the needs of the students studying for a Certificate 11 and 111 in Health and Community Services There is a teaching room, a room set up as a fully functioning hospital room, patient waiting room and a room for teaching CPR and First-Aid.

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