

**Mr Paul Gardner, current member of the Teaching Staff:** (written in 2021)

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The College's spread of subjects and opportunities just keep evolving to offer our students more pathways to careers than ever before. The growth of the Talented Athletes Program has attracted students who may not have considered Trinity in the past. The Certificate and Diploma courses lead to either apprenticeships or direct entry into some University courses.

Wherever I go in Queensland, or even overseas I am always amazed at how often I meet someone with a close connection to Trinity. All have fond memories of their engagement with the staff and school. The stories of where our students have ended up are always such fascinating tales; how a particular subject, teacher or experience had a 'light bulb' moment for a student on their journey.

What I find wonderful about the place is the stuff that you cannot measure. It's how you can move round the Campus and strike up a great conversation with our students, hear about their lives and share a joke. These respectful, healthy relationships, this connection is, I believe, a vital model of how our young charges should conduct themselves beyond our time with them. The relationships our staff have with each other and the kids we meet make Trinity so much more than just a school. It is part of the Village that raises a child.

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