

**Mr Craig Hirst, current Assistant Principal Senior Schooling:** (written in 2021)

When I started at Trinity College after 20 years of teaching in Australia and the United Kingdom, what immediately struck me was the sense of familiarity, comfort and family; indeed, it felt like coming home, even though I was raised in a different country. Now, having been involved in a large number of enrolment interviews with past-students, I notice they often report the same, that the College has the same sense of family spirit that was so enjoyable and comfortable many years ago.

Is it the Catholic and Marist iconography around the school or something else? I think it is a combination of staff, students and wider community who have contributed and made Trinity not just a place of opportunity but also a unique place of comfort and support.

Trinity students go on to have many varied jobs and careers, from accountants and actors to zoologists and zookeepers, from AFL head coaches to youth workers. I hope that whatever they do, wherever they go, they remember fondly their time at Trinity and appreciate the impact it has had on them as people, carrying a piece of Trinity within themselves.

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