

**Mrs Alannah Noffke, current member of the Teaching Staff:** (written in 2021)

What makes Trinity unique?

The beginning of a teaching career is always marked by trepidation and a sense of newness. However, when I started at Trinity in 2008 the first thing to hit me was the feeling of complete acceptance. From the initial 'welcome on board' phone call from then Deputy Principal Tom Dowden, to the assistance offered by senior teaching and ancillary staff, Trinity has always exuded a warm and genuine sense of acceptance and welcome.

And it is not just the teaching staff who are accepted. Throughout the years, families and students from all walks of life have called Trinity 'home' and it is only now that I have been teaching for a few years that I realise how unique this truly is. It is in talking to former students and occasionally parents that the sense of comfort and acceptance they felt at Trinity is evidenced. Never have I heard 'It wasn't the school for me,' or 'I just didn't like it there,' rather it is always a conversation driven by asking about former staff or reminiscing about key school events such as Beach-a-thon or Trinity Day.

Upon reflection, the sense of family spirit and welcoming felt by all who have passed through the front, side or even back gates of Trinity over the years transcends the hours of 8.30am-2.55pm, or even the years spent here. This place of work and learning is truly one-of-a-kind and it offers that something special that is rarely encountered in other schools.

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