



THE LONG-STANDING DEDICATION OF GINA CUSANO

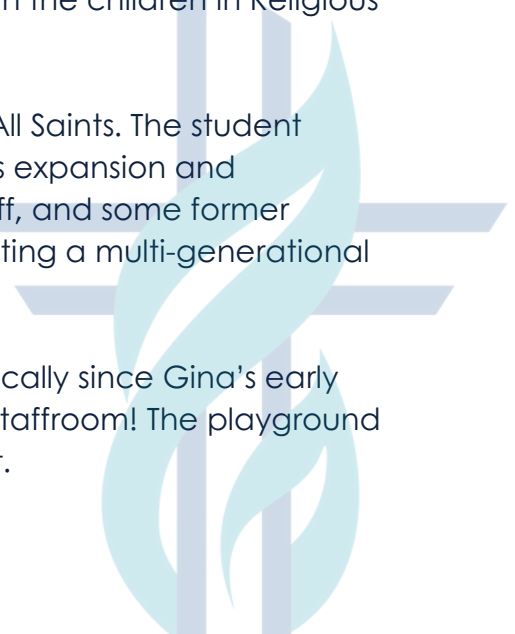
As we mark our 30th Anniversary this year, we're taking a moment to remember the contributions of our long-standing staff members at All Saints Catholic Primary School. One of these special individuals is Gina Cusano, who joined our school in 1994. Gina's journey reflects our school's growth, our community, and dedication to education. Gina Cusano first joined All Saints as a volunteer in 1994 before becoming an official staff member in 1996. Over the years, Gina has taken on numerous roles, including Library Technician, special needs support, classroom support, receptionist, and Administration Support. Her versatility and dedication have made her an integral part of the All Saints community. You will now see her smiling face in our Front Office, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

In her early years at All Saints, Gina worked under the leadership of Principal Mr. Clancy, with Anne Weygood serving as the Religious Education Coordinator. These leaders played a crucial role in establishing the school's ethos and fostering a sense of community.

Reflecting on her fondest memories, Gina recalls the joy of working at All Saints while her children were students themselves at All Saints. She cherishes the moments of seeing them grow within the educational environment. One of her most treasured memories is witnessing the children's faces light up during Book Week in the library. "It was always a magical and fantastic time," Gina reminisces. Additionally, working with children with special needs and witnessing their growth has been a profoundly rewarding experience for her. Gina also fondly remembers her parents' involvement during Italian Days, with her father making rosary beads with the children in Religious Education classes.

Over the years, Gina has witnessed significant changes at All Saints. The student population has grown from 94 to 539, reflecting the school's expansion and increasing diversity. She has also seen many changes in staff, and some former students returning as parents and even grandparents, creating a multi-generational community.

The school's physical environment has transformed dramatically since Gina's early days. When she started, the Year 6/7 classroom was in the staffroom! The playground was nothing more than dirt, with no playground equipment.



The classrooms were transportable buildings, reflecting the humble beginnings of the school. Today, modern facilities provide a comfortable and stimulating learning environment for students and staff alike.

Despite the growth in student and staff numbers, Gina notes that the sense of community at All Saints has remained strong. In the early days, the smaller school size meant that the community was more closely involved in school activities. Although the school has expanded, the commitment to fostering a supportive and inclusive community has endured.

Gina Cusano's journey at All Saints Catholic Primary School reflects the essence of dedication, adaptability, and community spirit. Her invaluable contributions and cherished memories are woven into our school's history, inspiring current and future students. As we celebrate her service, we also look forward to continuing the tradition of excellence and community that makes All Saints a special place to learn and grow.

Gina's dedication and passion have left a lasting impact on the school. As we celebrate 30 years of All Saints, we honour the contributions of long-serving staff members like Gina Cusano, whose commitment and love for the school have helped shape its legacy.

Thank you, Gina!

