

Christy Parker (nee Armstrong)

Full Name: **Christy Parker (nee Armstrong)**

What years were you a student at Centenary Heights SHS? **1982 - 1986**

How is it you came to study at Centenary Heights SHS? **My family lived in the area.**

What was your favourite subject/s at school? **Music and English**

How long has it been since you visited the school? **Still there teaching!**

Was there a teacher/ staff member who made a difference to your time at school?

Janelle Duane was my inspiration to become a Music Teacher. Also loved Margaret McVeigh for English. So many great teachers... John Grant, Graham Kennedy, Elsie Mackie, Trevor Jennings, Gary McMahon, Mary White, Jeff McGregor, Felicity Brennan, Necia Geiger, Mrs Franks, sorry to those I've missed ... you know... the memory!

What was your favourite memory of your time at the school?

Definitely being in all of the School Musicals. I was mainly involved in the band as a flautist/percussionist or harmony singer.

How did attending Centenary Heights SHS assist you beyond school?

Beyond school, CHSHS enabled me to be resilient and confident in my ability to learn. These skills enabled me to study Music at USQ and Education at Sydney University, teach a decade in a Sydney State School and then return to Toowoomba to work in a number of Schools in various subject areas. CHSHS has also given me amazing friends whom I still love and cherish today!

While at school, I learnt flute, was part of the choir and the concert band. I was also a member of the debating team. I was blessed to have Bob Walker as a Principal and then the wonderful Bevan Brennan, both fantastic leaders and generous people. I am indebted to my amazing teachers and the supportive and innovative culture of Centenary Heights State High School. I take this gratitude into all of my classrooms, wanting to 'pay it forward'. What a privilege.

What are you doing now? **Teaching at Centenary! Living the dream!!**