

Trudy Roberts (nee Armstrong)

My journey at Centenary Heights began at the beginning of Year 9 in 1980 and finished at the end of Year 12 in 1984. Mr Walker was the Principal at the time. I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Centenary Heights. My family had moved up from Sydney where I had attended a Public Girls High School for 2 years, in a suburb in the west of Sydney. Centenary Heights was such a nice change! The school had a very friendly and safe atmosphere. I felt the staff, with Mr Walker at the helm, was largely responsible for that.

I loved how Mr Walker knew every student's name! He also really encouraged me. I remember he took me aside and said that he could tell which year groups the Armstrong girls were in because they set the tone for the year! (That comment obviously had an impact as I still remember it 34 years later). I had the honour of spending a bit more time with him as I was elected the Student Liason role in Year 12. So at Centenary Heights my leadership skills were encouraged, and I am thankful for that.

The staff were great, full of all sorts of characters. I had Mr Thompson for Science, Miss Mackie and Mrs Gwyder for Home Ec, Mrs Franks for English, Mrs White for Form, Mrs Wiseman and Miss Duane for Music, Miss Maine and Mr Rintell for Art, Mr Franks for French, Mr Jennings and I think Mr Nolan for Maths. I mostly have good memories of the staff working hard at their job and making every effort to help me in my education. I did well on my TEE despite my lack of ability with abstract maths. "Vegie Maths" set me up well for Primary School Teaching, which I went on to do.

It was at Centenary Heights that I was able to attend and then run an I.S.C.F lunchtime club, something that I really appreciated and I still do today under Youth Care in Perth.

I also made lots of great friends at Centenary Heights. We really did have a good time together at Centenary Heights. In closing I have fond memories of my time at Centenary Heights and am grateful for my time there.