



# Celebrating Class of »1987«

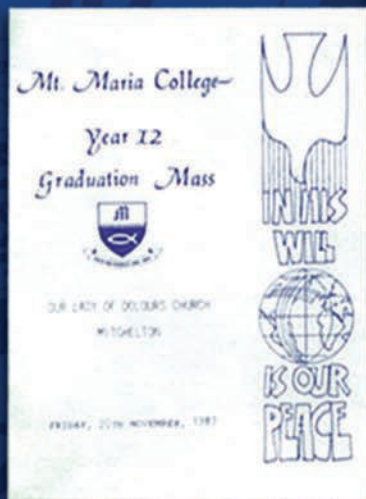
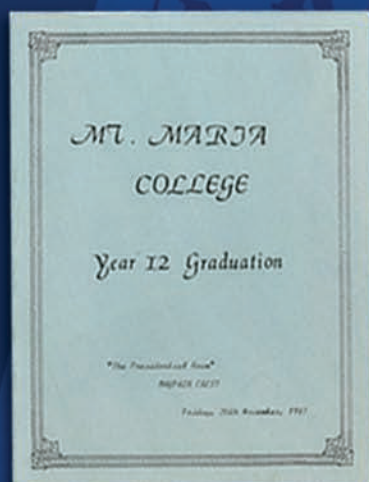
Welcome everyone to our 30 year school reunion. The halls of Mt Maria are not as they once were and many stories and memories will be shared on the night and some friendships that have lasted all this time celebrated.

When we attended the school there were 415, 202 were year 12 students and now the campus educates over 1,000 students each year. Many teachers and students have passed through the school and its fantastic opportunity for all of us to come back together.



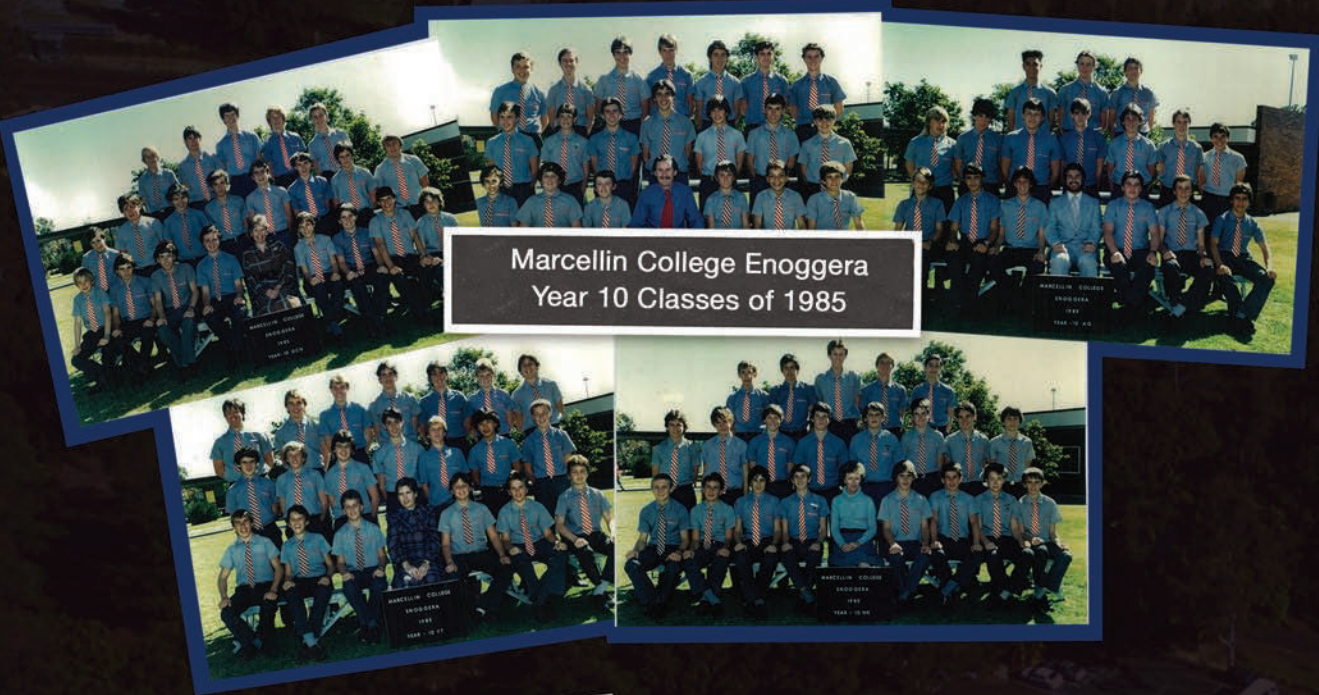
**YEAR 12**  
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SECOND ROW: Karen Rouaan, Judith Wilson, Michelle Pyndel, Diana Rutherford, Megan Ryan, Vanessa Do, Natalie Mason, Jan-Maree Mulrooney, Julie Kettleton, Michelle Meaney, Rachel Wood, Michelle Olsen, Nicole Toombs, Karen Allen, Joanne Lawrence, Fiona Fernan, Kristine Wilkes  
THIRD ROW: Lindsay Wilkes, Paul Pires, Michael Buttress-Grove, Wayne Ellis, Philip Connors, Darren Frazer, Chris Diggle, John Arnold, Mark Durston, Michael Holliday, David Fitz-Herbert, Michael Vercellio, Shane Rider, Mark Baird, Shaun Kerrigan, Dean Barnes, Brent O'Neill, Mark Michaels, Paul Carr, Giuseppe Salome, Anthony Agapow, Geoffrey Nicholson  
FOURTH ROW: Michael Gilroy, Angela Kelso, Rachel Powell, Alan Lawless, Laurene Trim, Megan Kelly, Deborah Nipperess, Alison Skilleen, Nerida McArdle, Tracey Lewis, Lisa-Maree Daniel, Louise Connan, Orlana Angione, Elizabeth Capper, Tania Wittington, Alicia Garry, Tania Wilimowicz, Janet Crawford, Kristine Szpila, Susan O'Callaghan, Suzanne Connolly, Maureen Harvey, Penelope Sealey, Tracey Vellinagel  
FIFTH ROW: Rene Weller, Thomas Vellinagel  
SIXTH ROW: Brenda Grant, Robert Kope, Anthony Austin, Derrick Saxi, Todd Franklin, Matthew Timms, Raymond Chilly, Mark Newweger, Geoffrey Pedwell, Jason Bensted, Brendan Nolan, Meaghan, Christine Delgo, Joanna Wilmont, Megan Taylor, Natalie Peterson, Samantha Croyle, Karen Moss, Helen Kestles, Vicki Gedde, Enn Bacon, Michelle Lawson, Kim Laan-Spink, Helen Punter, Helen Bowskull, Nichelle Sullivan, Jo Maree Bolland, Mark Harris, Philip Crowder, Mark Wrigley, Caroline Farnby  
SEVENTH ROW: Timothy Knof, Steven Bretac, Mark Harris, Philip Crowder, Mark Wrigley, Caroline Farnby  
EIGHTH ROW: Michael Fitzgerald, Andrew Davis, Michael Pappa, Daryn Shephard, Steven Casey, Sean Barrett, Darren Patterson, Anthony G...  
NINTH ROW: Leo Francis, Kevin Baker, Liam Lawless, Michael Mott, Michael Johnson, Adrian Marchesi, Darren Patterson, Anthony G...  
TENTH ROW: Stephen Wooderson, Brett Sheehan, Andrew Burns, Bradley Rampton, Andrew G...

## Reunion Committee



Staff of Mt Maria Senior  
College 1987

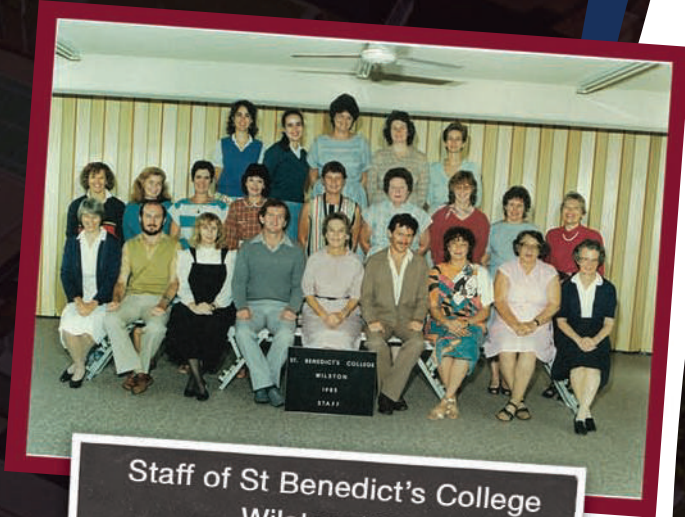




Marcellin College Enoggera  
Year 10 Classes of 1985



Staff of Marcellin College  
Enoggera 1985



Staff of St Benedict's College  
Wilston 1985



St Benedict's College Wilston  
Year 10 Classes of 1985







**Matt Tims**  
**Class of 1987**

My story, through Mt Maria I also had part time jobs before and after school starting at 3am till 7am weekdays and working weekends to assist my family with school fees. When leaving school I went to work at PGH Clay Bricks and Pavers at Strathpine as a Laboratory Assistant and worked my way through the company learning all facets of business from Operations, Administration , Sales , Logistics and Production Improvement, holding management and supervisory roles.

On Leaving that position I went to work for the Family Company Timms Haulage (Earthmoving ) as Operations Manager, then branching away from the family I worked for Quirks Refrigeration (Commercial) as QLD State Operations Manager, managing again all aspects of the business through the state but also NSW and VIC. Decided then that Earthmoving was calling me back managed my own business for just over 10 years working on many projects including ICB, Westfields Chermside, David Jones (Queen Street), QRAIL upgrades, Airport Link , and many more.

Currently working as Real Estate Agent for Peter Campbell Realty in Albany Creek a family company since 1970 how ironic.

Always lived in Brisbane but have travelled to USA, New Zealand and Singapore and want to travel more.

I am a father of 3 sons and 1 daughter.

Following our final year at Mt Maria I started training as a Nurse at the Royal Brisbane Hospital in the final Hospital trained Nursing cohort before it became solely University trained. I worked in several areas of the hospital including oncology, medical, urology, paediatrics, accident and emergency, theatre and ear, nose and throat wards. I completed 2 out of the 3-year course before resigning and enrolling at QUT to undertake a teaching degree.

I commenced my Teaching Degree in 1991 and in my final year coupled this with getting married and playing rugby league for Brisbane Wests Panthers which we played the Grand Final against Redcliffe Dolphins. We lost but was informed shortly after that I was selected to tour South Africa for the Queensland Residents. I was lucky enough to play all but one game on tour including a Test Match against the South African International side which we won. Upon return for the South African tour I commenced playing for the South Queensland Crushers in their lower grades and persevered through the season hampered with injury. During this time, I was also in my first year of teaching at Deception Bay North teaching Grade 7.

Off note I could see firsthand how the Super League war in rugby league was being played out with players openly discussing this during training.

In 2003, I represented Australia in the Men's 30's at the Touch Football World Cup in Japan. And currently sit on the Queensland Touch Football Board. The following year I was transferred to the Gold Coast and started teaching in a 3-teacher school. I remained there for 3 years before moving to North Queensland and doing a Teaching Principal role. During this time, our two sons were born Harrison and Braiden.

I returned to Brisbane as a Deputy Principal at Serviceton South in Inala before returning to the Gold Coast in a variety of positions and schools. Currently I am the Principal of Burleigh Heads State School and have been in this position for the past 9 years.



**Peter Tong**  
**Class of 1987**



**John Telfer  
Teacher**



I retired from Mount Maria in 2002 and moved to Tugun on the Gold Coast. I was offered and did work at Marymount College at Burleigh Heads and at St. Michaels at Carrara. We got sick of Unit living and relocated to Warwick in 2005 and we have finally settle here. I immediately was contacted about doing Supply Teaching around the Darling Downs and have spent time at such diverse Primary Schools as Killarney, Tannymorel, Warwick West, Warwick East, Warwick Central, St. Mary's and at Assumption College in Warwick.

I was asked to teach at Scots PGC College here in Warwick, where apart from contract and Supply Teaching, I worked in the boys boarding on some nights and loved it. I finally semi-retired in 2015 but still do some work at Scots mainly organising their Anzac Day services and teaching dance to the Year 12's for their Formal,

In my spare time, I have written 8 books mainly on local and Anzac history. I did write the Wilston-Grange AFL club history last year. I have just finished writing the Warwick Sub-Branch of the RSL 100 Year history which will be published in November. I was invited by the Warwick Daily News local newspaper to write Anzac stories for them and I produce one ever 2 weeks for publication.

I was awarded the Southern Downs Australia Day Cultural Awards in 2013 and again in 2016, and was in the No10 Squadron Mt. Superbus climb to the 1954 Lincoln Bomber crash to lay a Wreath. I am told that I am the oldest man to achieve the arduous climb. I hope this helps as you can see I have had a busy life but I still have very fond memories of Mount Maria as I spent a wonderful 22 years there, and my Grandson now attends there, and I look forward to seeing you all on 14th October.

I had no idea that 30 years after graduation I'd be all nicely settled, living la dolce vita in Milan, Italy.

It all began back when I started my hairdressing apprenticeship straight out of school. Once I became a fully qualified hairdresser I changed course completely and trained as a triage nurse. However, between changing dressings and performing ECGs, I was itching to be creative again and the world started calling my name. These two forces forged the way for my present career...but I'll get to that in a minute.

I set off from Brisbane, with just a suitcase and big dreams, in 1994 and never looked back. I've lived in London, Edinburgh, Madrid, Mykonos and I've now been in Milan for 17 years. My dream was to work in fashion in Milan but I didn't know in what capacity. So, I started working with the models doing hair and make-up for the runway shows in Milan and Paris but soon realized it wasn't what I wanted to do. After sharing my creative ideas with fashion designer friends, and having those ideas become financially successful, I went to Central Saint Martins in London where I studied Fashion Forecasting and Trend Prediction. I now work freelance for fashion houses in Milan, Paris and London as a Coolhunter, researching past and current trends to predict what the future trends will be. My work takes me wherever I find something interesting, including twice-yearly visits to NY Fashion Week, as well as Fashion Weeks on and off the continent. I also collaborate with Vogue, Vanity Fair and Numero journalists writing articles about the next cool, up-and-coming bars, restaurants, nightclubs, cities etc.

When I'm not forecasting next season's trends I can be found in some far away land having one adventure after another. I've travelled to over 70 countries and have had incredible experiences along the way, such as teaching English to Buddhist monks in a monastery in Tibet and being caught up as an innocent bystander in a drug-fuelled crossfire in Lima, Peru. I've also lived with a nomad family in Mongolia for one month and been to the North Pole to watch the Polar Bear migration.

On a personal note, I never ventured down the path of domestic bliss but am incredibly happy living with my Iranian boyfriend, Amir, a part-time model/part-time physics professor. Even though I can predict the future professionally I don't know what's in store for me personally.... but I'm awfully curious.



**Anita Lawrence  
Class of 1987**



Horror Dance -  
13 March  
1987



# HAPPY SNAPS

Combined  
Colleges  
Swimming  
Carnival







**Dean Barnes**  
**Class of 1987**

Hi everyone, 30 years have passed since we graduated in 1987. I wonder over the years what has everyone been doing, with the aid of Facebook its kept us up to date as to what most people have been doing. Well just a little rundown on what I have accomplished since I left school.

My first 7 years I spent working as a locksmith. When I had enough of this I decided driving trucks was my passion. In this time has seen me move out west driving road trains and now driving fridge vans carting produce all over the east coast of Australia.

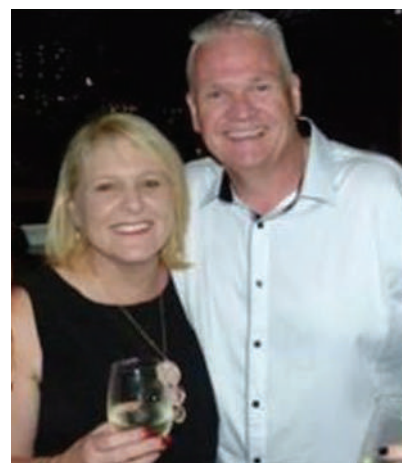
I'm happily married with 2 great kids who have stood by my side all the way. I'm very much looking forward to seeing everyone at our reunion.

30 years sounds like a huge number, but everyone I have spoken to about catching up for our school reunion agrees that we don't feel much different on the inside ... we just look it on the outside! I left school and went straight on an exchange to Bolivia for 12 months, so I lost contact with a lot of people after Year 12. I started 2 uni degrees, but never finished either. I've worked mostly in administration jobs in high schools, and this always reminded me of how good our senior years were. I really loved the social scene we created together during our 2 years at Mt Maria, and probably loved the time between classes more than the learning.

I have a beautiful family and am happy in my life. My two adult daughters keep my husband and I busy, and life is never dull.

Connecting up with so many people on Facebook before this event has been wonderful. Seeing old friends' families, holidays and photos has given me a fighting chance of remembering everyone's names at the reunion! It's also been terrific to connect up with some of our Yr 11 & 12 teachers who were such a big part of our school years.

It has been great to work with the committee to bring everyone together. We are all really like-minded, as we wanted the evening to be fun and hassle free. We hope you enjoy the event. I'm sure we will celebrate 40 years and marvel at how we have all survived and stayed great friends. Long live the class of '87. Cheers!



**Di Logan (Wilmot)**  
**Class of 1987**



**Glen Stewart**  
**Class of 1987**

Very excited about the 30 year reunion. Married with 6 beautiful daughters and have two grandsons with another two grandkids on the way.

Feel very lucky to still have close friends from Mt Maria. I work at Hanos Car Care at the BP at Albany Creek as Service Manager. Recovered from a stroke in October 2015.

Loving life and getting better every day!

**In memory - may he rest in peace**  
**Brett Sheehan**



# History of Mt Maria College Mitchelton

Mt Maria, comprising the Good Shepherd Convent, Home and Laundry, was opened in 1931 as an Industrial School for girls. Industrial Schools for girls were homes "licensed by the State for the reception of delinquent girls". They were for girls who had "offended sexually or committed crimes" with the aim of the home being to stabilise the girls' character.

The Good Shepherd Sisters had a history of caring for young girls in danger, who were unprotected and unguarded. Consequently, it is estimated that, in the years between 1831 and 1974, over 1,800 girls passed through Mt Maria. In its peak period of the 1950s and 1960s, in any one year there would have been as many as 98 teenage girls continually in residence. The Sisters also cared for a small number of girls with intellectual disabilities as well as fifteen or so older girls. Many were sent to Mt Maria direct from the Courts, some because they were declared uncontrollable at home, others because they were simply destitute and had nowhere else to turn. The minimum age was 14 although there were girls here of 13 years of age and a few as young as 12 years of age.

In 1966, the institution was renamed The Mt Maria Re-Education Centre.

## A New Chapter for Mt Maria College

"The Catholic Leader" of 14 November, 1976, telegraphed further changes with its headline: "Mitchelton girls home to be co-educational school conducted by archdiocese". It went on to say that "A senior co-educational college is to be opened by the Archdiocese of Brisbane at Mitchelton in 1978, as a result of a decision by the Catholic Education Council."

However, a premature beginning took place in 1977, with Marcellin College moving its second senior class into the site a year early. The Marcellin Years 11 and 12 boys moved because of accommodation problems posed by increasing Grade 8 enrolments at Marcellin College's Enoggera campus. Refer to the family tree for a timeline of the history of the College.

The plan was to make The Good Shepherd Convent/Mt Maria Youth Centre site a senior co-educational college for students from St Benedict's Girls College at Wilston and Marcellin Boys College at Enoggera. The Marist Brothers were invited to administer this new senior co-educational college, with Brother Terence Heinrich as the first Principal. This proposal was endorsed by the Mother-General of the Good Samaritan Sisters who administered St Benedict's. The campus retained the name of Mt Maria, and so, on 25th January 1978, the first senior co-educational classes were assembled at Mt Maria Senior College, Mitchelton.

In the late 1980s, all three colleges operated together as "Combined Colleges" when competing in sporting events such as Interschool Swimming and Athletics. This served to strengthen the ties between Mitchelton, Enoggera and Wilston.

Marcellin College at Enoggera remained a boys school until 1992, catering for Years 5-7 in the Primary School and Years 8-10 in Junior Secondary, both schools operating on the same site with separate administrations. The primary classes were phased out during 1984-6 in line with Catholic Education Office policy of retaining primary education in parish schools. In 1992, Marcellin Junior Secondary amalgamated with the junior secondary classes from St Benedict's Girls College, to form Mt Maria Junior Secondary Co-educational College on the Enoggera campus. St Benedict's College closed at the end of the 1991 academic year.

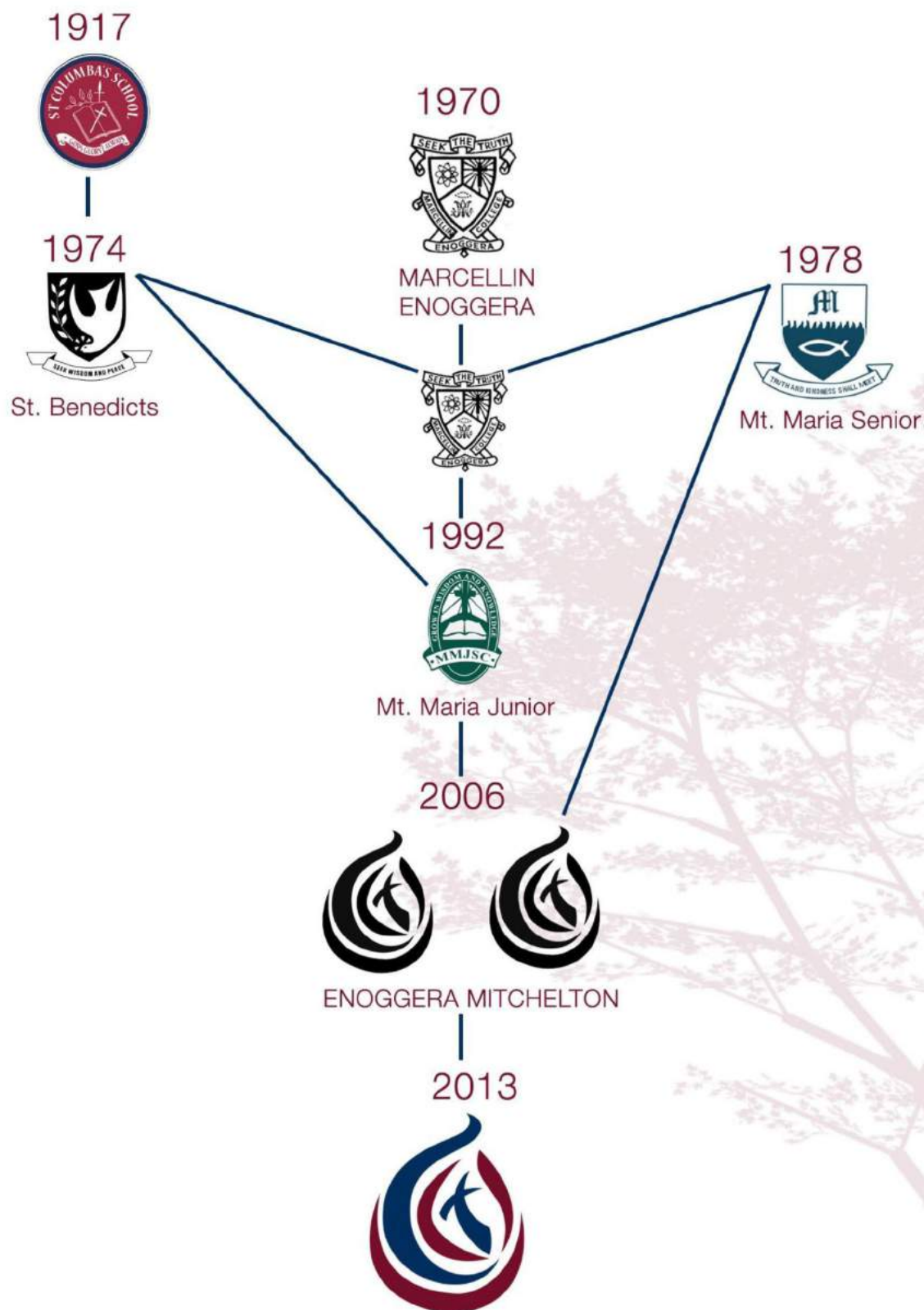
Mt Maria Senior at Mitchelton and Mt Maria Junior at Enoggera continued to operate as separate colleges with their own principals until 2006 when one administrator was appointed to oversee both campuses. In 2012 and 2013, Year Levels were phased from Enoggera into Mt Maria Mitchelton; and Grade 7 students were added in 2015 in consequence of the Queensland Government decision to follow other states and include Year 7 in secondary school campuses.

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# Good Shepherd Home Mt. Maria Mitchelton 1931



**Mt. Maria College Mitchelton**  
**Strong Minds Compassionate Heart**





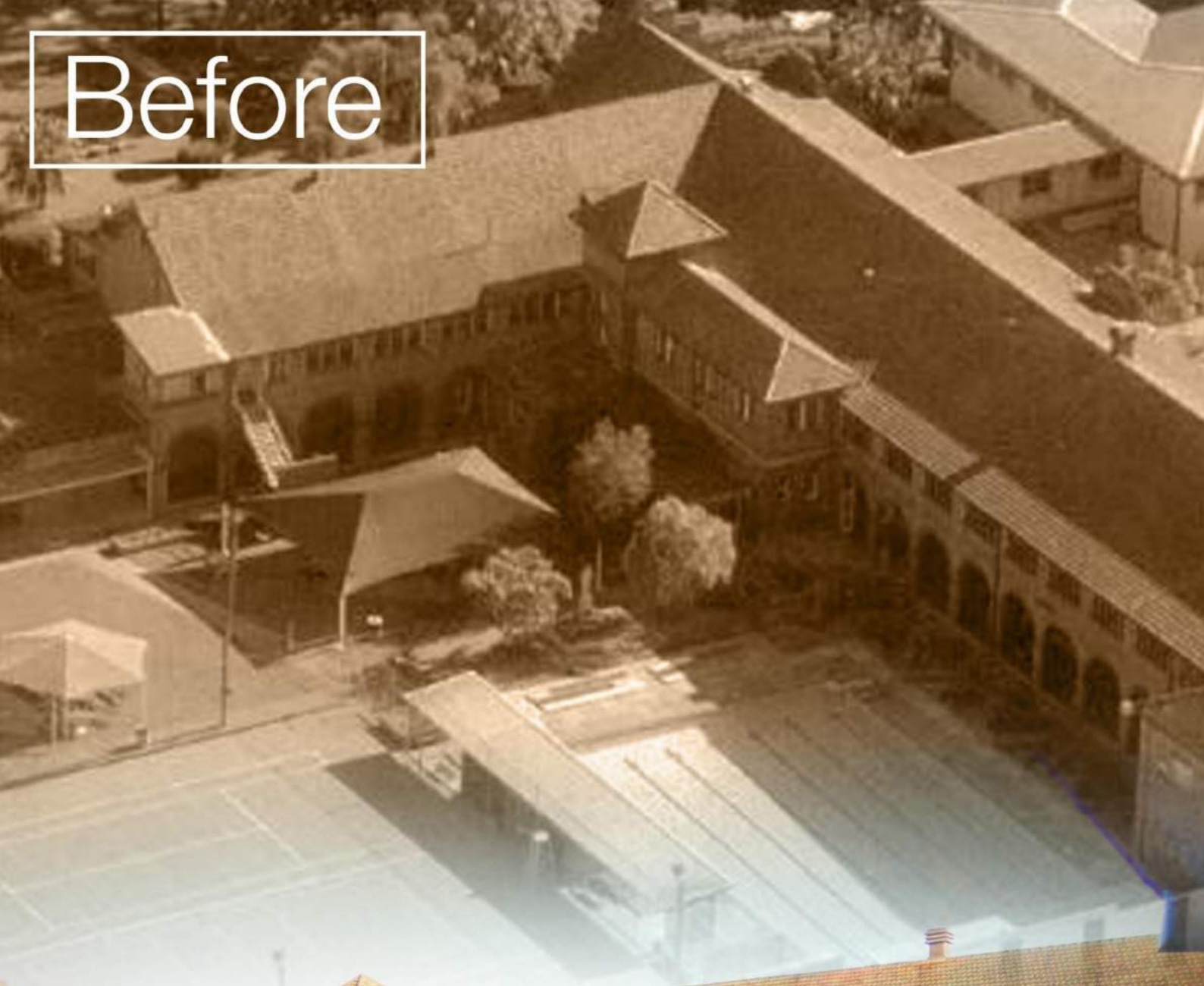
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