

## Celebrating 75 years of St Cuthbert's Catholic School 1938 - 2013

### Our History:

In 1938, a one-roomed wooden school named for Saint Cuthbert was built in Lindisfarne, under the auspices of the Presentation Sisters. It opened with an enrolment of 32 pupils with Sister M Genevieve as the first Principal. Sophie Triffett, Francois and Patricia Cockerill and June and Denis Cox were the first entries in the Student Enrolment Register.

The building served as a School during the week and as a Church at the weekend. This remained the case until 1967 when the Church of the Incarnation was built.

For the first 18 years (until 1956), the Sisters travelled to and from Lindisfarne each day - at first from St Mary's Convent in Hobart and later from Bellerive. An eight-roomed house was purchased at 43 Malunna Road in 1957 where Sister M Leo and Sister M Michael took up residence. In 1960 the Sisters moved into a new convent at 30 Corinna Road overlooking the school.

Although the first school had been added to, in 1961 a separate brick building comprising 2 classrooms was completed, followed in later years by 5 more classrooms, an art and craft room, Principal's Office, staff room and new toilet block.

In 1975 a large hall, two smaller rooms and a canteen were built in the school grounds and have been used over the years by the Parish, the School and local community groups. Some years later a kitchen was added to the Hall area.

During 1984 additions including a new staff room, Principal's Office, Secretary's Office, classroom and library were built. Sadly at this time, the original building known as 'The Green Building' was demolished due to its poor condition and to provide additional playground space.

The convent and another house adjoining the school property were purchased by the Board of Management of St Cuthbert's to add to the School's classroom and playground area.

Other improvements and additions in more recent times have included the establishment of Kindergarten in 2002 and from 2007 'Before and After School Care'.

Over the years, new play equipment on both top and bottom levels have been built. These have replaced the old pine structures that were installed by the PSF Committee at working bees. These have included the shade-sails and the soft recycled rubber surface. In 2008 the deck was built on Corinna Road to establish a dedicated drop-off and pick-up zone.

2010 - 2011 saw a substantial building programme undertaken as part of the Labor Government's 'Building the Education Revolution' (BER). The existing seven classrooms were refurbished and two dedicated Early Years' classrooms were built. This funding also allowed for the School's grounds to be re-developed and landscaped.

In 1968, St Cuthbert's had an enrolment of 195 pupils and a staff of 5 teachers: Sister M Francis (Sister in Charge) Sister Maria Goretti, Sister M Gerrard, Mrs Melba Kirkham and Mrs Jan Thomas.

In 2013 at our 75th Anniversary, there are 9 classes with a total enrolment of 254 students and a staff of 28, some of whom work part-time.

From its first intake of pupils in 1938 to 2013 St Cuthbert's has provided a quality Catholic education for thousands of children on Hobart's Eastern Shore. We are indebted to the dedication and service of the Presentation Sisters and to the many teachers and staff who have taught and worked at St Cuthbert's during this time. They have all followed in the footsteps of Nano Nagle and have answered her call to...

*'Take care of my schools.'*



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