

BUNBURY CATHEDRAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

HISTORIC NAMES WITHIN THE SCHOOL

Named Facilities

Marie Palmer Boarding House and Richard Palmer Oval

Richard Palmer and his family firm were great benefactors of the School. Their pledge of \$50,000 in 1971 was vital to the success of the initial fundraising campaign. Richard was the Regional Chairman of the Campaign Committee and the Palmer's earth-moving equipment was used to complete much of the early site work.



Marie Palmer Boarding House was named in honour of Richard's mother. Born in 1892, Mrs Palmer came to Collie from England as an infant. The mother of 10, she was almost 80 when the Grammar School was built. Richard said of his mother, "She worked like hell to bring up her children and she deserves recognition. The Boarding house will stand in perpetuity and is our way of doing it." Marie Palmer died in late 1975.

Despite never serving on the Board, Richard Palmer was made an Honorary Life Member of the Board in 1976 in recognition of his outstanding service and generosity to the School. The Palmer family's support continued over an extensive period of time and included the construction of a second oval in 1984.

Richard sought no recognition for himself but at the insistence of the Board the oval was named **Richard Palmer Oval**, a lasting tribute to a great benefactor. Richard Palmer died in 1989.

June Reilly Boarding House

Handpicked by Bishop Ralph Hawkins, Mrs June Reilly was appointed as the School's foundation Bursar in 1971. She was one of the School's very first Staff members and continued as School Bursar until her retirement in 1985. Mrs Reilly was truly instrumental in the School's early development; prepared to work all hours, her precise accountancy skills were vital in easing the School through those tough early years when the financial challenges seemed almost insurmountable!

Mrs Reilly was Honorary Treasurer of the Board of Governors from 1976 - 1985, Honorary Secretary from 1983 - 1985 and was named as a Life Member of the Board in 1980. In 1981 she was elected President of the Bursars' Association of Western Australia. Mrs Reilly also taught Accountancy and Typing, found time to speak at ANZAC Day services and write articles for the Grammarian. She played a vital role in setting up the Former Students' Association (now Old Grammarians' Association) and was named as an Honorary Life Member of that Association in 1992. In her retirement Mrs Reilly created the magnificent, life-sized tapestry of St. Boniface that was presented to the School in 1988. The Board of

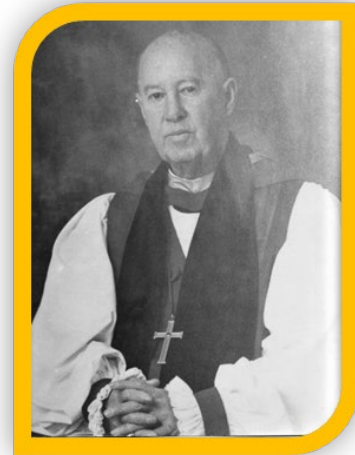


Governors named **June Reilly Boarding House** in honour of this wonderful lady who made such an immeasurable contribution to our School. Mrs Reilly died in 2007.

Bishop Ralph Hawkins Centre (Administration Building)

Bishop Ralph Hawkins was one of the School's most significant founders. Indeed the School was his vision. He Chaired the Provisional Schools' Council from 1967 – 1971, prior to the establishment of the School. He was instrumental in raising the initial funds to establish the School and went on to be the founding Chairman of the Board of Governors in 1972 and the Visitor from 1972 – 1976.

Bishop of Bunbury for almost 20 years, he was also instrumental in the building of St Boniface Cathedral. Bishop Hawkins retired on 31 Jan 1977 and was made a Companion to the Order of St Michael and St George in the Queen's Honour List for his lifetime of service to the Church and education. He died on 16 July 1987.



Lishman Library (Val and Jean Lishman)

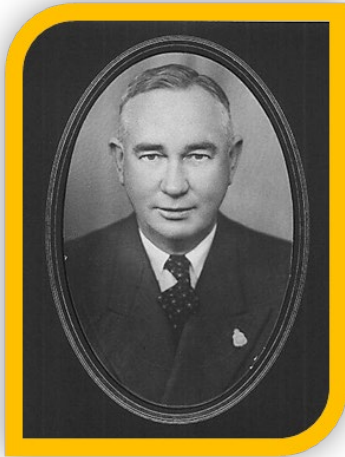
Mr Val and Mrs Jean Lishman are two the School's most significant founders. Both are Honorary Life Members of the Board of Governors. Val served 21 years on the Board with two terms as Chairman of the Board from 1973 – 1986 and 1988 – 1994. Jean also spent 21 years as a member of the Board, from 1973 - 1994. Prior to the School's opening in 1972 and throughout its early years, Jean played a major role on the Uniform Committee, and from 1973 – 1978 she was the Board's Honorary Secretary.



In addition, Val's service to medicine within the South West and the State is legendary. He also served as medical officer for an Australian expedition to climb Mt Gauri Shanker as well as during an Antarctica Expedition. In 1993 Val was made a Member of the General Division of the Order of Australia. Jean also has made outstanding contributions to numerous charitable causes including the Kindergarten Association of WA, Riding for the Disabled, the Pony Club Association and Equestrian Federation of WA.

Perhaps more importantly than all other contributions, Val and Jean had a significant impact on the development of the School's unique identity. The ethos of the School today to a large part reflects their input and attributes. The **Lishman Library** and the **Lishman Lap of Valour** are named in recognition of the outstanding and ongoing contribution that the Lishman family has made to the School.

Sir Stewart Bovell Meeting Room



Born in Busselton on 19 December 1906, William Stewart Bovell led a life devoted to the community. He used to say that his life was directed by loyalties to the three Cs: Christianity, the Crown and the Conservative Party. (We could well add Children.) For more than a quarter of a century the Grammar School benefited from Sir Stewart's wisdom and philanthropy. He was a member of the Board of Governors from 1974 – 1998 and supported all stages of the School's development from the early 1970s until the late 1990s. He was a Patron of the 1987 'Priority Programme' and the 1997 'Meeting the Challenge' fundraising campaign for the Design and Technology Centre. Sir Stewart Bovell died in 1999. It was his dream to see the School Chapel built and although he wasn't around to see it, he was a great benefactor of this project. A generous bequest of \$100,000 from his Will provided an

inspirational boost to the Chapel fundraising campaign and after more than 25 years the Chapel finally became a reality. The **Sir Stewart Bovell Room** in the Chapel complex was named in his honour.

A bank officer from 1924 – 1940, Sir Stewart served in the Royal Australian Air Force from 1941 – 1946. Returning to Busselton he became a partner and manager in the family business of shipping agents, tax consultants and land agents. In 1947 he was elected to the seat of Sussex (which became the seat of Vasse) in the WA Legislative Assembly. During his long and distinguished parliamentary career he served as Minister for Lands, Forests and Immigration for 12 years from 1959 until his retirement in 1971. At various times he was also Minister for Labour, Chief Government Whip, and Opposition Whip and served on various parliamentary committees. His maiden speech highlighted education, an issue that continued to be of central importance to him. He was concerned that many country children suffered from lack of educational opportunities compared with their city counterparts. Sir Stewart was knighted in 1976 for service to Western Australia and the community.

Westralian Sands Laboratory (E6)

In 1987 Westralian Sands donated \$50,000.00 towards the new Science Laboratory. In the same year, they also helped with the completion of the new hardcourt area, providing vital netball/tennis courts. This was at a time when additional facilities were desperately needed, particularly in Science. Government funding was dwindling and economic times were difficult due to a drought and stock market crash. This generous support from Westralian Sands was both timely and of enormous practical benefit to the School. (The Science Block Extensions in 2004 – 2005 were partly funded by donations from Doral Mineral Sands Pty Ltd, Dynea WA Pty Ltd and Worsley Alumina Pty Ltd.)

Irene Bourne Early Childhood Centre

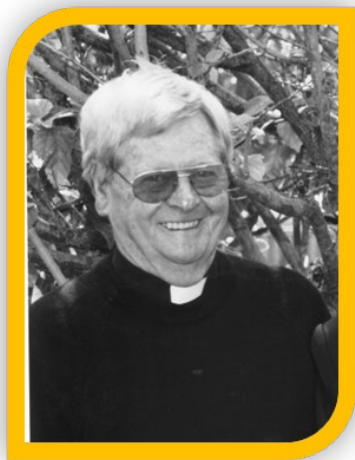
Mrs Bourne was a School parent from 1981 – 1995, President of the Ladies' Auxiliary from 1981 – 1985, a member of the Board of Governors from 1985 – 2006



and Chairman of the Board from 1995 – 2005. She was recognised with Honorary Life Membership of the Board in 2005. During her period on the Board Irene also chaired the General Purposes Committee and the Uniform Committee. She assisted in the establishment of the on-site School Clothing Shop and the Grammar Foundation.

Mrs Bourne undertook all roles with wisdom and vigour. Teaching was Irene's passion and lifetime career. In addition to her roles with the Grammar School Irene taught with great professionalism in primary schools within the district. The **Irene Bourne Early Childhood Centre** opened in 2005 was named in her honour. Irene has worked as a volunteer in Archives since 2004, where her knowledge of the School is invaluable.

Father Brian Newing Café



Father Brian was a parent of the School from 1983 – 1991, a member of the Board of Governors from 1987 – 2005, a valued member of the Finance Committee and a long-time Vice Chairman of the Board. His wise council and outstanding contribution to the Board was recognised with Honorary Life Membership in 2005. Father Brian also stood in when the School was without a Chaplain.

The social benefits of a Café were strongly advocated by Father Brian and his foresight resulted in a facility that is a centre of great social interaction amongst all members of the School Family. Outside the School and in addition to his priestly duties, Father Brian led a busy and successful corporate life, sitting on many Boards and community bodies, and in particular with Anglicare, Bunbury Regional Prison and Wattle Hill Lodge. He was awarded the Order of Australia in 2008.

Tony Brooker Sports Pavilion

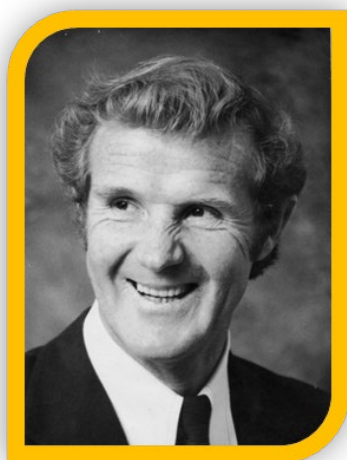
Mr Tony Brooker was the School's second Headmaster, at the School from 1978 – 1991. Tony came to the School in its infancy and through careful nurturing saw it through its adolescence. Tony was perhaps most proud of Boarding where he helped to develop the innovative cottage system that was recognised across Australia and is still in use at Grammar today. Tony saw the whole School as a family; of students, staff, parents and former students. The wonderful School community that we have today is in no small way the result of Tony's efforts. In fact, when the fledgling Former Students' Association (now Old Grammarians' Association) was floundering in the late 1970s Tony almost single-handedly salvaged it by taking on the role of Secretary and providing vital School support. Tony was also a key hockey player within the McNess Hockey teams which proved a focus for the FSA Reunion Weekends and Dinners.



Tony was talented in a variety of sports. Before coming to BCGS he had enjoyed a distinguished hockey career, playing for Rhodesia and Oxfordshire. He played and coached with great success throughout his teaching career. It was during Tony's time at Grammar that hockey became a sporting strength at the School. However, it was not so much his skill or his hard work at training which left a lasting impression but rather his sportsmanship and determination, and the pleasure he felt in simply playing. It is

extremely fitting that the **Tony Brooker Sports Pavilion** was named in his honour in 2011.

Eric Speed Kindergarten and Pre-Primary Centre



Mr Eric Speed was the School's Foundation Headmaster, appointed in August 1971. An extraordinarily hardworking man, Eric supervised the construction of school buildings, interviewed parents of prospective students and appointed teaching staff. As the first independent, co-educational boarding school in Australia, the School was breaking new ground. Despite extremely tough economic times, the School trebled in numbers in its first six years. It also made excellent progress academically, so that by 1977 it had a sound academic standard, equal to any other school in the State. He showed a true pastoral concern for the School in its totality; in religious, sporting, academic and cultural aspects.

It is very appropriate that in 2011 the Board of Governors decided to name the **Eric Speed Kindergarten & Pre-Primary Centre** in Eric's honour. Furthermore, the access road for the new Centre has long been named Speed Retreat

Other Historic Names in the School

The House Names

After lengthy debate and numerous, not always terribly serious but frequently most entertaining suggestions, the foundation staff agreed that the Houses should be named after the first four Bishops of the Diocese of Bunbury: Goldsmith, Wilson, Knight and Redding. Bishop Hawkins was the fifth Bishop of Bunbury and the inaugural Chairman of the Board of Governors. It is most fitting that this School, with its strong links with the Cathedral, should commemorate its founding fathers, the Bishops of the Diocese of Bunbury, by naming the School Houses after them. (Adapted from the Bonifacian, 1972 - S.M.B (Mrs Suzanne Biddles), Editor

Goldsmith House

The Right Reverend Frederick Goldsmith (1904 – 1917)

The Very Rev Fredrick Goldsmith was enthroned on 18 July 1904 to be the first Bishop of the new Diocese of Bunbury. From the very beginning, he stressed the necessity of building a Cathedral. The site, "Brent Tor", where St Boniface Cathedral now stands was purchased in 1916. The first service was held there on ANZAC Day 1916, indicating the early intention of making the Cathedral into a war memorial. Bishop Goldsmith said, "No more worthy object can we have for a memorial to the brave men whom the war has robbed us, and a thankyou-offering to God for the restoration of peace."

Bishop Goldsmith fostered pastoral care in outlying areas. In 1913, the "House of Grace" was built in Williams to house a Bush Brotherhood of mobile clergy to reach into remote areas. This brotherhood was fittingly named after St Boniface, the great missionary saint whose name is connected with the town of Bunbury in Cheshire, England. This was the first use of the name Boniface in the Diocese. Twenty-two churches were built in the Diocese during Bishop Goldsmith's pioneering period, including St John's in Burekup, All Saints in Collie, St Paul's Bridgetown and Ravensthorpe, the outpost of the diocese. Bishop Goldsmith resigned in 1917.

Wilson House

The Right Reverend Cecil Wilson (1918 – 1937)

The Right Reverend Cecil Wilson, the second Bishop of Bunbury, was a returned missionary and a great cricketer. These were the years of Group Settlement and other immigration. Bishop Wilson continued to stress the need for a worthy Cathedral and in his time plans for the building were drawn up. On the subject of building a Cathedral Bishop Wilson said,

“I want you to consider it not so much as a burden but a privilege laid on us of this generation to perform.”

Post-war and Depression problems prevented further action on a Cathedral but the church marched on. Bishop Wilson worked hard to establish schools and churches. St John’s Wickepin, St Margaret’s Gnowangarup, St Martin’s Manjimup, St Mildred’s Tenterden, St John’s Capel, Holy Trinity Williams and Holy Innocents at Fairbridge Farm were built during Bishop Wilson’s episcopacy.

The Wilson House Buildings (Chaplaincy Centre and Boarding Building)

The Anglican Nuns, known as the Sisters of St Elizabeth (the Grey Sisters), first came to WA at the time of the soldier settlement schemes in the Southwest of WA in the early decades of the twentieth century. They did valuable work in education and subsequently established a boarding facility (hostel) for country girls attending high school in Bunbury. Located opposite Hands Oval on the corner of Clarke Street and Spencer Street, it housed students until 1952 when it was finally closed.

The Grammar School opened in 1972 and faced with rapidly increasing numbers and a severe rural downturn, financing the required increase in buildings was difficult. The Grey Sisters’ boarding facility was transported to the School in late 1972. It is believed that the Carbet Castle Bell came as part of the relocation. The buildings were used for various purposes including a Boarding House (Wilson House) and an Assembly Hall, the School’s first Canteen, a Photography Lab and the Art Department. Later this building became the Chapel and developed into the Chaplaincy Centre. In 2010, the Chaplaincy Centre was demolished to make way for the extension of the Administration Building and the establishment of Pastoral Care Offices.

Knight House

The Right Reverend Leslie Albert Knight (1938 – 1950)

Bishop Knight’s episcopacy covered the difficult time of the Second World War. His work lay in the hearts of the people rather than the buildings that were able to be erected. He and his wife are remembered with great gratitude for their work of encouragement and strengthening of the Mothers’ Union and Ladies’ Guild, encouraging a caring and compassionate community.

Another of Bishop Knight’s achievements was the establishment of “The Messenger”, a monthly publication which still circulates in the diocese today. It provided a vital link to bind the huge diocese together and kept the Cathedral-building project venture before the people.

Redding House

The Right Reverend Donald Redding (1951 – 1957)

Bishop Redding’s episcopacy included the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Bunbury. At the Jubilee Thanksgiving Service on September 20, 1954, 2000 people joined in the singing of Holy Eucharist on the Brent Tor site.

Bishop Redding saw the Cathedral Building Project revived. Preliminary work was carried out on the Brent Tor site, including leveling, consolidating and construction of the semi-circular concrete retaining wall that stands below the eastern face of the Cathedral today. Other churches built during this time included St Elizabeth’s, Broomehill and St Michael and All Saints, Roelands.

Named Speech Day Prizes

Michael Eastman Memorial Prize for Girls

Awarded on the basis of exemplary behaviour, presentation and courtesy.

Michael Eastman was a highly respected member of our School and the broader community. He was a member of the Board of Governors 1975 – 1978 and 1983 – 1994. Michael chaired the Finance Committee for several years where his astute judgement and careful application of financial skills played an enormous role in the establishment and consolidation of the School. He was made an Honorary Life Member of the Board in 1995.

Sadly Michael passed away in 2002, survived by his wife Lorraine, son Marcus (88) and daughter Ryah (91).

Craddock Prize for Boys (Keith and Audrey)

Awarded on the basis of exemplary behaviour, presentation and courtesy.

Mrs Audrey Craddock was a member of the School's Provisional Council set up to oversee the establishment of the School from 1967. She went on to be a member of the Board of Governors from 1972 – 1986. Mrs Craddock chaired the School's original Uniform Committee and as such was instrumental in the establishment of our School Uniform.

Mrs Craddock was quoted in the South West Times, Thursday September 9, 1971. "The Committee has tried to select a style that is attractive and practical ... easily laundered and drip dry." Mr Craddock passed away in 2010, and Mrs Audrey Craddock passed away in 2020.

John Jeffreys Prize

Awarded to the boy who has been an outstanding and exemplary member of the School community.

A dedicated Staff member from 1975 – 1999, John influenced the lives of thousands of students who came under his care and he helped to establish the traditions and atmosphere of the School. John filled a myriad of roles within the School; parent, Economics teacher, Deputy Head, Acting Headmaster and Head of Boarding. John also devoted time and energy to Wesley School in Salamo, Papua New Guinea; while on Leave and in his spare time over many years, John filled a variety of roles as first their Headmaster, and later their ongoing mentor. He led many philanthropic expeditions to the remote island including staff and student volunteers from BCGS. John was named as a Special Life Member of the Old Grammarians' Association in 2005, as was his wife Kerry in 2007 and former students are always delighted to see them at OGA events.

Margaret Mardon Prize

Awarded to the girl who has been an outstanding and exemplary member of the School community.

A dedicated Staff member from 1974 – 1999, Margaret influenced the lives of thousands of students who came under her care and she helped to establish the traditions and atmosphere of the School. Margaret filled a myriad of roles within the School; parent, English teacher, drama teacher and director, speech and debating coach, Development Officer, and Secretary of the Old Grammarians' Association, of which she was named an Honorary Life Member. Margaret has maintained her support of the School well into her retirement and former students are always delighted to see her at OGA events.

Robin Bott Memorial Prize

Mrs Bott was a well-loved teacher of this School. The Prize is awarded to the student that most epitomises her qualities of concern, humility and gentleness.

At the School from 1974 – 1988, Robin died tragically from injuries received in a horse riding accident. Her main teaching areas were Physical Education and Maths, although she was also heavily involved in Camps, the Activities Programme, Sports Coaching and Handicrafts. She was also the first President of the Staff Association. Her greatest gift may have been her ability to listen but she was also well organised and reliable. Family was of utmost importance to her, as was her love of God. A plaque "In Memory of Robin Bott" was placed on the side of the Gymnasium, near the main entry. This area is known as the **Robin Bott Courtyard**.

The Round Square King Constantine Medal

The award is presented to a student (or School community group), who has done unusual or outstanding service work and in doing so, promoted the ideals of the Round Square Association (RSA). King Constantine of Greece is a founder and patron of the RSA.

Tony McIntosh Memorial Prize

Tony McIntosh was a highly respected Head of Marie Palmer Boarding House and Head of Boarding at this School. He died after illness in 2006, when still performing these roles at the School. The Prize is awarded to the Boarder from any Year Group who has made the most significant contribution to the Boarding Community during the past year.

The following Awards are named after the donor of each:

Edith Cowan University Personal Excellence Award

This award is presented to the student who demonstrates strong academic endeavour and a commitment to integrity, respect, rational enquiry and personal excellence.

Gelorup Community Management Young Volunteers Award

This award is presented to a student who has made an outstanding contribution towards Community Service.

The Anglican Parish of Pingelly Senior Award

This award is presented to a student who is a quiet achiever.

The Edith Cowan University Year 11 Citizenship Award

This award is presented to the Year 11 student who demonstrates outstanding citizenship qualities.

The Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Awards

These awards are presented to students, one each for Years 10, 11 and 12, who demonstrate qualities of leadership, integrity and initiative.

Other Named Prizes

The Luke Di Bona Award

Luke was a long serving and well-loved instrumental teacher of this School who died in 2006 after illness. The award is given to a senior student who has demonstrated commitment to music at the School and who through their musical endeavours has encouraged and supported others. The Award is presented annually at the Music Gala Concert.

Named Pews in the Chapel

People or families who donated \$10,000 or more to the Chapel Appeal were able to have a pew named in recognition of their generous support:

- Anglican Community Church of Gelorup
- The Craddock Family
- Mr & Mrs Peter and Barbara Crossland

- Former Members of the Board of Governors
- Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School Former Students' Association
- Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School Foundation Inc
- Mr & Mrs David & Carolynn Jackson - In Memory of Margaret Anne Jackson
- Mr & Mrs Neil & Ann-Marie Jilley
- Mr & Mrs Wes & Doris Jilley
- The Lishman Family
- Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School P & F Association
- Mr Michael Rennie
- Members of the Staff of Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School
- Mr & Mrs Bernard & Maud Stanley and daughter Margaret Paterson
- Students of Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School

Named Windows in G Block and parts of Boarding

Various donors are recognised by small plaques on windows in these locations.

Scholarships

Doris Trevena Year 10 All Rounder Scholarship

Doris Trevena was a significant benefactor to the School. Born in the Ferguson Valley, Doris had a great passion for education and learning. She dreamt of becoming a school teacher but this did not eventuate because of demands on the family farm. Doris, who was a devout Anglican, never married and the community became her extended family. She was well regarded by all generations, giving and receiving great respect. Doris named 43 organisations and beneficiaries in her Will, with Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School one of the fortunate benefactors.

The Parents and Friends' Association Scholarship

This Scholarship is presented annually in honour of the Parents and Friends' Association, which has provided the entire School Community with outstanding community building and financial support since the School's inception in 1972.

The Old Grammarians' Association Scholarship

This Scholarship is presented annually in honour of the Old Grammarians' Association which has provided the School Community and particularly the School Alumni, with outstanding community building and financial support since its inception in 1975.

Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School Foundation Scholarship

In 1987 the Grammar Foundation was instigated to financially support the work of the School. This Scholarship is presented annually in honour of the Grammar Foundation, which has provided outstanding and ongoing financial support to the School.

Meitoku Exchange Programme

The Meitoku Exchange Programme is a programme of student (and teacher) exchange between BCGS and Meitoku Gijuku Senior High School in Japan. The seeds were sown right back in 1975 when foundation student Paul Collings was in Japan with AFS and met Mr Yoshida (Snr), Meitoku's founding Headmaster. It was recognised that the two Schools shared many of the same values and Mr Yoshida wrote to BCGS to explore the idea of an exchange programme. In 1978 the first Meitoku exchange students arrived at BCGS, staying for two terms; experiencing boarding and host families; school work and family life. The following year Dale Lyon represented BCGS at Meitoku and the programme was flourishing.

During almost 35 years of the exchange programme, dozens of Grammar students and even more Meitoku students have experienced the challenges and opportunities offered by the special relationship between these two Schools. In addition, staff and the whole

School community have gained more than can be measured. Our first Japanese teacher, Mrs Chigusa Haugen, came from Meitoku in 1989 to set up our Japanese LOTE programme and stayed at Grammar for almost 20 years.