



# Listening to the Heart

**Former student, Sue Demarte, is a 1980 graduate from Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School and in the 41 years since graduation, she has made her impact on the world.**

In her own unique way, Sue has been a catalyst for change and making the world a better place as a mother, a teacher, and in her current roles as Co-ordinator Of Volunteer Services for the St John of God Hospital and also as Guest Liaison at the South West Cancer Accommodation Centre.

According to Sue, her most significant achievement in life has been her role as a mother and teacher. *"I see my role as mother and teacher to be my greatest achievements because*

*they are charged with the privilege and responsibility of nurturing children to confidently and compassionately find their value in our world,"* Sue explained.

Sue taught for 34 years as a primary school teacher, including nine years at Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School. *"I love learning and have tried to ignite that passion in my students and teachers,"* she said.

Her teaching and parenting philosophy has been grounded in research on making learning relevant, energising and accessible to every child.

In 2012, Sue completed her Masters, specialising in education leadership.

Sue also worked as an Education Consultant for two years for the Association of Independent Schools of WA and as Assistant Dean of Teaching and Learning at All Saints College from 2015 to 2019.

In recollecting her time as a student, Sue valued the education as well as the co-curricular opportunities, such as the camps, debating, sport and playing Nancy in the School's first drama production of *Oliver*.

The other benefits according to Sue, were the small class numbers and the passionate teachers.

*"Many teachers are held fondly in my memories of being a Bunbury Grammar student. The teachers who remain in my memory most strongly and positively are those who took time to get to know me and value my strengths to help me grow as a person,"* she said.

Sue has a multifaceted perspective of our School as a past student, a former teacher and a parent. Sue's daughter Brittany Adams (10) was a student at the School while Sue was a teacher. *"I think there is something special about being a student and then having your child attend the same school. The connections become strong,"* she said.

Although Sue describes her life on a ten-acre block in Harvey as 'simple', she has been a catalyst for change in her different roles.

The essence of Sue's beliefs are summed up by her role model. *"My daughter inspires me – she is a strong, compassionate and resilient a young woman. There is no greater gift than to see your child grow and find a way to make a positive contribution to others,"* she said.

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