



St Luke's
25 years

St Luke's Parish School
WELCOME
Christ in Our Living



A SHORT HISTORY OF ST LUKE'S

25 years ago St Luke's was born of "a good piece of land, a home and some great gum trees" (Father Gerry Kalinowski, founding priest of St. Luke's Parish). Today St Luke's boasts a beautiful church, full school facilities and picturesque grounds where school children enjoy outdoor play in the natural environment.

In March 1987 the parish began with mass being celebrated in the PCYC and later transferring to the presbytery carport. These makeshift facilities were replaced with the official opening of the church in August 1988.

The school opened its doors in 1989 under the leadership of Sister Lynn Albury and Father Gerry Kalinowski. 95 students from Pre-school to Year 3 began their education with 11 staff members.

In the 25 years that have passed St Luke's has grown significantly thanks to the dedication and vision of the community. Today the school boasts an enrolment of 350 students and a staff of 37 including teachers, administrative and ancillary staff. The History Trail details how St Luke's has evolved from humble beginnings to become the strong and vibrant community that it is today.

TAKE A HISTORICAL WALK THROUGH THE STORY OF ST LUKE'S CATHOLIC PARISH

1. ST LUKE'S PARISH

Began with 11 and a half acres of land with a house and stables that included a white horse with the purchase! No church and no school. The presbytery's garage was the first church for the Catholic community of Capalaba, Mt. Cotton and Sheldon. Father Gerry Kalinowski was the inaugural Parish priest

9 years later, Father Peter McCarthy became the new priest and it was during this time that the St Luke's Parish Child Care Centre was built. He was followed by Father Mauro Conte.

In 2010, Father Emmanuel Aguiyi was appointed to jointly administrate the parishes of St Luke's and St Anthony's. The two parishes merged into one which is now known as St Anthony's and St Luke's Parish.

2. FOUNDATION STONE

The foundation stone represents the church's transition from tarpaulins to bricks and mortar. A church built through consultation with its people, St Luke's represent the essence of Christ in our living.

In 1988 the church was blessed and opened by Archbishop Francis Rush. The generosity of St Luke's parishioners is well known. In the beginning, the things that were needed for the church were often donated or purchased through the financial contributions of many.

3. BAPTISMAL FONT, CHAIR, LECTERN, CROSS & ALTAR

The wood for the cross came from the Aguiar family who lived locally in the parish. The baptismal font was designed by Tom Gale, a parishioner of St Luke's. He also made the large bowl for the water in an attractive modern style.

4. STATUE OF MARY AND JESUS

The sculptor was a Spanish artist who worked as part of a group of artists located in Fortitude Valley. His work is also featured in St Stephen's Cathedral.

5. PRESENTATION SISTERS' TREE (Native Murraya)

This tree was planted in 1992 to commemorate our link with the Presentation Sisters. Sister Lynn Albury, St Luke's First Principal, was a Presentation Sister. Throughout the world, the sisters dedicated their time to creating schools that would help educate young people.

6. STAINED GLASS WINDOW : THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

The significance of the stained glass window is taken from the Gospel of St Luke: The Road to Emmaus. Through a consultative process with the parish, the design was intended to capture the beginning of the parish journey through the gospel of St Luke. It represents each one of us walking the way to Emmaus. It was fashioned by Warwick Blair, a talented and dedicated artist who provided beautiful glass, worth much more than the original proposal, out of his passion for the project.

7. PEACE WALL

The wall was an initiative of Monica Kennedy, a parent of St Luke's community. She designed the wall and invited parishioners and school families to place the tiles to create the image. Its features include a white dove, universally recognised as a symbol of peace.

8. ADMINISTRATION BLOCK

The administration block in any school is a busy place and St Luke's is no exception. In the beginning, Sr Lynn and Mr Michael Kearney, APRE, were assisted in the office by Mrs Patricia Crilly, who remains with us today at St Luke's as a classroom teacher in Year 4. This administration block is the third one in the school's history. It was built in 2011 and features a large staff room, administration office, meeting rooms and resource workspace. It has always been regarded as a place of welcome and sharing for parents and staff.

9. REMEMBRANCE GARDEN

Dedicated to the staff and families of St Luke's who have passed on into God's care. This garden is currently being developed and will be ceremonially acknowledged in the future.

10. DADS' GARDEN

This garden has recently been established through the hard work of Mrs Jan McDiarmid, Will O'Brien and David Hickey. It honours the fathers of our community who have contributed hours of labour to our working bees and school projects over the years. It is themed to reflect fathers' work and play.

11. LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTRE

Having changed location 3 times since the school's opening, the library is still the hub for many school activities. It has recently been refurbished and is currently staffed by Mrs Katrina Kerr (Teacher-Librarian) and Mrs Maureen Bentley (School Officer).

12. BRICK PATH

Constructed in 2012 this path features the names of past and present St Luke's families and members of staff. It presents us with an historical reminder of some of the wonderful people who have graced our community.

13 EMMAUS CENTRE

This building is the home of our many gatherings and celebrations at St Luke's. It was opened by Archbishop Mark Coleridge in 2012 and features a large performance hall complete with kitchen facilities and a deck that overlooks our school oval. The floor below houses our art room, uniform shop and sports shed. A conference room is located at the entrance to the building. Like the administration block, its development was guided by the school's administration team – Mr Tim Lomas (Principal) and Mrs Moira Cosgriff (APRE).

14. SCHOOL OVAL

The school oval was developed in conjunction with the Redland City Council in 1994. This enabled the school to host their sports carnivals at home instead of using St Anthony's facilities. Sadly, the bamboo which once provided the site for children's imaginary games and play no longer remains. The bush continues to provide a secure and protected boundary for our outdoor play.

15. COURTYARD OF THE VOLUNTEERS

This area was named in honour of the many people who assisted at the school. A competition was held to decide upon the name. Like the church, the school is recognised as a place that has been built through the labour and love of its people.

16. MULTIPURPOSE COURT

In 2008 the multipurpose court was constructed for the enjoyment of children in the senior school. It was previously a grassed area for basketball and other games.

17. SCHOOL BLOCK B

This block includes the contemporary learning spaces for Years 4 and 5 along the lower level with Years 6 and 7 upstairs. The Learning Enhancement room and Music room complete the senior block. A glance inside these rooms will reveal how education has changed in the past 25 years with 1:1 computers a feature of children's education in Years 4 and 5 at St Luke's.

18. BUBBLERS

The art works featured above the drinking taps were created by Year 7 students in 2009 under the guidance of our current art teacher, Mrs Liz Saul. It is an excellent example of *installation art* which is site specific and used to transform the perception of a space.

19. AMPHITHEATRE

School assembly used to be held in the amphitheatre. This beautiful area is a popular play space for younger children. The trees and umbrella provide much-needed relief from the sun in summer. "The Giving Garden" was named in honour of the parents, students (past and present) and staff who have given their time, effort and skills to make the school what it is today.

20. PLAYGROUND

Donated by Iona College in 2012 this playground is a source of great enjoyment for our students in the Junior School. It replaced the wooden fort structure which was originally housed in the Pre-school playground.

21. SCHOOL BLOCK A

This block was the original school building and included classrooms and a parents room. It remains the home of our junior classes – Years 1, 2 and 3 along with a Prep classroom and the office for our Support Teachers.

22. STAIRCASE

The site for the original school photo. Staff and students gathered here on the first day of St Luke's Parish Primary School for the first official school photograph.

23. MARY'S GARDEN

This newly constructed garden is dedicated to all mothers, past and present, whose love and guidance nurture the children of St Luke's. Thanks to the O'Brien family who made the garden happen through their inspired generosity.

24. EARLY YEARS PLAYGROUND

Built in 2007 the current playground replaced the original treated log play construction. It is lovingly cared for by Mrs Jan McDiarmid and Mrs Donna Norman (School Officers – Prep). Fairy trees, dinosaur gardens and a very hungry caterpillar feature in this wonderland for prep students.

25. PRE-SCHOOL/PREP BUILDING

Home to the youngest members of the school community for 25 years, the Pre-school was part of the original school buildings (Stage 1) opened in 1989.

A growing community must integrate three elements: a life of silent prayer, a life of service and above all listening to the poor, and a community life through which all its members can grow in their own gift.

Jean Vanier