

DOMINIC COLLEGE HALL OF ACHIEVEMENT

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Dr Keith McVilly: Dominic College 1978-1985

Keith loved school and learning new things, and credits his teachers with nurturing in him a love of literature, scholarship and critical thinking.

Keith studied Psychology and Sociology at the University of Tasmania and while studying, worked for the St Vincent de Paul Society and at St Joseph's Crisis Accommodation Centre. He undertook his Masters degree in Clinical Psychology.

His PhD thesis at the University of Sydney was titled: "I get by with a little help from my friends; adults with intellectual disability and loneliness." He has worked at RMIT University, University of Minnesota, USA, Deakin University, and in 2016 became the inaugural Professor of Disability & Inclusion in the School of Social & Political Sciences at the University of Melbourne.

Keith enjoys challenging current thought, especially where this opens up opportunities for people who have traditionally been left on the margins or excluded from our communities.

"Very few of us have the chance to change the direction of human history," says Keith. "But every one of us should seize the opportunity to contribute to the life of a friend!"

