

# DOMINIC COLLEGE HALL OF ACHIEVEMENT

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## HUMAN SPIRIT



### *Christine Castles: Holy Name Convent 1966 – 1969*

Christine Castles has had a distinguished career as a nurse/midwife/educator. “Educate a woman and you educate a family” is a philosophy which has taken her to the Marshall Islands, as an Australian Volunteer (1992); to Somalia and Burundi with the International Medical Corps (1995-1996); to a remote Aboriginal community in East Arnhem Land (1997); and to Maliana near the West Timor border (2000). She has established health clinics, especially for women and children, in sometimes dangerous conditions and always with scant regard for her own personal comfort. In remote and poor communities, she has trained local nurses in the context of a different language different culture and low literacy, demonstrating safe practices and developing a range of culturally sensitive texts, including picture-books, for translation into local languages. She was awarded a Humanitarian Services Medal for her work in East Timor and has often been acknowledged by the Australian Government and by Australian Volunteers International.