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How do you capture eleven brilliant years (2001 – 2011) in less than five hundred words; simply an impossible task. This incredible spiritual journey left an imprint on many hearts, set the solid foundations for the College's vision, and ensured that the College grew to become an educational flagship for the community. Those initial years would not have had such a powerful impact on the future College if it were not for many extraordinary people. Staff, volunteers, wider community members, parishioners, Catholic Education Services staff, local farmers, family, and friends. People with hearts filled with youthful enthusiasm, energy, hope, drive, and an ability to align with a distinctive vision for a new creation. Together they fashioned a beautiful place for Redlynch. In quiet times, I can still hear their joy and laughter and almost feel their sense of fun, adventure, creativity, and loyalty. Their trust in God was tangible, and their care of each other proclaimed their desire to model the Gospel message Jn 10:10. "I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full."

A special thank you to the staff of 2001, my partners and cocreators on the journey. You were all I ever hoped for. You were friends, not staff. You were artists not technicians. You were pioneers not workers. You were faith filled people of conviction and determination who never counted cost or time. You set out to build a community not school buildings. We journeyed together during this first year to build a school in the middle of a remnant cane farm with scrub in all four directions and a creek through the middle. You could see past these horizons to what the College would become. Together we spent time after school and on weekends picking up rocks and clearing the land for our first oval, planting trees on buffer mounds, and mowing grass and planting gardens.

By 2009, the year of our first graduates, the College already had the confidence of the community. These first graduates achieved outstanding academic results setting the standard for those who followed. Already the College's service to the wider community was evident through its community partnerships, and many community user groups already called St Andrew's home. By the end of 2009, All Saints' Chapel was built. These developments were followed by a long day care centre, the Redlynch Community Sports Facility, a Trade Training Centre, and Stage 1 of All Saints' Theatre. St Andrew's strong community vision gave rise to its exponential growth.

The establishment of the four sporting houses was an important milestone. Each house was named after a notable individual whose life emulated the vision to be of service to those less fortunate. The mascots of Mar-ka meaning earth (red), Bung-gan, sun (yellow), Buna, sea (blue), and Dul-gu, forest (green), illustrate the important connections established with the Djabugay people.

As Foundation Principal, I ask that you continue, as Saint Andrew did, to reach out with arms of compassion and love and draw all you meet to Christ.

Shekinah... presence that is seen and touched... in the dwelling of God.

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Foundation Principal (2001 – 2011)