

Doug McCurry

I am an educational researcher at the Australian Council for Educational Research specialising in testing and assessment. I have always been interested in progressive education. I taught for two years in the late 1970s at ERA, the school formed by Preshil parents because there was then no secondary Preshil.

I taught for three years at Blackhall before being offered a job at ACER in 1988. I was in contact with various Preshil staff, and was aware of development at the School over the next 25 years. I presume I had the honour of being suggested as an educator for Council by my esteemed predecessor, Eva Strasser.

When I resigned from Preshil at the end of 1987 Margaret Lyttle called me at home and said her curse would pursue me down the generations. On the day of my last Preshil staff meeting I was for the first and only time quite incapacitated by a migraine headache. Margaret sent me a parting gift of one of her favourite books and wrote on the inside cover that I would return. I am very happy to do so, even if in a small way, as a member of the School Council.



*(For those with an interest in history, this is Doug and Andrew McMeekin on an ERA school camp in 1979. Doug was Andrew's English and English Literature teacher in his HSC year and is now a valued colleague to Andrew on the Preshil Council.)*