

Principal's Report

In a school 127 years old, ten years may seem a short time, but for those who have known it in the last ten years while Sr. Mary McAllen has been principal, it has been a time of consolidation during the years when it became necessary for more senior students to remain at school to complete a full secondary education.

In 1984 we have needed to take time to understand and respond to the government initiatives of "Participation and Equity Program", "Disadvantaged Schools Program", "Computer Education Program" and the "Blackburn Report", and so on, all of which aim to make current education more meaningful and future oriented.

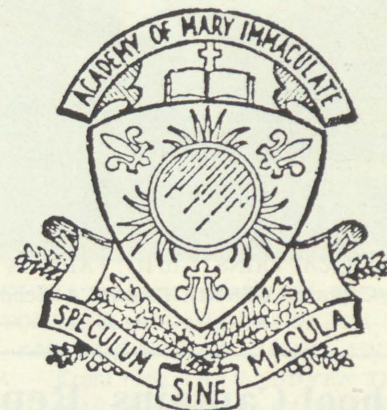
Changes, however shouldn't happen unless we believe they will be of benefit to our students and unless they help support our reason for having Catholic Colleges; that is, they should help us to develop the potential of each student based on the gospel values for hope, justice, community compassion, fullness of life, and so on, with which, as Catholics, we are so familiar.

The challenge for us at Academy of Mary Immaculate is, of course, to prepare today's students to be the adults of the 1990's as well as to keep the past, present and future in hopeful perspective, remembering the often quoted words:

"The glory of God is in man truly alive!"

I look forward to some stimulating years working with you all at A.M.I.

Sr. Denise Doyle
R.S.M.



Tribute to Mr. Gerrard

A special thanks to Mr. Gerrard. As well as being Vice-Principal of Academy for many years, Mr. Gerrard was Year 12 Co-ordinator until the end of 1983. His wisdom and his sound judgements guided those of us in the Year 12 area through those years. Year 12 can be a particularly trying year for students, parents and teachers alike. So many times Mr. Gerrard eased the way for all of us. In particular I think of the major change senior secondary education has undergone with the introduction of VISE a few years ago. In the main it was Mr. Gerrard who educated parents and students alike at the Academy in that crucial transition. On behalf of all teachers, students and parents who have been involved in H.S.C. at the Academy in the last nine years, I would like to offer him every best wish and happiness for the future. We shall miss him!

S. Poynton
31 October, 1984