

# PEOPLE PROFILE

## Special Education Support Teacher

*Bethany Early Intervention Program,  
Mater Dei*



**Karen Kelly**

**BORN & EDUCATED:** I was born and grew up in Goulburn with my two brothers. I completed my early education at Marian College, Goulburn. I completed my Bachelor of Education at Charles Sturt University at Wagga Wagga.

**WORK HISTORY:** My first job was at K-Mart as a 'check out chick' during high school and while I completed my university studies. Since gaining my degree I have worked in a number of early childhood settings in the Campbelltown area where I was an authorized supervisor/director. I worked mostly with the preschool age group.

**FAMILY:** Ian and I married in Goulburn and moved to Campbelltown in 1991. We have two children, James who is 15 years and Dana who is 11 years and I spend a lot of time taxiing them to various sporting, school and social activities.

**LIKES:** I like spending time with my family and friends and going to the movies. I like reading 'everything'.

**DISLIKES:** I dislike cleaning the oven and the shower.

**FAVOURITE MOVIE:** 'Bridget Jones' Diaries'.

**FAVOURITE SONGS:** 'Time of Your Life' by Greenday and 'All Summer Long' by Kid Rock.

**FAVOURITE TV SHOWS:** 'Criminal Minds', 'Bones' and 'House'.

**WHY ARE YOU INVOLVED WITH MATER DEI:** I came to work at Mater Dei six years ago as a Special Education Support Teacher with the Bethany Program. I changed from mainstream children's services as I wanted to do something where I would really make a difference to the lives of some very special children. While doing this I extended my theoretical knowledge and gained a Certificate of Special Education in 2006. I am enjoying many wonderful experiences at Mater Dei, but the best is being around to see the children and the families in our care celebrate every achievement.