

PEOPLE PROFILE



Gayle Roberts

TEACHER AT MATER DEI FOR 21 YEARS

BORN: Sydney, NSW

WORK HISTORY: Gayle began her teaching career in the mainstream setting. She taught Year 3 through to Year 6 as well as Junior Secondary. Gayle moved to Special Education in Adult Education part-time and came to Mater Dei in 1986 as a teacher for children with speech difficulties. She taught "one on one" before transferring into a classroom setting and job sharing on a junior class. Over time Gayle has taught every grade in the school. In 2007 Gayle decided to move back up to Year 12 in order to spend the final year with students she had taught for 3 to 4 years in their Junior Secondary years.

HIGHLIGHTS AT MATER DEI:

Experiencing the Mater Dei journey, morning teas and formals.

TRAVEL: Gayle travelled for 18 months around Australia pre-children. She worked on a tomato farm and did grape picking and still bears the emotional scars! She has experienced the west coast of America, was abducted and has lived to tell the tale. She had a wonderful trip to Europe this year and loved every country visited, especially England and Italy. Favourite spot visited was Cinque Terre on the Italian Riviera.

WHY MATER DEI: "I have spent the last 21 years at Mater Dei working with children at different stages of their education. Most importantly it is not about what I teach the students but about what the students teach me."

60 SECS WITH GAYLE:

Favourite Singing Groups: El Divo, Westlife

Favourite TV Show: Law & Order

Favourite Book: Book of Inspirations

Favourite Food/Drink: Seafood/Baileys

Favourite Sayings: Nothing is ever so bad that it couldn't get worse/ Never worry about things that you don't have the power to change

Favourite Holiday: For 20 years we have gone camping for 3 weeks every year, with the same families, to the same place (Currarong, near Nowra) without fail.