

# SHANE

Trustee | Principal

## TONG

I was one of the last cohorts to be taught by Marist Brothers - and I firmly believe it is up to we 'lay Marists' to carry on their legacy.



### TRUSTEE SINCE

## CONNECTION

I started 3rd form at St John's in 1982 and fondly remember Br Doug and Br Frank (now Monsignor Frank and our College Chaplain).

As a result of being a peer support leader in form 6 (now called Tuakana Teina - big brother) I knew I wanted to be a teacher. I enjoyed Mr Hetet's English class, so English teaching it was! In form 7 I had the privilege of captaining the 1st XV and 1st XI cricket teams and learnt a great many life skills on the sporting field.

I have loved leading the college over the past decade and my own son finished here a few years ago. The mates I made at Saint John's have remained close friends over the decades and we often catch up, that is the case for all young men who have come through our doors.

## ASPIRATIONS

As a Principal now, I am keenly aware that we must continue to grow Marist men – that is, after all, the point of choosing St John's for young men today. Marist men of Faith, integrity and service.

Like it or not, schooling has become a competitive enterprise. Parents need to feel confident their sons will get the very best academic and extracurricular opportunities at St John's, or they may choose elsewhere. The Foundation is the vehicle by which we can deliver 'the extras' that allow the College to remain the school of choice for Catholic families