

Celebrating Women Leaders at Cranbrook



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In celebration of International Women's Day 2024 on Friday 8 March, we are proudly profiling our female leaders at Cranbrook as part of our commitment to championing diversity and fostering inclusion in education. This year's theme, 'Count Her In: Invest in women. Accelerate progress', underscores the importance of celebrating the invaluable contributions of women in the teaching profession. By spotlighting female educators, we are sharing their inspiring stories, and showcasing the diverse perspectives they bring to the classroom, whilst instilling a sense of belonging and empowerment for us all.

How long have you worked at Cranbrook and in what role/s?

I have been an English teacher at Cranbrook for six years and Literacy Co-ordinator for two years.

What do you love about your job and the School?

Cranbrook has been extremely supportive of my development as a teacher and a leader. I also enjoy working with the diverse range of learners we have at Cranbrook. Each day brings new challenges, triumphs, and plenty of laughs.

How has the education sector changed for women in your time in teaching?

At Cranbrook, the visibility of women in a range of contexts has increased. There are more female sports coaches, we have female community leaders visiting the school to speak to students, and Cranbrook mums are providing insight into their professional lives at student networking events. Most recently, there has been an increased understanding within the education sector of the value of flexible work arrangements, especially for parents.

What changes do you hope to see continue to happen in the future?

I hope to see more women in senior leadership positions in schools and beyond. I also look forward to seeing how Cranbrook welcomes girls to the school in 2026.

What's your funniest/most memorable moment of teaching at Cranbrook?

One memorable moment was seeing so many of my students perform in the School of Rock musical. It is always a pleasure to see students shine in activities outside of the classroom.

What advice do you have for anyone starting their career in teaching?

Find a mentor who can guide you through those early days when you're grappling with lesson planning, school policies, and processes. You will need someone who is willing to listen and give advice on difficult days. Try to observe as many classrooms and teachers as you can to help you find your own teaching style.