

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 started at Cranbrook 11 years ago. I have always taught Economics amongst other Social Science subjects. I became Head of the Social Sciences Department five years ago.

What do you love about your job and the School?

The love has always been in the classroom first and foremost for me. Teaching teenagers is a real privilege - they're so curious about the world around them and can be so fun to work with. Those 'aha' moments in the more complex areas of economics are really rewarding. I also really enjoy collaborating with workmates, especially those in my team.

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

It's changed quite a bit. The positive changes I've seen for creating a better work environment and flexibility for working parents younger than me is wonderful. In my

experience, schools have generally been a little behind the corporate sector in terms of these things so it's great to see it happen.

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

I'm super excited about the School heading coed. I think it's just what the community needs. It's going to be challenging but I think we're going about it the right way and I'm proud to be part of it.

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

My work friends and I have little funny moments the whole time! We call them 'Cranners' moments as they feel so unique to working here. They always come from the fun and funny surprises of being surrounded by creative and diverse personalities.

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

I think you have to find your joy in the classroom and get to know the students. If you enjoy teaching, the students pick

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up on that and it will help you create a creative and productive learning space. Also, students are surprisingly caring and forgiving. If a lesson hasn't run perfectly- there's always tomorrow! It's not for everyone and if you don't enjoy it - best to explore other professions. Life's too short.



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