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PRINCIPAL REVISITS FIRST YEAR

It's been one year since Gavin Rick walked through the heavy, welcoming green gates of St Rita's School in Babinda as its new principal.

In that time, much has changed, he says.

"Since coming to St Rita's, I have been suitably impressed with the school community – the dedicated staff, friendly children and supportive parents. The good old fashioned country hospitality and spirit shines at St Rita's.

"My focus has been to build on the strong traditions of the school which were laid by those who have been before me – particularly the Mercy Sisters as well as lay Principals and staff.

"Renewing the school and rebuilding a strong culture with the staff, parents and students have been very successful. We have a clearly articulated vision and direction for the future. We have set ourselves apart from other schools in the district with a strong values based curriculum and relationships framework. Respect, Learning, Community and Faith are what the community have said they want of St Rita's and now we are living it out. This positive transformation has been a highlight of my first 12 months as Principal of St Rita's."

