

Good evening everyone.

I would like to begin this evening by congratulating the amazing educators who are celebrating 30 years in Catholic Education. Congratulations also to the other award recipients.

It's an absolute privilege to stand out here and accept the Fullness of Life Award. I would like to start by thanking my family - my husband Shane, and children Tom and James for their ongoing support of me in my role of Principal at St Brigid's Primary School.

As I reflect on my leadership journey, one theme continues to resonate profoundly within me - my love of Catholic education. Education is the foundation of human development and the catalyst for positive change. Education has the influence to shape lives, empower individuals, and unite communities. I hold the strong belief that education is not only about acquiring knowledge, but about fostering each individual holistically. It is about nurturing a passion for learning, creativity, and instilling values that will guide us throughout our lives.

For almost two years now, I have had the privilege of leading St Brigid's Primary School as Principal, and each day has been a journey of joy, discovery and challenge. The role of a principal is one that encompasses immense responsibility, and it also brings immeasurable reward. To witness the growth and development of our children daily is a constant reminder of the tremendous impact we as educators have on young people.

It is an absolute honour to work with the dedicated and exceptional team at St Brigid's Primary School – some of whom are here this evening. Our staff, parents, and community work tirelessly to create an environment that nurtures and supports our children. Their passion, dedication, and unwavering commitment to our shared school vision of aspiring to be an inclusive learning and faith community, nurturing lifelong learners inspired to connect with the world is exceptional.

To all those I work with, who have shared in my journey, and who continue to inspire me, I offer my sincere thanks. Together, let us continue to embrace Catholic education, fostering the development of each individual, and striving to create a system where every person – child and adult learners can reach their full potential.

Thank you again, may we all continue to live lives of purpose and compassion fostering fullness of life for all.