

ATPS Staff Interviews



1. What is your name?

Sue Harrison

2. What is your job title?

Manager Corporate Services

3. What is your role at the school (your main responsibilities)?

Managing school finances; support staff; physical resources and buildings.

4. What is your favourite part of the job?

I absolutely love everything about my job! From every responsibility listed above to our team in the office. We are the first people new families see when they come to ATPS. Providing a positive and happy interaction always makes families feel welcomed and comfortable in choosing ATPS as their school of choice.

5. How long have you been in Education?

Well During my time with the Department I have had the following support staff positions at different locations throughout the state. Cleaner; Education Assistant; Library Officer; School Officer and Manager Corporate Services. The only position I have not held is gardener (and that's probably because I have purple thumbs ☺)

6. How long have you been at Anzac Terrace PS?

I came to Anzac Terrace in 1997 from a small farming community with a total of 17 students at the school. So 23 years and counting ...

7. Why did you become a Manager Corporate Services?

Why did I do ALL of the jobs? Married a teacher and moved around the state wherever the next posting was. I made the most of every opportunity for learning new skills enabling me to love the education environment and make it my career.

8. What do you love most about our school?

Kids, kids and kids. They are all amazing – everyday there are many moments when I can sit back and smile at their innocence; tenacity, honesty and unabashed enjoyment of life

9. What is your favourite inspirational quote?

"This too shall pass" – Good or bad situation Wise words from my Mum

10. Tell us something about yourself that no one at Anzac Terrace knows?

I held a state record for 50m backstroke
I'm a fanatical patch-worker with many projects on the go
I sang harmony as a backup-singer in a music contest (in front of Keith Potger – The Seekers) in the Pilbara. We won!

11. If you weren't Manager Corporate Services, what would have liked to have been?

I started my nursing career, but gave it away to have a family. I always thought I would have made a great 'Matron Sloan' in a country hospital – only people old enough will remember that famous character

12. Where do you see yourself in five years?

Happily retired, having enjoyed every aspect of my working life and looking forward to spending the golden years travelling throughout this great state of ours; enjoying time with my fabulous family and friends.

13. If you could change one thing in the world, what would that be and why?

Prejudices.

14. What makes you laugh the most?

Comedy. All sorts.

15. What was the favourite book you have read and why?

I don't read books much now as I spend a lot of my days at work reading on the computer. I started 'The Nowhere Child' during the holidays when in Bremer but may have left it in the camper. A favourite book I read was Anh Do's – 'The Happiest Refugee'. I prefer to listen to ABC podcasts or audio books whilst in my sewing room (multi-tasking).

16. If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be and why?

My age I don't really want to think about retiring yet, but the years are going sooooo fast!

17. What would you sing at a Karaoke Night?

Helen Reddy's 'I am Woman' – Appreciating the years of wonderful music Helen provided in Australia and acknowledging her passing recently. Also only because I sing better when I can pump out chorus. ☺

Thank you for taking part in this interview ☺