



## Loved, respected and known by many

### *Sr Ruth Winship*



On 2 February Sr Ruth Winship celebrated an inspirational 70 years since entering the Loreto Convent in Ballarat.

Originally from Queensland, Sr Ruth completed her high school education as a school prefect at Loreto Mandeville Hall Toorak. She entered religious life in 1937, journeying to Ballarat to complete her novitiate program at Mary's Mount Loreto Convent.

A Loreto Sister for over 60 years, Sr Ruth has held distinguished educational positions including Principal of Loreto Mandeville Hall Toorak, Principal of Loreto Kirribilli Sydney and Deputy Principal of St Mary's University College in Melbourne.

*Left: Sr Ruth*

Sr Ruth has been an influential member of both the Loreto Mandeville Hall Toorak school community and outside community for many years. Her values of social justice, spirituality and education have made her a powerful advocate for those in need and a compassionate carer and support for thousands of young people.

Sr Ruth's devotion to the care of others continued when in her retirement she was asked to set up and manage a hostel in Toorak for elderly sisters of the order. Now 88 years of age, Sr Ruth has retired from active service and lives in a nursing home. However her compassionate nature and zest for life continues with her involvement in many hostel activities including running book groups and the hostel book shop, taking computer lessons, organising liturgies and arranging flowers for the hostel chapel.

Sr Ruth has touched the hearts and lives of many people. Last year she was awarded the City of Stonnington Citizen of the Year Award in Education. Her many accolades include Outstanding Woman of Loreto 2003 and Victorian Senior Achiever of the Year 2005. She has been involved with the Independent Heads of Schools Association, Association of Independent Schools Victoria, Melbourne University Society and Catholics for Social Justice.

Sr Ruth has worked tirelessly for others all her life and is loved, respected and known by many.