

My sister *Glenda (Morais)* and I started at *Coloma Convent, Croydon* in September 1955. We had recently arrived from Burma and were getting to know a very different environment. On our first day at school we were surrounded by groups of curious girls, staring and talking about us - this was London in the 1950s when foreigners were still a curiosity.

This experience could have been alarming but *Mother Mary Cuthbert* was soon at our side and *Mother Mary Clement* continued to offer quiet but kindly support during our early days. The kindness of the nuns has remained with me to this day.

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