

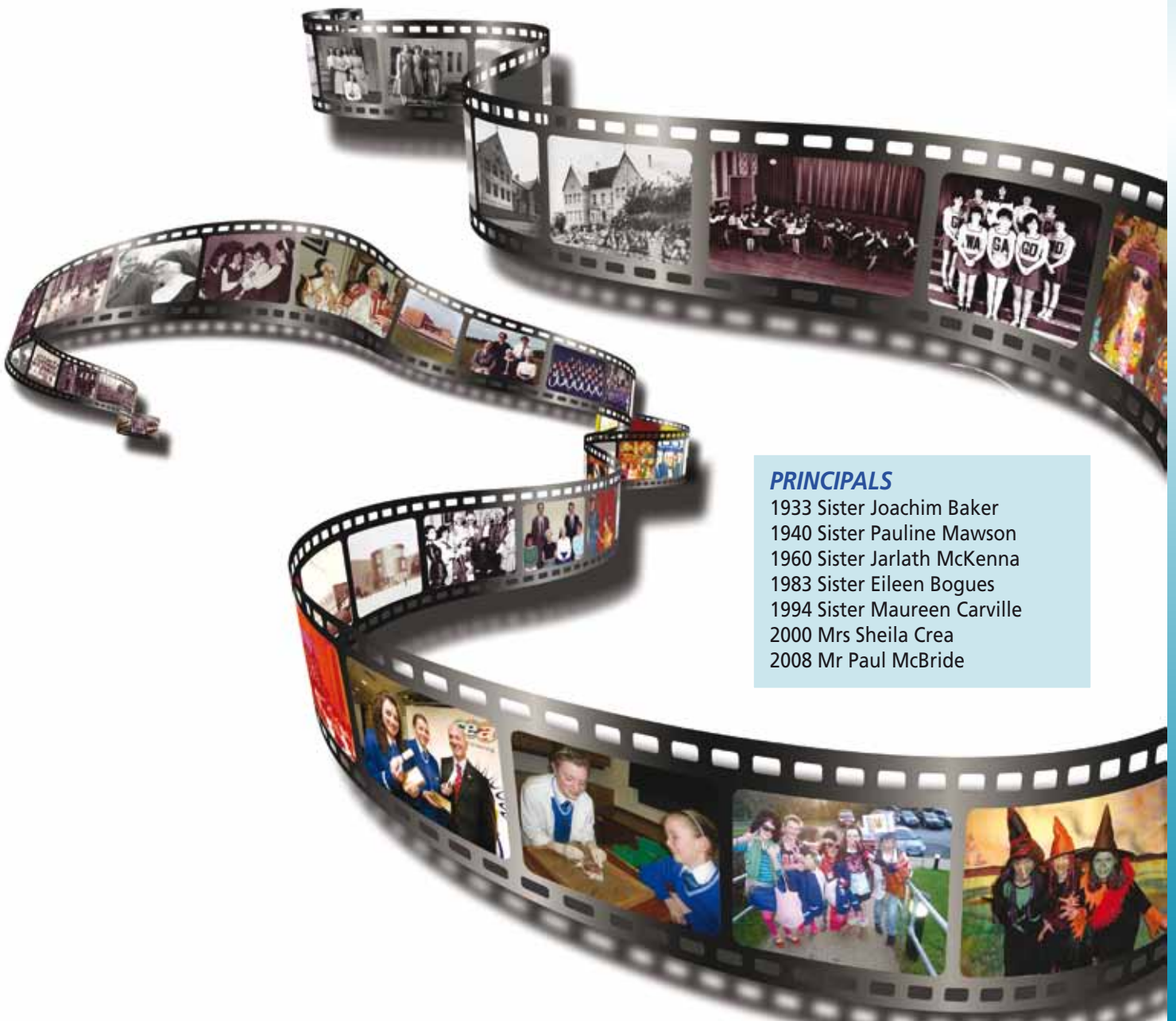
# History of the School

Mother Gertrude de Henningsen, foundress of the Missionary Sisters of the Assumption, opened the first Assumption school in Grahamstown in the Eastern Cape of South Africa in 1850. Today, there are Assumption schools in the Transvaal as well as the Eastern Cape while Assumption Sisters teach in government and mission schools and are involved in adult education.

Assumption Grammar School is the only Assumption school in Ireland. It was founded in 1933 with 20 pupils by Mother Baptist McKinney. The school was approved by the Ministry of Education in 1936.

Since then, success in every field has ensured an enviable reputation in the province. Former pupils continue to employ their talents towards the progress of the local and global community.

The school is situated in the heart of Co. Down. In 2009, Assumption Grammar was awarded specialist status in Music with Physical Education. This specialist school concept has been used throughout the school as a vehicle for sharing and spreading of good practice. Links with our five partner Primary Schools and Secondary Schools in the Ballynahinch Learning Community have resulted in a richer learning experience for all.



## PRINCIPALS

- 1933 Sister Joachim Baker
- 1940 Sister Pauline Mawson
- 1960 Sister Jarlath McKenna
- 1983 Sister Eileen Bogues
- 1994 Sister Maureen Carville
- 2000 Mrs Sheila Crea
- 2008 Mr Paul McBride

