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About the Awards

The **TEACHX Awards**, formerly known as the Excellence in Teaching Awards, were introduced in 2009 to recognise and celebrate the achievements of inspiring teachers from schools and early childhood education and care services across Queensland.

Now in it's fourteenth year, the awards have, attracted more than 2,000 nominations for outstanding Queensland registered teachers who have achieved exceptional outcomes in their careers.

The award nominees highlight the outstanding teaching that takes place in all sectors of education, across all areas of Queensland.

The TUH Health Fund Dr Roger Hunter OAM Excellence in Beginning to Teach Award provides recognition for inspirational teachers with up to four years' experience.

The Dr Alan Druery OAM Excellence in Teaching Award provides recognition for exceptional Queensland teachers.

The Schoolzine Merline Muldoon Memorial Award for Innovation in Teaching was introduced in 2019 to acknowledge the groundbreaking work of teachers and school leaders in schools and early childhood education and care services across Queensland.

The RemServ Lease Dr John Dwyer Excellent Leadership in Teaching and Learning Award, introduced in 2012, recognises classroom teachers or school administrators who have taken a leading role in enhancing teaching and learning in their school or early childhood centre.

The Dr Joe McCorlev OAM Outstanding Contribution to School Community Award was introduced in 2018 to provide recognition for inspirational teachers who are the heart of the school community.

The QCDE Professor Betty Watts OBE Memorial Award for Outstanding Contribution to Teaching was introduced in 2011 to recognise registered teachers with an outstanding history of service.



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The Honourable Grace Grace MP Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing



Minister Grace Grace was first elected to the Queensland Parliament as the Member for Brisbane Central in October 2007 and remained until March 2012.

She was re-elected as the Member for Brisbane Central in January 2015. In 2017 the electorate of Brisbane Central was renamed and in November 2017 Grace was elected as the first Member for McConnel. In October 2020 Grace was re-elected.

Grace was appointed a Minister in the Palaszczuk Government in December 2015, assuming the responsibilities of Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations; Minister for Racing; and Minister for Multicultural Affairs.

Following the 2017 election, Grace was appointed Minister for Education and Minister for Industrial Relations

Mr Michael De'Ath **Director-General, Department of Education**



Michael is the Director-General of the Department of Education. Michael is an accomplished senior executive with over 20 years of public sector leadership with extensive experience in education as a teacher, school principal, Regional Director and Deputy Secretary.

Throughout his career. Michael delivered outcomes for Victoria, the Australian Capital Territory and New Zealand across a variety of portfolios, including education, community services and health

Grace was re-appointed Minister for Education and Minister for Industrial Relations in 2020: and was giving the additional portfolio of Minister for Racing.

Minister Grace has extensive board experience with organisations including Sunsuper. Energex and the Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund.

She has worked with local community organisations in her electorate including P&Cs, the New Farm Neighbourhood Centre, Teneriffe Progress Association, Queensland Aids Council (QuAC), Fortitude Valley Chamber of Commerce and many others.

Minister Grace has lived her whole life in her electorate where she and her husband Michael raised their daughter. Alex.

He is a former Deputy Secretary with Victoria's Department of Health and Human Services and has held Director-General positions with the Australian Capital Territory Government's Community Services and Health Directorates.

Michael holds a Masters in Educational Administration (First Class Hons), an Executive Masters in Public Administration through the Australia New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG), a Bachelor of Education and a Diploma of Teaching.

MUSICIANS



LEANNE PIGGOTT Director of Instrumental Music Violin

Leanne is passionate about teaching students a love of music and performance. For the past 30 years, she has taught in numerous Queensland schools in roles spanning across music education including arranger, strings teacher, pit musician, adjudicator, musical director and vocalist.

Leanne has been at Wavell State High School since 2006 and is the Director of Instrumental Music where she arranges vocal music and manages the Mon Che Quartet. Leanne has performed in many professional ensembles including the Brisbane Symphony Orchestra and the Brisbane Chorale. She completed classical training at the Queensland Conservatorium of Music in violin, piano and voice.



ASHLEY SHERLOCK Cello

Ashlev is Wavell State High School's Instrumental Music Performer of the Year for 2022. He is the principal cellist of the school's Senior Chamber Strings and Symphony Orchestra and one of the youngest members of the Queensland Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Ashlev was 8 years old when he began playing cello and has since performed in Creative Generations onstage and been involved in the State Honours Education Program. He plans to continue his studies on cello at the Queensland Conservatorium of Music in 2023.



IMOGEN REVILL Violin

Imogen has been playing the violin for 10 years. She is studying Music Extension in Performance at Wavell State High School and leads the school Senior Chamber Strings and Symphony Orchestra. Imogen has been involved in the Orchestra for Creative Generations onstage (2019). She has been part of the Young Conservatorium Program for four years and is currently Concert Master of the Symphony Orchestra and String Orchestra. Imogen is currently studying under Delia Kinmont (QSO) and has completed her Certificate of Performance in AMEB exams. She plans to undertake a degree in Performance at the Conservatorium of Music in 2023.

Currently in Year 10 at Wavell State High School, Sophie has been playing viola for seven years including at an international school in China. Sophie has played in the Symphony Orchestra for Creative Generations Onstage and is lead violist in Senior Chamber Strings and Symphony Orchestra at Wavell State High School. She is currently studying AMEB Grade 6 on viola and has plans to continue studying extension music through to Year 12.

SOPHIE GOODWIN

Viola

Emeritus Professor Wendy Patton Board Chair message



A teacher is not just someone who educates — as the finalists from this year's TEACHX Awards demonstrate - they are invaluable assets to our classrooms and communities. and the registration system ensures that only appropriately qualified people are employed as teachers, thereby protecting educational standards and student safety, and upholding the reputation of the profession.

The importance of the regulatory authority cannot be underestimated. Registration

professions possible.

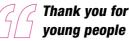
Deanne Fishburn Director



Deanne Fishburn is the Director of the Queensland College of Teachers. She is a leader who has national influence in teacher regulation and a personal understanding of teachers' work and child safety.

Deanne joined the Professional Standards Unit of the Queensland College of Teachers in 2007 and has implemented national reforms to Initial Teacher Education and Professional Standards in Queensland.

She is strongly committed to the work of the College in upholding high standards for



is one of the key mechanisms to assure professional standing and guality of the profession. It is underpinned by clear expectations of what is required to become a teacher, and what standards need to be met by all teachers.

As the regulatory authority, the QCT continues to be a national leader in national policy discussions around child safety, teacher professional boundaries, accreditation of preservice teacher education, and promoting the profession.

Teaching is the only profession that makes all other

the profession, protecting the public, and promoting the work of Queensland teachers. As a registered teacher. Deanne recognises the complexities of teaching. On the eve of World Teachers' Day, she is thankful for the dedication of Queensland teachers and the contribution they make to the community. The TEACHX Awards provide the QCT with the opportunity to share stories of excellence and recognise the achievement of teachers in the wider community.

Thank you for your sustained work to make a difference to the voung people and school communities vou serve.

Order of proceedings

6:00pm TEACHX Awards ceremony commences

Master of Ceremonies opens the proceedings

David Bliss

Principal, St Andrews Lutheran College and Queensland College of Teachers Board member

Minister's video message

The Honourable Grace Grace MP Minister for Education. Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing

Welcome Michael De'Ath

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Chair's closing address

Robert Seljak Chief Executive Officer, TUH Health Fund

David Bliss

Principal, St Andrews Lutheran College and Queensland College of Teachers Board member

Director-General, Department of Education

Dion Guthrie Chief Marketing Officer, Schoolzine Australasia

Andrew Daly Group Executive

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David Bliss Principal, St Andrews Lutheran College and Queensland College of Teachers Board member

Professor Donna Pendergast Chair. Queensland Council of Deans of Education

Emeritus Professor Wendy Patton Chair, Queensland College of Teachers Board

8:00pm TEACHX Awards ceremony concludes

PRESENTERS



MR DAVID BLISS Principal of St Andrews Lutheran College

David is an experienced school leader in the independent schooling sector. He has taught for 37 years in public and independent schools and is currently the Principal of St Andrews Lutheran College, a P-12 school of more than 1,200 students at Tallebudgera on the Gold Coast. David has served in a range of positions, including in rural and semi-remote schools in Queensland.



Chief Marketing Officer Schoolzine Australasia

Dion began at Schoolzine Robert Seljak joined TUH as the CEO in 2005. TUH in the advertising provides private health insurance and health-related services to the Queensland education sector and to union members and their families across Australia through its Union Health brand. Prior to joining TUH, Rob held a number of senior executive roles, including General Manager WorkCover NSW and General Manager Workplace Health and Safety Queensland. Rob is a director on the Boards of Members Health Fund Alliance, Australian Health Service Alliance, Private Healthcare Australia, and the

Chair of HAMBS Ptv. Ltd.

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department in 2011. He is passionate about providing schools with software that gives them the chance to showcase the wonderful things they are doing. Currently, Dion is working to expand the rapidly growing company further and developing new products for the 3,000 schools Schoolzine is

Dr John Dwyer

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MR ANDREW DALY Group Executive Customer Development, RemServ Lease

With more than 17 years' salary packaging experience, Andrew leverages his expertise to oversee and manage RemServ's Employer relationships and deliver best practice solutions which drive strong engagement and program participation.

As a customer focused leader, Andrew proudly supports RemServ's ongoing commitment to honouring leadership excellence by recognising and celebrating the outstanding contributions Queensland teachers make to state schools and early childhood communities.



PROFESSOR DONNA PENDERGAST Chair, Queensland Council of Deans of Education

Professor Donna Pendergast is Chair of the QCDE and Dean and Head of the School of Education and Professional Studies at Griffith University. She commenced her career as a secondary teacher. She works at state and national levels in shaping education policy through the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) and the AITSL Teacher Education Expert Standing Committee; The Qld Education Leadership Institute (QELi); the Australian Council of Deans of Education: and Bevond Blue's Be You National Advisory Council

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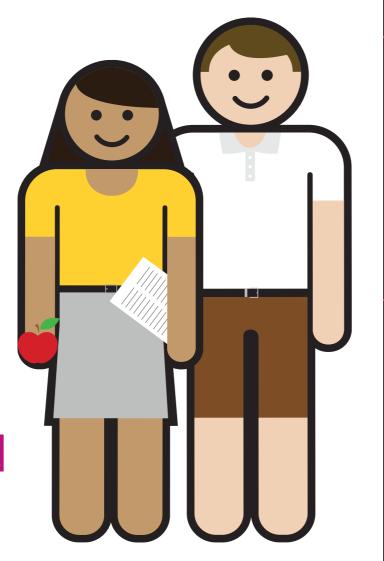
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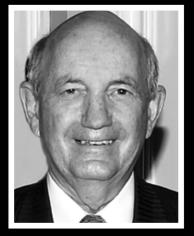
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The TUH Health Fund Dr Roger Hunter OAM Excellence in Beginning to Teach Award





DR ROGER HUNTER OAM Excellence in Beginning to **Teach Award**

Dr Roger Hunter has a lively and continuing commitment to excellence in education. A graduate of three universities - Queensland, Sydney and Southern Illinois – as well as The Australian School of Pacific Administration, he was a Board member of the QCT and the Board of Teacher Registration for 23 years. He is a Fellow of the Australian College of Educators, and has served as President of Independent Schools Queensland (ISQ), as Executive Director of Lutheran Education Queensland. and as Adjunct Professor at Griffith University.



SHANTELLE JANEK Somerville House

Within three years of teaching at Somerville House. Shantelle Janek has already made a significant impact. Whether it's the boardgames she invents, or the robotics programs that inspire girls to participate, or even an innovative cross-curricular project to rejuvenate the school garden. Ms Janek is passionate about maximising potential. She is recognised for her genuine desire to bring out the best in all students, her dynamic lessons and her ability to continually improve her practice. Ms Janek says she has found a lifelong career that she loves.



LAETITIA LEACH Sunnybank State High School

Laetitia Leach entered her first class in her first year as a teacher and was faced with a challenge: some of the Modern History students at Sunnybank State High School did not share her enthusiasm for the subject. So. Ms Leach introduced initiatives and strategies that required students to become active participants in their own learning. She also co-facilitated a Youth in Queensland Media Academy project where her students participated in weekly webinars to learn how to write their own news stories.



NATALIE RAYNER Queensland Pathways State College

Natalie Rayner, a former youth justice worker turned teacher, is in her third year of teaching. Ms Rayner draws on her previous experience working with vulnerable youth to help students achieve their goals. In her role as a Learning and Pathways mentor, she auides students through their college journey, assisting them in achieving their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). Ms Rayner built partnerships with Registered Training Organisations that offer students opportunities for recognised study in their field of interest. She is passionate about improving educational outcomes for First Nations students and educating all students about First Nations history and culture.



KAYLA STUBBS Woorabinda State School

Three weeks after graduating from her teaching degree. Kavla Stubbs moved from Perth to Woorabinda, two hours west of Rockhampton, where she became the 'Reading Champion' for her school. Ms Stubbs' work in this role has seen significant growth and progress in closing the literacy gap. She has forged connections with the Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation, the local Indigenous Knowledge Centre, and several secondary boarding schools. As a specialist HASS teacher, she is committed to embedding local indigenous knowledge in consultation with community stakeholders and staff.



DAVID TOMBA Noosa District State High School

Midway through his first year of teaching, David Tomba accepted the role of Sports Coordinator at Noosa District State High School where he organised a sports carnival for the school and an interschool competition for over 1,200 students resulting in the highest attendance to school sports events in a decade. Mr Tomba also developed the Achilles Program, an initiative to engage male students identified as being at risk of disengaging with the schooling system. The program has been a major success with all participants either in the final stages of their Year 12 studies with QCE, or full-time apprenticeships.

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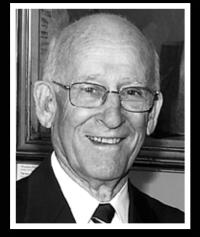
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The Dr Alan Druery OAM

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DR ALAN DRUERY OAM Excellence in Teaching Award

As the first CEO and later Executive Director of the Queensland Catholic Education Commission, Dr Alan Druery was, until his retirement in July 2001, an active advocate for the state's Catholic education system for more than 50 years. Dr Druery started his teaching career in the state system before joining St Laurence's College in 1957. His leadership achievements also include McAuley College, which later became part of Australian Catholic University (ACU), where he was on the Senate for 20 years, the Archdiocesan Education Council, and 22 years' service much of it as Deputy Chair — with the QCT's predecessors, the Board of Teacher Education and the Board of Teacher Registration. He has received honorary doctorates for distinguished services to the Queensland University of Technology and ACU.



ZAINAB ALI **Bellbird Park State** Secondary College

Zainab Ali's passion for teaching the skills needed to shape a better future has seen students at Bellbird State Secondary College design a selfsustaining village, study the effects of mining on economically under-developed countries, and design a space for young people experiencing homelessness. Ms Ali supported four female students in successful applications for the Harding Miller Foundation Scholarship, making Bellbird Park the only school in Australia to have all applicants successful. After the 2022 Brisbane floods, Ms Ali collaborated with local organisations to host a barbeque fundraiser where students raised \$1,200 to assist affected families.



NAHROON NAZIM Emerald State High School

Nahroon Nazim, a former stockbroker now teaching mathematics at Emerald State High School, has helped students improve their results, shift their attitudes towards maths and aim higher. Having grown up on a small island in Fiji, Mr Nazim, now Head of Department, can relate to the challenges faced by many students in small rural towns. For over a decade, he has worked tirelessly with school staff and students, and leads a Professional Learning Community to develop, share and enhance maths teaching across the region.



CHRISTOPHER RALPH St John's Anglican College

Students at St John's Anglican College have extraordinary opportunities to explore new technology, thanks to Christopher Ralph. Now in his 25th year of teaching at the college, he was one of the first Queensland teachers to incorporate Computer Aided Design (CAD) alongside traditional drafting methods, and was a pioneer in bringing graphic design drawing, drones, rapid prototyping and 3D printing into the classroom. In a bold move Mr Ralph describes as feeling "like science fiction" at the time, he designed and built the college's Centre of Rapid Prototyping Engineering (CARPE), which provides students with access to industry standard prototyping technologies such as laser cutting.



LEANNE SHEAD St Monica's College, Cairns

Leanne Shead provides students throughout Far North Queensland with opportunities to showcase their artwork through an array of public forums and competitions. These opportunities would not be possible without Ms Shead's dedication to applying for grants, securing funds, and volunteering her time with professional networks and educational bodies. She runs workshops and exhibitions for teachers and advocates tirelessly for the teaching profession and practice of art. Over the course of her 28-year teaching career, and in marking, syllabus development and co-authoring a textbook, she has focused on the importance of Visual Art in academic success and personal development.





FLORIANA TORELLI Cairns State High School

Establishing one new subject in your first eight years in the profession is no easy feat, but at Cairns State High School (CSHS) Floriana Torelli has established two. Ms Torelli led the development a Psychology program for the International Baccalaureate Diploma, before bringing it to the QCAA syllabus and CSHS. Using her training from the University of Melbourne in Content and Language Integrated Learning, Ms Torelli contributed to the development of the school's popular Italian Immersion program, where History and Geography are taught in Italian in Years 7-9. Both the Psychology and Italian Immersion programs promote skills and knowledge that extend far beyond the classroom.

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The Schoolzine Merline Muldoon Memorial Award for Innovation in Teaching





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Merline Muldoon was the first Chair of the Board of Teacher Registration (the QCT's immediate predecessor) and in the late 1960s was at the forefront of the Queensland Teachers' Union campaign which led to the establishment of teacher registration in this state.

Miss Muldoon began teaching in 1954. As Principal of West End Infants State School in the 1970s, Miss Muldoon helped turn the school into a unique educational environment to meet the needs of children from multicultural and underprivileged backgrounds. She ended her career as Principal of the Royal Children's Hospital State Special School in Brisbane.

She was one of Queensland's first registered teachers.



HANNAH CAMPOS REMON Brisbane Grammar School

Brisbane Grammar School has developed a ground-breaking project to promote effective thinking across all educational practices-academic, wellbeing, and cocurricular-thanks to the help of Hannah Campos Remon. As Director of Organisational Learning and teacher. Dr Campos Remon played an integral role in the project, called Effective Thinking Cultures, by leading and developing research initiatives across the entire school. The project builds the specific thinking abilities that teachers and students need to respond to immediate demands of learning or assessment, as well as abilities that will serve them throughout their lives. Dr Campos Remon is passionate about helping teachers and students develop their thinking skills.



DANIELLE CHAPMAN Rangeville State School

When Danielle Chapman arrived at Rangeville State School in 2021, she had very little experience supporting students with complex speech, language, and communication needs. One student and 18 months later, Ms Chapman has ensured both herself and her entire class are now confident 'communication partners' using Augmentative and Alternative Communication and a Pragmatically Organised Dynamic Display, which she wears to ensure the student has the same access to content as their peers. Along with two colleagues, Ms Chapman has been profiled by the Department of Education in an EDTV episode about providing a highly individualised curriculum and has presented at a national specialist conference.



NICHOLAS GATES Maroochydore State High School

Thanks to the dedication of pilotturned-teacher Nicholas Gates, who spearheaded the school's designation as an Aerospace Gateway to Industry, students at Maroochydore State High School are studying aerospace and being inspired to fly high in their learning. Mr Gates developed the Aerospace study program for Years 11-12 from the start, followed by grades 7-10 as feeder programs. In a groundbreaking curriculum, students can learn with virtual reality, 3D printers, drones, rocketry and more. As part of the Gateway to Industry Schools Program, they also have extraordinary opportunities for hands-on experience through partnerships with industry.



JON GEMMELL Eumundi State School

Jon Gemmell transformed an unused area at the back of Eumundi State School into an 'Enviro Centre' after the school received a \$250,000 grant for being Queensland's Healthiest School in 2013. The Centre now spans more than 9000m² and includes an orchard of 35 trees, vegetable gardens, composting facilities, worm farms, chicken coops, and a kitchen where students can enjoy the food they've planted and harvested. In partnership with local markets, the Enviro Centre has set up worm farms that process the market's organic waste into organic fertiliser, which also benefits local community gardens.



ISIKELI KUBUNAMECA St James College

Isikeli Kubunameca is Assistant Principal (Identity and Global Advocacy) at St James College, which serves a diverse community of students from 70 nationalities, many of whom come from refugee backgrounds and speak English as a second or other language. As the leader of the College's Advocacy and Identity program, Mr Kubunameca oversees a wide range of initiatives that places huge emphasis on diversity, social justice, and global citizenship, which has led to improved academic outcomes and personal wellbeing for students.

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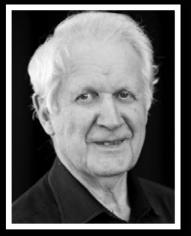


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DR JOHN DWYER Excellent Leadership in Teaching and Learning Award

A former Chair of the Board of Teacher Registration (predecessor of the QCT), Dr John Dwyer has over 60 years' experience in education and training, including as a teacher, principal, inspector, director and consultant. Dr Dwyer began his teaching career at Ironside State School and went on to become principal of a number of state schools, including Cherbourg, where his experience led him to specialise for some years in the education of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. Recently, he has been heavily involved in vocational education and training.



JENNIFER GIBB Faith Lutheran College

As Director of Teaching and Learning, Jennifer Gibb has led many changes at Faith Lutheran College Plainlands including launching student-led learning days and transforming the year 7-12 education program. Collaborating with the principal, college council and parent body. Mrs Gibb also led the transformation of the College's leadership structure, educational models, policies, and procedures at the school - a process that continues today. Throughout her career, Mrs Gibb has led and transformed curriculum and methodology in schools and has shared her insights with the wider education community.



TANYA MCMILLAN Goodstart Early Learning Goodna

As Head of Goodstart's Inclusion Support Team in Goodna, Tanva McMillan was instrumental in creating an Early Intervention Community to ensure that children and their families' received services from speech and language organisations, occupational therapists, and physiotherapists. She also developed video resources on intervention strategies for over 1,500 childhood educators within the Goodstart community. Currently, Ms McMillan is working with Goodstart Early Learning on Universal Inclusion Support and a Behaviour Support Kit. Described by fellow teachers as someone who motivates and empowers teachers, educators, children, families and communities alike, she continues to show how early childhood educators play a vital role in education leadership in Queensland.



DANIEL TONON Western Cape College

As Associate Principal of Western Cape College in Weipa, Daniel Tonon excels at finding ways to navigate remote teaching challenges, learn about students, communities, and cultures, and combat student disengagement. Mr Tonon helped forge a partnership with Schools Up North (SUN) a pilot project that empowers teachers and support teams to respond to students' emotional and mental health. He is also connected with the Western Cape Coordinated Care for Young People (WCCCYP), a partnership between fourteen government and non-government agencies to provide coordinated care approaches for young people experiencing multiple and complex issues.



JUSTENE WEBB Mount Morgan State High School

Justene Webb teaches at Mount Morgan State High and is dedicated to improving opportunities for senior students. With a vision to link students to real world employment opportunities, Ms Webb drew on her pre-teaching experience in office administration, retail, and childcare to identify Vocational Education Training (VET) courses that spoke to students' interests in a wide range of industries. Ms Webb is passionate about ensuring that the VET programs are translated into real-world opportunities via work experience and school-based traineeships, with completion rates of 85% for VET courses.



MICHAEL WEST Bellbird Park State Secondary College

Students and teachers are thriving at Bellbird Park State Secondary College, under the collaborative leadership of Principal Michael West. When the school college opened its doors in 2017, students often arrived with low literacy and numeracy levels, and difficult behaviours. Mr West, who believes teacher practice is the greatest predictor of student success, embraced the challenge. His leadership model, the Collegiate Engagement Framework, helped staff through a systematic approach to observation, feedback and coaching. His strong, fair, and highly visible leadership style led to measurable student improvements as well as excellent staff morale and culture.

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The Dr Joe McCorley OAM Outstanding Contribution to School Community Award



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DR JOE McCORLEY OAM Award for Outstanding Contribution to School Community

Dr Joe McCorley chaired the QCT Board from late 2009 until mid-2017. Joe's professional career began in 1961 as a state primary school teacher and he later became a District Inspector of Schools. In 1980 he joined Catholic education as Supervisor of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Rockhampton. Joe was appointed in 1989 as the first lay Director of Catholic Education for the Diocese. He went on to become the Director of the Queensland Catholic Education Commission. In 1995 he was awarded an OAM for his services to education and in 2008 Joe was awarded an honorary doctorate by Central Queensland University.



TRUDY BARTLETT Marsden State High School

Trudy Bartlett has made it her mission to ensure neurodiverse and LGBTIQA+ students at Marsden State High School have every opportunity to succeed and feel a strong sense of belonging in the school community. Trudy organises Wear It Purple Day complete with a market stall for LGBTIQA+ youth support services, staff wristbands, rainbow lanvards, and a library display celebrating LGBTIQA+ authors and stories. Ms Bartlett has been widely acknowledged for her advocacy in the broader education community. including publishing work in journals, being interviewed for multiple panel discussions and Education Queensland's YouTube channel, and more recently. when she was seconded to QUT to create a professional learning program for teachers.



TAMARA BEALE Wellington Point State High School

Tamara Beale, a Visual Art teacher at Wellington Point State High School. leads numerous activities that give students a sense of belonging and pride in their community and a chance to gain real-world industry experience. Besides exhibiting their work in local councils, studios and community centres, students participate in residencies and public art programs, including a koala awareness project, and a precinct for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Ms Beale is passionate about developing the next generation of teachers, and helped develop a mentoring program for new, beginning, and pre-service teachers, many of whom have returned to join the "Wello" community.



SEFINA HASSAM Australian International **Islamic College**

Sefina Hassam is behind a social volunteer project that facilitates Australian International Islamic College students serving local communities through activities such as providing food for people experiencing homelessness and helping clean up after the 2022 floods. In a school where students speak over 40 languages, Mrs Hassam works hard to ensure students experience academic success, particularly in English. She motivates students to participate in the community, find their place in the world, and develop their linguistic and social skills. Many former students have followed her footsteps and founded their own community organisations.



KATHERINE PRYOR Blackwater State High School

Kate Pryor is the longest continually serving teacher at Blackwater State High School (BSHS) and has carved out a niche in the careers field that exemplifies what she values most about education: real-world outcomes. Ms Pryor transformed the school's work experience program, ensuring every Year 10 student had an internship experience. not just locally, but as far as Brisbane and Mackay. She also spearheaded the Blackwater University Tour which took students almost ten hours away to attend a Tertiary and Skills Expo in Brisbane and to visit six universities in the region.



WAYNE TUCKETT **Edens Landing State School**

Wayne Tuckett is described as the 'heart and soul' of the Edens Landing State School community. In 2014, he would often be seen entering school with armfuls of jam and vegemite to support a breakfast club he initiated after identifying a group of students who needed extra support. As the club grew, Mr Tuckett worked with external groups to secure financial support to meet the growing physical and emotional needs of the community. Another of his initiatives, the annual Bush Dance, was originally intended as a one-time event for the school's 20th anniversary in 2017 but it was so successful the school decided to keep it and at the end of every year Mr Tuckett help's to bring the school and community together though a large Christmas Carol event.



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Betty Hazel Watts (1928-1997) made a significant contribution to Queensland's educational landscape. Twice Chair of the Board of Teacher Education. a predecessor to the QCT, Emeritus Professor Watts was Queensland's fourth female professor – progressing from teaching primary school students to shaping higher education at the University of Queensland with a strong focus on Indigenous and special education issues. She was awarded the Order of the British Empire – Officer (Civil) in 1976 for her service to education.



JACQUELINE CHILD St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School

Throughout her 46-year teaching career. Jacqueline "Jackie" Child has left an indelible mark on students, parents, colleagues, and the community. With a passion for learning through hands-on experiences, she was instrumental in the establishing Makerspace at St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School, one of the first of its kind in a school library setting. Over decades, she has generously shared her insights with the education community and her blog, Tinkering Child, has become an invaluable professional resource for many teachers. Mrs Child's inventive, experiential teaching brings learning to life.



CATHERINE ENGEL Southport State High School

Catherine 'Tassy' Engel, is a teacher at Southport State High School and, throughout her 30 plus years as a teacher, she has improved the lives of students with complex needs. Through programs like the 'Secret Agent Society', which uses espionage-themed resources and small group sessions to help students develop social skills for daily life. Among her colleagues, she is known for her quiet confidence and ability to motivate those around her.



RALPH ISELE Burpengary State School

A primary school teacher for four decades. Mr Isele is revered for his commitment to teaching, learning, evolving his practice and championing others to do the same. Now in his 31st year at Burpengary State School, he has supported students, families, and the community in countless ways. Among his many accomplishments are the development of the school's technology and science programs, inspiring improvement in numerous school activities and supporting teachers to develop their practice. Now approaching retirement, Mr Isele describes teaching as a "wonderful adventure".



ROSINA TUCKER Cavendish Road State High School

Rosina Tucker has been an integral part of the Cavendish Road State High School community since 1987, beginning as a German and Music teacher. Mrs Tucker is known for a passion that extends beyond the classroom to school musicals, choirs, ensembles, and even leading a group to perform for the Queen at World Expo 88. After joining the special education department to support students with visual impairments. Mrs Tucker didn't just learn a new communication system in Braille, she also had to train in new technologies. Throughout her decades of teaching, Mrs Tucker has extended and supported students, families, and the community and consistently advocated for students with disabilities.



SANDY WILLICK C&K Moorooka Community Kindergarten

Sandy Willick is a teacher and director at C&K Moorooka Community Kindergarten, which serves a diverse and multicultural community. Many of her students come from traumaaffected backgrounds, speak English as a second or other language, and have few community connections. Through Ms Willick's respectful leadership, culturally aware pedagogy and practice, and innovations, children and families at C&K Moorooka are able to form new connections, feel a sense of belonging, and transition into primary school as confident, empowered learners.

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