

Paulene Walsh

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Recipient of the 2018 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Award



Paulene is driven by the desire to make a difference in the lives of the students she works with. She believes in fostering good relationships with students, *whanau*, colleagues and the wider community.

Paulene tries to meet her students' individual education and learning goals by getting to know the educational 'thumb print' of each student.

Awareness and management of students with dyslexia is a strong need at Paulene's school. She says that providing these students and *whanau* with knowledge of dyslexia has empowered them and created awareness of what they have to do in order to succeed in their endeavours.

Her school has created a wraparound service. Paulene is the learning support coordinator and works with teacher aides, counsellors, caretakers, the careers department, heads of faculties, the senior management team, the parish and the wider community to ensure that every child has the best opportunity to succeed and fulfil their potential.