

2016 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards

National Award Recipient



Erica Prosser

Holy Spirit College, QLD

Erica is a principal at this special assistance school designed to motivate young people disengaged from school, has designed a curriculum based around the Indigenous students' strength in art. Art at the school is seen as means of empowering students to achieve and motivates them to set goal for their futures – be it transitioning to further training, work, or back to mainstream schools.

Erica's work at Holy Spirit College follows her success in implementing a similar arts-based program while principal of Roebourne High School, in the Pilbara region, which also saw attendances and engagement improve significantly.

Students at Holy Spirit College are provided with a core curriculum of English and Mathematics, and elect their art-focused subjects around this. In her first year at the school attendances improved significantly, and four Holy Spirit College students won awards in the Indigenous section of the 2015 Young Australian Art Awards.

Erica works with 90 students and 24 staff across two regional campuses, 300 kilometres apart. The school also utilises a teacher-mentor and wellbeing program to help individual students plan their own goals and achieve individual success.

Erica's National Award is for Leadership and Development.

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