

2016 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards

National Award Recipient



Jacob Windle

St Paul's Primary School
Karratha, WA

Jacob is committed to introducing children to the fundamental elements of science through captivating methods and tailors his science classes to suit the age and ability of the children. For example, his younger grades might take a walk in nature, while his older students set up experiments, follow scientific methods and discuss their observations. He also modifies his lessons to suit the special needs of some students.

Known for his efforts to go 'above and beyond' for his students, one of Jacob's great achievements has been the development of a science website for his students to access resources and provide feedback. He also organised an astronomy night for students and a solar eclipse observation station, and, as a means of keeping parents involved, has developed a forum where he can discuss their child's progress.

As a result of his own experiences, Jacob firmly believes that an education can change someone's world, and that encouragement is one of the keys to success. To encourage his students to 'push the boundaries' he keeps his assessments open ended and applies the same principles to his lessons, which might one week take the form of a traditional lesson, and the next feature role playing.

Jacob's National Award is for Innovation and Leadership and Development.

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