

2016 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards

National Award Recipient



Dimitrios (Jim) Christodoulopoulos

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School, NSW

Growing up in rural NSW in the 1970s as a child from a 'different' culture background, Jim has witnessed direct and indirect discrimination. Jim has harnessed his own personal experiences to ensure all students feel they are part of the school environment and supported by their peers to achieve the best outcome.

He is committed to learning more about his students' background and interests and incorporating these passions into his classes to help keep students engaged. Jim draws on popular culture and digital technology to help motivate students, for example using movie making in numeracy lessons and writing classes.

Jim builds an atmosphere of discovery, engagement and wonder in his classroom. His class recently contacted a US based songwriter and was subsequently asked by Channel 7 Sunrise program to appear on their show when the performer visited Australia.

Jim is passionate about teaching drama as a vehicle for students to explore, live and feel another point of view and make sense of their world. He also leads choirs and choreographs and teaches dance at the school.

Jim's National Award is for Community Engagement.

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