

2016 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards

National Award Recipient



Joan Ocampo

Henbury School, NT

Joan, Science and Sustainability Teacher at special needs Henbury School, has piloted the implementation of a modified science program appropriate for her students' needs and range of abilities. Partnerships with various groups and organisations; including the CSIRO Scientists in Schools Program, Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden, NT Schools Network and Keep Australia Beautiful Eco-Schools, have helped open doors for students.

Renowned for her positive relationship with students and her commitment to lifting the school's profile, Joan also successfully acquired multiple grants from various organisations that funded school projects essential in establishing school wide recycling, kitchen garden and animal care programs that have since been mimicked by other schools around Darwin and Palmerston Regions.

Last year, Joan was one of only seven teachers nationally to receive the Kids Teaching Kids Foundation Teacher Heroes Excellence Award. Over the last three years, she has hosted the Kids Teaching Kids Event at Henbury School, which sees students with special needs teach their peers from mainstream primary and secondary schools in the region about environmental awareness and sustainability.

Joan's National Award is for Disability Services.

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