

2016 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards

State and Territory Award Recipient

Bianca O'Malley

St Lawrence's Primary School
Bluff Point, Western Australia

Bianca believes that a teacher's role goes beyond set curriculums and outcomes to educating children to realise their potential and make valuable contributions to society. She is also acutely aware that as a kindergarten teacher she is many students' first formal educator, and that she has a huge responsibility for each child's developing social skills, and to ignite a love of learning.

Bianca believes children learn best through play, and she provides a developmental play-based teaching and learning program. This also includes the emergent curriculum, where learning experiences are rich and relevant to the needs and interests of the children.

St Lawrence's Primary School believes in nurturing the 'whole student' and Bianca's work to build relationships with families begins prior to the start of the school year, so she can learn in advance how to meet each child's needs. She also maintains close relationships with parents, via a Facebook page, newsletters and co-constructed weekly learning, to continue to build relationships with and encourage parental involvement in each child's learning.

Position	Other responsibilities	Category	Subjects/level taught	Years teaching
Kindergarten Teacher		Early Childhood		15
Years at this school/centre	School type	Nominated by	Town/suburb	State and postcode
15	Private	Parent	Bluff Point	WA, 6530

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