

2016 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards

State and Territory Award Recipient

Fiona Langdon

Mary Ranken Child Care Centre
Gunnedah, New South Wales

Fiona's School Readiness Program at the Mary Ranken Child Care Centre is very popular and consistently has a wait list. In 2016 all children in the class performed in the top percentage in literacy and numeracy in Best Start testing. Feedback from the local primary school that the majority of students progress onto is also very positive, with the children from Mary Ranken Child Care Centre clearly identifiable as being able to line up, sit for longer periods of time and better care for their belongings than comparable new starters.

Fiona also strives to build resilience, confidence and self-esteem, and is committed to meeting the needs of individual students so their confidence and personalities can flourish. She works to develop each child's strengths, interests, skills, abilities and knowledge, working closely with parents and families.

The School Readiness Room is set up with a combination of quiet and active learning areas where children can resource their own learning. Fiona sets and tracks goals via programming software, and utilises an interactive smart board, which enables the children to use technology in their learning. She also uses visual management techniques to help teach children with communication skills, and Jolly Phonics and Pre lit in her intentional teaching.

Position	Other responsibilities	Category	Subjects/level taught	Years teaching
Early Childhood Teacher		Early Childhood		18
Years at this school/centre	School type	Nominated by	Town/suburb	State and postcode
4	Private	Parent	Gunnedah	NSW, 2380

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