

2016 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards

State and Territory Award Recipient

John Williams

Wheeler Heights Public School
Collaroy Plateau, New South Wales

As a long-standing member of staff and recognised leader at Wheeler Heights Public School, John, Kindergarten Teacher and Assistant Principal is well regarded by students, staff and parents alike.

In his kindergarten class he focuses on strong personal relationships built on mutual trust and genuine rapport and is committed to providing a safe, stimulating learning space that promotes academic, social and emotional development. The kindergarten room features cushions for floor work, aromatherapy to aid memory and carefully considered table arrangements.

In day to day classes, John is able to balance ICT teaching and learning tools with a variety of hands on games and activities, which promote fine motor skills, independent exploration, kinesthetic learning and group work.

John also works across the school on a variety of projects to ensure positive attitudes towards education and improvements in social engagement. Specifically, he has driven social engagement projects with specifically targeted students experiencing social difficulties, in the form of a twice-weekly games club. The games club provides a stimulating alternative to busy playground play, and an avenue for successfully promoting cooperation, turn taking and conflict resolution.

| Position | Other responsibilities | Category | Subjects/level taught | Years teaching |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Classroom Teacher | Assistant Principal | Early Childhood | | 16 |
| Years at this school/centre | School type | Nominated by | Town/suburb | State and postcode |
| 10 | Public | Parent | Collaroy Plateau | NSW, 2097 |

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