

2016 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards

State and Territory Award Recipient

Melissa Berg

Wynnum General Gordon
Wynnum, Queensland

Melissa is renowned for going above and beyond what one would expect of a kindergarten teacher, including actively involving herself in fundraising and volunteer work for Wynnum General Gordon.

A warm, passionate teacher, she is committed to helping her students develop a love of learning through play and creating a secure environment so students can develop at their own pace. She uses music, performances and group-time bonding to engage the children, as well as incentives such as mystery bags, question draws and games to hold focus. Melissa develops social skills through role-play, puppets and story time.

Melissa focuses strongly on the physical set-up of the classroom, often changing displays to evoke the curiosity of the children. She believes interesting room spaces, and the children's consequent exploration and discovery of these, helps instil independence.

Recognising the young age of her students, achievements at Wynnum General Gordon are measured in unique ways, and on a daily basis. This could include a child mastering climbing a tree or swinging from a rope, or celebrating when a child in the class recognises the first letter of their name or their whole name written on a piece of artwork.

Position	Other responsibilities	Category	Subjects/level taught	Years teaching
Kindergarten Teacher		Early Childhood		13
	School type	Nominated by	Town/suburb	State and postcode
1	Private	Parent	Wynnum	QLD, 4178

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