

# 2016 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards

## State and Territory Award Recipient

### Rachael Lord

Konomi Kindergarten  
Willoughby, New South Wales

A committed teacher, ten years after commencing in early childhood education, Rachael is still passionate about working directly with children, with no intention of moving onto management or director roles. She has also furthered her study, completing a Graduate Diploma in Psychology as a means of building her knowledge of child development.

Rachael feels fortunate to work in an early childhood service that advocates for high quality and further learning, based around the Reggio Emilia approach to education, while always being mindful of the additional needs some students.

Through study and experience, Rachael has come to appreciate that every child learns differently, and on that basis, she works to differentiate her curriculum to meet each child's needs and abilities. She also focuses on group learning and project work as a means of meeting individual learning needs to create a learning community, rather than a passive teacher/learner classroom environment.

Konomi Kindergarten is a multicultural environment, and its success is evident in the many children that commence their kindergarten year with limited English language skills, finishing the year and progressing onto school almost fluent in English. Overall, Rachael is proud to have a group of eager young learners that graduate from kindergarten settled, eager and prepared for learning.

Position	Other responsibilities	Category	Subjects/level taught	Years teaching
Early Childhood Teacher/ Preschool Room Leader		Early Childhood		10
Preschool Room Leader		Early Childhood		10
5	Private	Parent	Willoughby	NSW, 2068

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