

# 2016 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards

## State and Territory Award Recipient

### Elizabeth Crocos

Cameron Downs State School  
Townsville, Queensland

At this outback school located on a cattle station Elizabeth takes on the role of both teacher and principal and is renowned for her tireless efforts to improve learning for all students. She promotes the concept of proud learners, with a particular focus on helping those with learning difficulties find their confidence.

Elizabeth provides a differentiated curriculum delivery across a multi-age class comprised of six students from Prep to Year 6, and four eKindy students. She has also introduced her students to digital technology activities including coding and robotics.

Motivated to keep learning herself, in order to increase her capacity to provide new and innovative approaches for her students, Elizabeth has introduced to the school a Habits of the Mind program to help students develop a positive mindset. She also encourages the practice of Daily 5 for reading, writing and vocabulary development, while activities like Genius Hour promote independence and research and reporting skills.

Through regularly setting and working towards short term SMART goals, the students are motivated to do their best. Elizabeth continually pursues challenge and change to improve her teaching; her next challenge will be to improve her skills in teaching early reading, using advanced approaches.

Elizabeth enjoys the strong community cooperation in providing a positive learning environment, and she is most heartened by the fact that her students really love to come to school.

Position	Other responsibilities	Category	Subjects/level taught	Years teaching
Principal	Teacher	Primary		32
	School type	Nominated by	Town/suburb	State and postcode
2	Public	Community Member	Hughenden	QLD, 4821

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