

# 2016 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards

## State and Territory Award Recipient

### Fiona Hislop

Parkview Public School  
Leeton, NSW

Fiona is committed to continuing to update and challenge her pedagogy. She leads ICT, Focus on Reading and Taking Off with Numeracy programs at the school, and ensures that Gifted and Talented students are catered for in the school environment. She also leads a systems innovation project around the use of technology in 21st century schools, and has made significant contributions to the creative and performance arts programs at the school.

Parkview Public School is made up of approximately 30 per cent Indigenous students and, as evidence of her commitment to these students, Fiona is a key stakeholder in the Leeton Aboriginal Education Group.

She is motivated by the satisfaction of helping a student understand something previously unattainable to them, and believes that all students want to learn, want to be in control of their own learning, and crave goals in order to succeed.

Fiona provides her students with an engaging, personalised approach to learning within a culture of high expectations. This has involved broad changes such as designing student workplaces to facilitate maximum learning potential and using project based learning ideas to personalise the learning experience. Specific projects have included having students edit a children's book for the Barrington Stokes publishing company, and the introduction and effective use of technology such as SmartNotebook and apps such as QR Codes.

As a result of its focus on engagement, specialised programs and individual student progress, this rural school has almost doubled its population the past six years.

Position	Other responsibilities	Category	Subjects/level taught	Years teaching
Assistant Principal	Years 3/4 Classroom Teacher	Primary		28
	School type	Nominated by	Town/suburb	State and postcode
8	Public	Parent	Leeton	NSW, 2705

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