

2016 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards

State and Territory Award Recipient

James Caldwell

Pimpama State School
Pimpama, Queensland

James' approach to teaching upper primary school is to find the balance between work and fun for his students, in order to keep them motivated and prepare them for the challenges of secondary school, and beyond. He is respected for his efforts to keep parents informed of their children's progress, and is renowned for his enthusiasm.

Year 6 Students are encouraged to prepare for the years ahead through participation in a time management skills program, in which they develop strategies to successfully compete demanding academic assignments that also coincide with extracurricular sporting activities.

As a technology specialist, James has also made an immense contribution to the school through the introduction of a new Technologies Lab, where he engages students and teachers in formal digital and design technologies lessons, such as coding and robotics. This is also reflective of his commitment to creating an inspiring learning environment.

James believes in education as a tool to improve lives and expand horizons, and is genuinely committed to helping students achieve academic, social and personal growth. He employs flexible learning environments, such as online classrooms in which he can implement a variety of media for learning opportunities. The online classrooms also present opportunities for a 'flipped classroom', allowing students to access key concepts for homework at their own pace and freeing them up to more meaningfully absorb information while in class.

Position	Other responsibilities	Category	Subjects/level taught	Years teaching
Teacher	Technologies Specialist	Primary		20
Years at this school/centre	School type	Nominated by	Town/suburb	State and postcode
3	Public	Parent	Pimpama	QLD, 4209

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