

2016 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards

State and Territory Award Recipient

Jim Christodoulopoulos

Mittagong Public school
Mittagong, New South Wales

A passionate teacher, Jim has harnessed his own experiences of discrimination – growing up in rural NSW in the 1970s as a child with a ‘different’ cultural background – as well as witnessing direct and indirect discrimination against Aboriginal students, to ensure all students feel they are part of the school environment and supported to achieve.

He is committed to learning more about his students’ background and interests and incorporating these passions into his classes to help keep students engaged. Jim draws on popular culture and digital technology to help motivate students, for example using movie making in numeracy lessons and writing classes.

Jim builds an atmosphere of discovery, engagement and wonder in his classroom. His class recently contacted a US-based songwriter and was subsequently asked by Channel 7’s Sunrise program to appear on their show when the performer visited Australia.

Jim is passionate about teaching drama as a vehicle for students to explore, live and feel another point of view and make sense of their world. He also leads choirs and choreographs and teaches dance at the school.

Position	Other responsibilities	Category	Subjects/level taught	Years teaching
Teacher		Primary		6
Years at this school/centre	School type	Nominated by	Town/suburb	State and postcode
5	Public	Parent	Mittagong	NSW, 2575

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