

2016 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards

State and Territory Award Recipient

Julie Ferguson

Hughes Primary School
Hughes, Australian Capital Territory

Julie is a committed mentor to beginning teachers, and coaches experienced teachers on the beneficial use of technology in their classrooms. An enthusiastic, hard-working, community-minded teacher, she is a strong advocate for supporting the wellbeing of all students and works tirelessly with differentiating her program so it gives them all opportunities to thrive – particularly those from English as an Additional Language/Dialect (EALD) background, who she works closely with.

Julie strives to get to know her students in a holistic way – to learn about their families, interests and achievements and removes the ‘out of hours’ mentality so common in teaching, so she can be available and accessible to her students, thus building trust and an enthusiasm for learning.

An innovative, creative teacher with a flair for building flexible learning spaces, Julie has also worked closely on a number of initiatives to benefit the whole school community; including taking on the roles of media liaison and photography.

Julie initiated a T-Ball competition for junior students at Hughes Primary School, assists with school musicals and helped launch a community kitchen initiative designed to bring parents together through the cooking and sharing of food.

Position	Other responsibilities	Category	Subjects/level taught	Years teaching
Teacher		Primary		19
	School type	Nominated by	Town/suburb	State and postcode
5	Public	Parent	Hughes	ACT, 2605

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