

# 2016 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards

## State and Territory Award Recipient

### Ryan McCann

Hamilton South Public School  
Merewether, New South Wales

Ryan's patience and commitment have been greatly appreciated by one family, in particular. Their son has a severe speech problem, and has previously suffered anxiety around speaking in front of people. Ryan has patiently and slowly encouraged him and his confidants builds day by day.

This example is demonstrative of Ryan's attitude towards teaching in general, where he encourages personal learning goals for each student, and encourages differentiation. Helping students attain individual goals is one of his passions, and one of Ryan's most significant achievements was teaching a student unable to count to 20 to count to 100 and read his first book.

Driven by his commitment to provide his students with the most up to date teaching and learning, Ryan attends professional development regularly and his classroom is the product of his research. His class is currently incorporating the Thinking while Moving approach to learning, which argues that improvement in concentration and learning can be made by incorporating movement into regular classes. This directly relates to his role as Rugby League Coach for the school.

Due to his scientific background as a winemaker, Ryan is also committed to making science more relevant to all students across the school and runs Hamilton South Public School's very popular Robotics program.

Position	Other responsibilities	Category	Subjects/level taught	Years teaching
Teacher		Primary	Year 3	4
Years at this school/centre	School type	Nominated by	Town/suburb	State and postcode
4	Public	Parent	Merewether	NSW, 2291

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