

2016 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards

State and Territory Award Recipient

Serena Gosnay

South Thornlie Primary School
Thornlie, Western Australia

Serena's energy and love of music is infectious, and as music specialist at South Thornlie Primary School she consistently demonstrates her dedication, professionalism and enthusiasm for teaching music and performing arts.

Through fortnightly assembly performances, whole of school performances for special events such as NAIDOC Week, ANZAC Day and Book Week, and the school's end of year concert and Year 6 graduation ceremony, Serena plays in an active role in building school spirit and pride.

She provides students with a non-threatening performance environment that focuses on inclusion rather than ability, encouraging special needs assistants to support students on stage where necessary. Serena teaches 370 students weekly, with a focus on fun. She models resilient behaviour, which in turn builds students' confidence in school more generally and in their ability to succeed academically. This in turn helps improve student disengagement.

Serena also trains the school's junior and senior choirs, which perform throughout the year at school and in the wider community, including at a local retirement home, building community links and spirit.

Position	Other responsibilities	Category	Subjects/level taught	Years teaching
Music Teacher		Primary		23
	School type	Nominated by	Town/suburb	State and postcode
21	Public	P&C Committee	Thornlie	WA, 6108

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