

2016 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards

State and Territory Award Recipient

Ailsa MacFie

Tiwi College
Tiwi Islands, Northern Territory

Ailsa, Assistant Principal – Academic, has demonstrated her passion for improving educational opportunities for Indigenous students during her time at both Tiwi College and Kormilda College (2013 to 2014).

Ailsa's commitment to her students was first evident during her time as Senior Young Women's Teacher at Tiwi College in 2012. She returned to the remote boarding school in 2015 in her current role, and has since helped to implement and expand a number of new school initiatives related to Middle School literacy, provision of accredited senior subjects, and career pathway planning for graduating students. These programs have contributed to increased enrolments, significantly improved attendance, and a sense of pride in community engagement.

Under Ailsa's guidance, a Direct Instruction initiative that provides individualised programs for each student in the College's only primary school class – made up of a spread of year levels and abilities – has also proven highly successful, and significantly improved literacy rates.

Ailsa's ability to motivate and communicate with staff, and her emphasis on cultural sensitivity have ensured that Tiwi College has a clear plan for academic improvement, while also retaining its traditional focus on art and sport.

| Position | Other responsibilities | Category | Subjects/level taught | Years teaching |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Assistant Principal – Academic | | Secondary | | 8.5 |
| Years at this school/centre | School type | Nominated by | Town/suburb | State and postcode |
| 2.5 | Private | Board Trustee | Tiwi Islands | NT, 0822 |

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