

2016 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards

State and Territory Award Recipient

Anthony Rodaughan

Kurnai College
Morwell, Victoria

Kurnai College is one of the most culturally and socio-economically diverse schools in Victoria, with a high proportion of students coming from backgrounds of entrenched disadvantage. Under Anthony's leadership, these students are empowered to achieve.

Anthony's and his school leadership and teaching team have had success in creating a learning environment that is accessible to all, and where teachers are mindful of how students' lives outside of school can impact their learning. Key to this success has also been Anthony's efforts to overcome the geographic challenge of working across a multi-campus school, and his work to develop strong relationships with a wide range of community partners.

The school encourages the development of useful job related certificates, and has seen its Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) participation expand. It also achieved its highest recorded Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) results in 2014, while maintaining a focus on improving the attendance and engagement of students at risk, through programs such as the Hands on Learning Program for years 7-10 and the Kurnai Young Parents Program.

As an Indigenous Australian, Anthony has also worked to build strong, positive relationships with the local Indigenous community and has seen consequent improvements in attendance, retention and outcomes for these students.

Position	Other responsibilities	Category	Subjects/level taught	Years teaching
Principal		Secondary		32
	School type	Nominated by	Town/suburb	State and postcode
10	Public	Community organisation (Smith Family)	Morwell	VIC, 3840

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