

2016 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards

State and Territory Award Recipient

Erica Prosser

Holy Spirit College
Manoora, Queensland

Erica, Principal at this special assistance school designed to motivate young people disengaged from school, has designed a curriculum based around the Indigenous students' strength in art. Art at the school is seen as means of empowering students to achieve and motivates them to set goal for their futures – be it transitioning to further training, work, or back to mainstream schools.

Erica's work at Holy Spirit College follows her success in implementing a similar arts-based program while principal of Roebourne High School, in the Pilbara region, which also saw attendances and engagement improve significantly.

Students at Holy Spirit College are provided with a core curriculum of English and Mathematics, and elect their art-focused subjects around this. In her first year at the school attendances improved significantly, and four Holy Spirit College students won awards in the Indigenous section of the 2015 Young Australian Art Awards.

Erica works with 90 students and 24 staff across two regional campuses, 300 kilometres apart. The school also utilises a teacher-mentor and wellbeing program to help individual students plan their own goals and achieve individual success.

Position	Other responsibilities	Category	Subjects/level taught	Years teaching
Principal		Secondary		20
	School type	Nominated by	Town/suburb	State and postcode
2	Private	Children's Charity Network	Manoora	QLD, 4870

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