

2016 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards

State and Territory Award Recipient

Nicole Harding

Seymour College
Glen Osmond, South Australia

A passionate and enthusiastic head of science that focuses on creating engaging classes, Nicole also gives freely of her time to help students achieve their best, via one on one tutoring, and email responses day and night.

She presents a positive psychology approach to student achievement, believing students are more likely to reach their potential if they believe they can. She also actively encourages capable learners and questioning minds.

Nicole uses traffic light programs to allow students to provide feedback and regularly uses creative and critical thinking tools such as Harvard Thinking Routines, tasks that allow for higher order thinking, and provide opportunities for students to reflect on their performance or provide peer reviews. She also utilises flipped learning to maximise time spent with individuals, a variety of group work techniques to encourage participation and graphic organisers to allow students of all abilities to summarise information. Nicole also inspires and assists understanding through the use of props, demonstrations, analogies and stories.

Many of Nicole's students have achieved merit and Governor's awards, and top scores in the State, testament to her dedication as a teacher.

Position	Other responsibilities	Category	Subjects/level taught	Years teaching
Teacher		Secondary	Head of Science	19
	School type	Nominated by	Town/suburb	State and postcode
13	Private	Parent	Glen Osmond	SA, 5064

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