

# 2016 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards

## State and Territory Award Recipient

### Siobhan Koop

Mount Gambier High School  
Mount Gambier, South Australia

Mount Gambier High School is located in a large regional area, meaning the breadth of students' socio-economic status is vast – from wealthy families to new arrivals to Australia, and students with difficult home lives. Siobhan is committed to 'closing the gap' and helping students realise that with goal setting and hard work they can achieve anything.

By connecting with her students on a personal level, she aims to instill a love of learning and help them connect their learning to their life outside of school, which in turn fuels motivation and engagement. Knowing a student as a person also allows Siobhan to adapt her curriculum to suit their interest and needs. It has also led to high attendance rates, as students take ownership of their learning.

Siobhan is a strong advocate of visual aids as learning tools – even at secondary level – and also utilises a range of ICT modes that help students tap into their knowledge and interests.

Every Year 12 subject that Siobhan has taught has had a 100 per cent pass rate, and in 2015 one of her students achieved a perfect score in English Communication.

Position	Other responsibilities	Category	Subjects/level taught	Years teaching
Teacher		Secondary		5
	School type	Nominated by	Town/suburb	State and postcode
5	Public	Student	Mount Gambier	SA, 5290

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