

# NEiTA 2009 ASG National Teaching Awards

## National Award Recipient



## Vicki Treble

Diploma in Teaching (Distinction), Graduate Diploma in Educational Studies (Expressive Arts in the Primary School), Certificate III in Applied Colour & Design (Award for Excellence)

**Balgowlah North Primary School**, North Balgowlah, New South Wales

Nominated by: School parents

National Award Category: Leadership

*Position: Principal • Category: Primary • Years teaching: 31 years • Years at this school: 4 years • School type: Government  
• Town/Suburb: North Balgowlah • State: New South Wales • Postcode: 2093*

### *How do you inspire your students?*

I am committed to each child as a person and learner, and to inspire excellence in all. I believe that the most amazing things are possible for children through quality teaching, great staff, student voice and respectful partnerships with parents built on trust and transparency. A parent recently said that my personal passion for developing teacher quality has resulted in a love of learning exemplified by the staff and students, and a proud community who knows that learning is for everyone.

### **Fostering a lasting love of learning**

Balgowlah North Public School is a co-educational public primary school situated in the Northern Beaches area of suburban Sydney. Since becoming Principal of Balgowlah North Public School in 2006, Vicki Treble has proven to be an inspiring and dynamic educator. Her vision and enthusiasm for the school has brought out the best in both teachers and students.

Vicki believes in lifelong learning and she actively encourages teachers at Balgowlah North to gain professional development across all areas of the educational spectrum. Workshops are conducted both on and off campus, and these help to build quality teaching outcomes and create a cohesive teaching team. Vicki proudly celebrates teacher excellence through regular acknowledgements at assemblies, in the local media, and through the school's World Teachers' Day assembly and luncheon.

Vicki has facilitated the introduction of interactive whiteboards into the school's classrooms. A variety of new technologies are used to help engage students and cater for the different learning styles. Balgowlah North Public School is now recognised as being at the forefront of technological education in New South Wales.

Vicki has initiated partnerships with surrounding local primary and secondary schools, and Balgowlah North Public School is now part of a community of schools called the Northern Beaches Learning Alliance. This partnership benefits students in the transition from primary to secondary school, as well as opening up networking and professional learning opportunities for teachers.

A Positive Behaviour for Learning Program has been implemented, encouraging students to understand respect and responsibility to themselves and others. Vicki has also been instrumental in securing grants and supporting fundraising to greatly improve the school's buildings and grounds. Four new classrooms have been constructed, a new verandah, covered outdoor learning areas, gardens and new pathways, as well as sporting and student facilities. A new hall and library have also just been completed and opened at the school.

In only four years as principal, Vicki has introduced substantial new initiatives for the benefit of the whole school community, nurturing the development of teachers and students' learning journeys. Recently recognised for her outstanding leadership with an Australian Award for Excellence in Teaching – Excellence by a Principal, Vicki ensures innovative and dynamic teaching environments where both teachers and students have the opportunity to grow, and to develop a lasting love of learning.

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