

NEiTA 2009 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards

State and Territory Award Recipient



Dr Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis

Bachelor of Arts, Graduate Diploma of Education, Master of Education with Honours, Doctor of Education

St Andrew's Greek Orthodox Grammar School, Dianella, Western Australia

Nominated by: School parent

Position: Vice Principal - Teaching and Learning, Director of The 'Centre for the Greek Language' at St Andrew's Grammar
• Category: Secondary • Level taught: Year 10 and 12 • Years teaching: 30 years • Years at this school: 16 years • School type: Independent • Town/Suburb: Dianella • State: Western Australia • Postcode: 6059

Why teaching?

From a young age, I knew that I wanted to become a teacher. This ambition followed me throughout my secondary and tertiary studies. Since commencing my profession, I have taught students of all ages in a variety of Learning Areas.

The greatest reward of all is when I see progress and positive results in my students; when I have helped them to reach their potential as human beings. I love the interaction with them and the ability to assist them in their personal learning journeys. Paradoxically, I also enjoy learning from my students as this is the essence of teaching.

Sharing a love of two languages and cultures

With 30 years teaching experience, Dr Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis knows how to make her language lessons relevant to her students' lives. Through discussions and sharing of information, she identifies her students' interests and incorporates these into her teachings.

Angela has a love of teaching languages. She teaches year 12 English and year 10 Modern Greek at St Andrew's Grammar with excellent results. Her year 12 stage 3 English students show marked improvement after entering her class, and finish the year motivated to succeed in the Tertiary Entrance Examinations.

Angela's year 10 Modern Greek students have Greek language competencies ranging from basic to intermediate. She has designed a teaching programme that caters to all learning levels, providing students with opportunities to extend their learning while also feeling engaged and stimulated. Angela constantly promotes the idea that all students are capable of obtaining excellent results in Greek language studies. She enables both Greek and non-Greek background students to succeed in her classes as well as in state, national and international competitions and examinations. In 2004, Angela established St Andrew's Grammar as an Official Examination Centre for Greek language examinations from Greece. This has enabled her students, as well as candidates from the wider community, to aspire to internationally recognised levels of achievement.

In her 16 years at St Andrew's Grammar, Angela has played an instrumental role in the development of the school as Perth's only Greek Orthodox Day School. Her leadership roles over time as Director of Greek Studies, Senior School Coordinator, Assistant Principal and, currently, Vice Principal of Teaching and Learning have allowed her to facilitate student achievements in many fields. Above all, however, Angela is a team player, managing to lead while also working with her seniors and colleagues to attain the best possible results for the school.

Angela is also a great promoter of the school to the outside community. She writes many articles in local papers and in Greek language newspapers published across Australia, espousing the achievements of the school and its students. She is a role model for the students, consistently modelling a love of teaching and learning. She has completed a Master's Degree in Education and, more recently, her Doctorate. Angela leads by example to inspire and encourage her students.

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