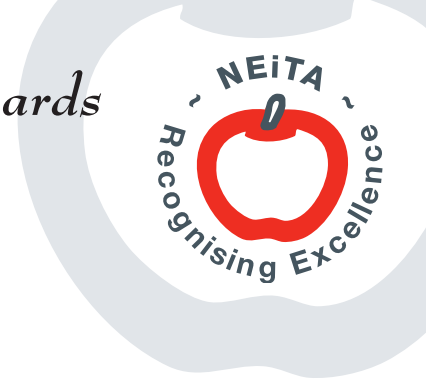


NEiTA 2009 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards

State and Territory Award Recipient



Annette Hollingsworth

Bachelor of Education, Diploma of Teaching
Cressy District High School, Cressy, Tasmania
Nominated by: Parents and Friends Association

Position: Principal • Category: Secondary • Level taught: Early Learning to year 10 • Years teaching: 29 years • Years at this school: 7 years • School type: Government • Town/Suburb: Cressy • State: Tasmania • Postcode: 7302

Why teaching?

My passion is for helping all students feel positive about themselves so they can achieve their best at school and feel valued and connected to their community. I believe that it takes a village to raise a child and that if our school enlists its community to be actively involved and supportive, the community will be very proud of them.

I love my work. Staff at my school are amazingly dedicated and they work as an amazing team. I have never lost enthusiasm for welcoming students to our school and have ongoing pride in their many and diverse achievements.

Engaging the community with its school and students

As principal of Cressy District High, Annette Hollingsworth listens and learns, guides and empowers. She believes all students can achieve their best if provided with opportunities for personal development and unwavering loyalty and support. Annette's years of teaching experience have helped her to develop customised learning programs for her pupils. These programs cater for students' diverse learning needs and abilities, and allow all learners to feel a sense of satisfaction in their studies.

Annette is a great believer in engaging the wider community in students' learning processes. To this end, she has formed numerous partnerships with the supportive Cressy wider community, and close cooperative relationships with parents. School and community interactions include the school's very popular Expressions Concert as well as the school's participation in the annual Tasmanian Trout Expo, with several expo events such as the art competition being held at the school.

The No Dole Project is another ambitious project undertaken by Cressy District High and supported by Annette. In this scheme, the school signed up to a program to make all students 'job ready' before they leave school. The objective is to have not one single student register for unemployment on leaving school. Cressy District High has had a 100 per cent success rate in this objective for the past three years and was chosen as one of only 16 Platinum Model Schools by the project's founders.

Annette's dedication to her students and local community is inspiring. In 2003, she was pivotal in the 'Troutification of Cressy', a huge community project that aimed to beautify the town. The residents' unique vision and infectious enthusiasm attracted attention and funds from local, state and federal governments and achieved amazing results. Annette helped to transform her town in the same way she helps to constantly transform and improve the learning experiences of her students.

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