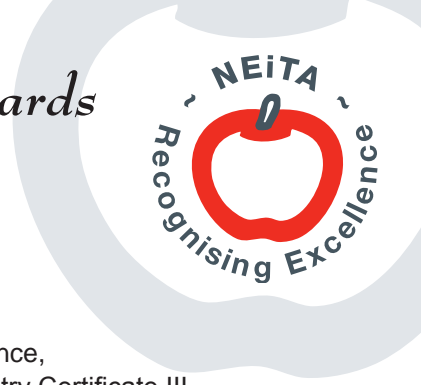


NEiTA 2009 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards

State and Territory Award Recipient



Brad Fuller

Associate Diploma of Jazz Studies, Bachelor of Music Performance, Diploma of Education, Master of Education, Entertainment Industry Certificate III, Workplace Assessment Certificate IV

Oxford Falls Grammar School, Oxford Falls, New South Wales

Nominated by: Family and Friends Association

Position: Director of Performing Arts • Category: Secondary • Level taught: Years K – 12 Music, Dance and Drama • Years teaching: 14 years • Years at this school: 8 years • School type: Independent • Town/Suburb: Oxford Falls • State: New South Wales • Postcode: 2100

Why teaching?

Through music, I have been able to find beauty in the world and have been able to confront and overcome many of the problems of the past.

I became a teacher because I wanted to share the discoveries I have made and to help others to discover their potential in life using music as the tool to affect change.

I make music with my students every day and continue to be inspired by the changes I see in them as they too unveil the power of music to inspire them to be their best.

Engaging students in a passion for all things musical

Brad Fuller wants to share his belief in the transforming potential of music with his students at Oxford Falls Grammar School. As a music teacher, Brad encourages his students to fully explore their musical abilities.

In 2002, when Brad took over as Director of Performing Arts, fewer than 20 students were taking individual music tuition and the school had only three musical ensembles. Today, more than 600 students take part in 17 ensembles, three drama clubs, and five dance troupes.

To help engage the students, Brad has introduced various new programs into the school curriculum. The entertainment elective for years 11 and 12 teaches pupils about all facets of the entertainment industry. Years 9 and upward can now participate in the Kool Skools program that gives students the chance to use a professional recording studio to record an original piece of music. The students' musical works are made into CDs and entered in a multi-school competition. Last year, students from Oxford Falls Grammar School won four awards in the Kool Skools competition, and one of the school's ensembles was featured on the Best of Kool Skools CD.

Brad has helped to create a vibrant musical school community. For many years, the school has been the second largest Australian Musical Examinations Board exam centre, with the largest being at the Conservatorium of Music. Oxford Falls is also the largest Trinity Rocks school exam centre in Australia, with approximately 150 students currently preparing for external music exams. In the past two years, three students have received Trinity College first place state prizes.

In his eight years at Oxford Falls, Brad has succeeded in fostering his passion for music, dance, drama, and the entertainment industry, to hundreds of students. His dedication helps students realise their performance potential, and their enjoyment of the power of music and performance.

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