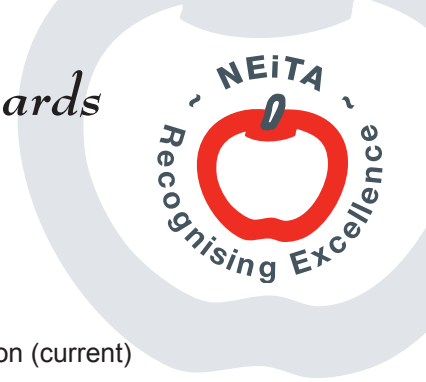


NEiTA 2009 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards

State and Territory Award Recipient



Brad McLennan

Bachelor of Teaching, Bachelor of Education, Master of Education (current)
Laidley District State School, Laidley, Queensland
Nominated by: School parent

Position: Senior teacher • Category: Primary • Level taught: Years 5 - 7 • Years teaching: 20 years • Years at this school: 10.5 years • School type: Government • Town/Suburb: Laidley • State: Queensland • Postcode: 4341

Why teaching?

I entered the profession, initially inspired by my own teachers, recognising their influence on the lives of young people in their care. Raised in a family valuing education, realising this would provide opportunities for a fulfilling life, I was and remain inspired to make a difference.

Striving for excellence in a rewarding profession, teaching in the same community context for a significant period of time provides a vested interest to nurture productive citizens for the future.

Helping students to be the best they can be

With 20 years teaching experience, Brad McLennan realises that acknowledging success in students breeds further success. Together with his teaching partner of 10 years, he has developed and implemented a teaching framework known as Motivational Pedagogy. This technique uses extrinsic rewards to motivate learners and lead them towards intrinsic self-directed competence. Brad's methods foster resilience and pride among his students, as well as promoting unity and self-esteem. His techniques have been documented in the Australian Council for Educational Leaders Journal. He has been a presenter at an International Pedagogy Conference in 2007, and a speaker at the University of Southern Queensland Education Faculty Symposium in 2008.

Brad is firmly committed to continuous professional growth and he remains at the cutting edge of emerging education theories. He has integrated Information and Communication Technologies into his classroom and is working towards obtaining his Digital Pedagogy Licence. In addition, Brad is currently completing his Masters Degree in Education, majoring in Curriculum and Pedagogy.

With his commitment to excellence in educational standards, Brad always takes opportunities to mentor and advise other teachers and educators. Recently the University of Southern Queensland's Education Faculty invited him to co-write a chapter for their Creating Connections publication, the title of which emanated from a previous speaking engagement on campus.

Brad's students are collectively achieving results above the average of both like schools and state benchmarks. He is an educator who, above all, connects with his students. Brad extracts optimum student outcomes and with parental support helps each learner to be the best they can be.

Contact details:

Principal: Mr Dan Nielsen
Phone: 07 5466 8222

Teacher: Brad McLennan
Phone: 0402 807 547
Email: bmcle38@eq.edu.au

For further information, please contact:

Janet Thomas, Public Relations, ASG on behalf of the NEiTA Foundation.
Telephone: (03) 9276 7758 Mobile: 0402 837 758 Email: publicrelations@asg.com.au

NEiTA is administered by the Australian Scholarships Group Friendly Society Limited
ABN 21 087 648 879 Head Office: 23-35 Hanover Street Oakleigh Victoria 3166
Telephone: (03) 9276 7768 Facsimile: (03) 9276 7798 Website: www.asg.com.au or www.neita.com.au

Proudly supported by



**Australian
Scholarships
Group**

SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S EDUCATION