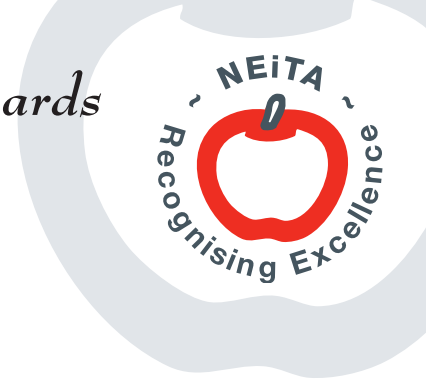


# NEiTA 2009 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards

## State and Territory Award Recipient



## Chanté Ling

Bachelor of Teaching, Bachelor of Arts  
**New Norfolk Primary School**, New Norfolk, Tasmania  
Nominated by: Parents and Friends Association

*Position: Acting AST, class teacher • Category: Primary • Level taught: Year 1 and 2 • Years teaching: 7 years • Years at this school: 4 years • School type: Government • Town/Suburb: New Norfolk • State: Tasmania • Postcode: 7140*

### Why teaching?

I was initially inspired to enter the teaching profession by a coach of my netball team when I was initially selected into a senior state league netball team. This coach always had extremely high expectations of a very young team. She was a great coach and teacher.

I maintain my enthusiasm for teaching through my relationships with my students and am also motivated by the way that we are encouraged to learn and evolve as practitioners.

### Improving pedagogy for her peers as well as increasing student outcomes

Chanté Ling's classroom is interactive, collaborative and encourages students to take responsibility for their learning. Individual students' needs and abilities are assessed, and then all children are given pathways to access key curriculum area goals.

In 2008, Chanté attended a Deb Sukana professional learning session in Melbourne on the implementation of the Writer's Notebook approach. The Writer's Notebook program stimulates students and gives them a clear framework and structure in which to write. Chanté has developed a methodology of how to apply the Writer's Notebook system to assist her pupils. Students have reacted very favourably and improvements in the children's writing are clearly evident. Chanté now leads professional learning sessions on this method and is helping improve pedagogy for her peers, as well as increasing student outcomes.

Chanté has also introduced a diagnostic testing method for Numeracy in the Prep to year 2 classes. The data obtained from this testing allows the teachers to work collaboratively to teach each student at an appropriate level.

Realising the importance of health and fitness to educational outcomes, Chanté is actively involved in the school's After School Sports program. She coaches the school's netball team and has represented her state in touch football. Chanté is a role model for an active lifestyle for her students, and a role model to her fellow teachers with her dedication to achieving maximum educational outcomes for all students.

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