

NEiTA 2009 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards

State and Territory Award Recipient



Jenny Lukowski

Diploma of Teaching, Bachelor of Education
Moorooka State School, Moorooka, Queensland
Nominated by: Parents and Citizens' Association, school parents

Position: Class teacher • Category: Primary • Level taught: Year 7 • Years teaching: 27 years • Years at this school: 19 years • School type: Government • Town/Suburb: Moorooka • State: Queensland • Postcode: 4105

Why teaching?

Teaching has always been my vocation and after 27 years still gives me the greatest pleasure and sense of achievement.

My enthusiasm for teaching stems from my love of lifelong learning and my desire to make a positive difference. I believe in engaging and motivating students in preparation for an ever-changing world. Have I ever regretted my decision? NEVER!

Fostering a lifelong love of learning

For two decades, Jenny Lukowski has been part of the very fabric of school life at Moorooka State School. For many years, Jenny was the school's year 1 teacher and provided the perfect introduction for both parents and children to the school's systems and learning methods. Her teaching techniques create a nurturing classroom environment while encouraging a sense of fun and game playing. Jenny sees every moment and every situation as a potential learning opportunity. She encourages her students to develop self-esteem and resilience by exposing them to a wide range of cultural and social activities.

Jenny is a tireless worker for both her students and the school as a whole. Now a year 7 teacher, her classroom opens at 7.30am for a successful Homework Club program in which she mentors students who need extra help or time to complete their homework. She then stays after hours to run her popular Games Program, which sees up to 20 per cent of pupils remain after school for table tennis, pool or golf. The interaction between students and teachers at the games program encourages improved classroom behaviour and results.

Participation with the wider community is integral to Jenny's teaching practices. Moorooka State School has students from 27 countries and 19 per cent come from refugee families. Student visits to local aged care facilities or the local Bowls Club help to integrate the children into the wider community. The visits also provide learning opportunities for all who participate, and help to break down racial barriers.

Jenny is extremely active in school fundraising activities, excursions, school dances, theme days and virtually every facet of school life. She uses her 27 years of teaching experience to encourage a lifelong love of learning in her students. Jenny is a role model for students, parents and her peers.

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