

NEiTA 2009 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards

State and Territory Award Recipient



Laura Eiszele

Teacher's Certificate, Diploma of Teaching, Graduate Certificate in Literacy, Bachelor of Education

Lenah Valley Primary School, Lenah Valley, Tasmania

Nominated by: School parent

Position: Grade Group Leader for Kinder/Prep, President of Early Childhood Educators of Tasmania • Category: Early Childhood • Level taught: Kinder/Prep • Years teaching: 31 years • Years at this school: 5 years • School type: Government • Town/Suburb: Lenah Valley • State: Tasmania • Postcode: 7008

Why teaching?

I began teaching believing that I had the opportunity to shape young children's lives through creating an environment that fostered life-long learning. This belief has developed into an understanding that knowledge is co-constructed with parents, students, the community and other educators. My inspirations have come from varied professional experiences and learning, inspirational colleagues, diverse students and an ongoing belief that a supportive, active, differentiated learning environment creates an exciting, inclusive learning place.

I believe that learning is a rich tapestry for all, which starts with what the learner knows and may extend along a range of different learning pathways. I use many integrated models of learning, taking into account children's learning styles and multiple intelligences. I see the environment as the second teacher that is conducive to risk taking. Children's learning needs to be challenging, enjoyable and meaningful and I want it to promote deep understanding.

Sharing her expertise in and enthusiasm for early childhood education

With more than three decades of early childhood teaching experience, Laura Eiszele is a truly professional, dedicated and inspiring educator. She is committed to obtaining the best possible learning outcomes for every child. Laura structures her classes around individually tailored learning programs taking into account each child's learning styles and multiple intelligences. She creates a classroom environment where children feel safe to take risks and enter into a challenging, enjoyable and meaningful education journey.

Laura is an innovative educator who has integrated the latest information and communication technologies into her lessons. Students compile weekly video diaries, film their own book reports, and recently sent a series of photo stories to their sister school in India.

The Tasmanian State Government recognises the contribution that Laura makes to the advancement of early childhood education. As President of the Early Childhood Educators of Tasmania, a professional advancement group, Laura regularly meets with members of the state Education Department, the Minister for Education and the Premier to discuss the state's early childhood policies and practices.

In 2006, the Tasmanian Government awarded Laura the Hardie Fellowship. This allowed Laura to conduct a study tour to the USA where she could liaise with many influential American educators, and work on developing strategies to build a continuous program of thinking and learning for children from birth to age eight.

At Lenah Valley Primary School, Laura has established a birth to four-year-old program. This program provides parents and their toddlers and babies with valuable learning experiences that will enhance their readiness for school. Laura is deeply committed to the educational process. She is a teacher who constantly refines and enhances her own learning in order to present the best possible education options for her students.

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