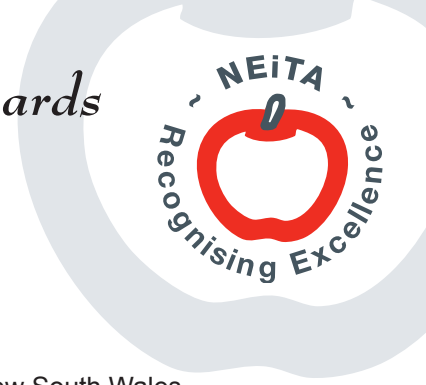


NEiTA 2009 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards

State and Territory Award Recipient



Peter Jones

Bachelor of Arts, Graduate Diploma of Education
Callaghan College, Waratah Technology Campus, Waratah, New South Wales
Nominated by: College Council

Position: Acting Head Teacher (HSIE) • Category: Secondary • Level taught: History, Geography, Aboriginal Studies, Years 7-10 & Legal Studies Yrs 11&12 • Years teaching: 14 years • Years at this school/centre: 10 years • School type: Government • Town/Suburb: Waratah • State: New South Wales • Postcode: 2298

Why teaching?

Teaching is not simply a job and it is also more than just a career. To me, teaching is a vocation that requires passion and dedication. I believe the ability to be a successful teacher is all about assisting children to succeed in achieving their goals, watching them develop and striving to reach their potential. The future is in the hands of our students and we, as teachers, are here to guide that future today.

I was inspired by a range of teachers during my schooling to take on such a role myself. I have taken into the classroom aspects of each of these special people and integrated it into my own teaching practice. Education is forever evolving and is one of the fascinating aspects of being a teacher.

Promoting care for the environment and each other

As Acting Head Teacher of Human Society and its Environment at Callaghan College, Peter Jones leads by example. With Peter's guidance, the students have developed and implemented their own School Environmental Management Plan. This plan encourages students in a way that is exciting, relevant and promotes global citizenship. Peter has also established the Groundforce Class, an elective class at the school where students build and maintain the school grounds while learning sustainable practices.

Peter has facilitated a student-based project to establish green corridors throughout the city for biodiversity preservation. This project was designed and implemented as part of the Green Schools Green City program with the Newcastle City Council. Peter has also been selected to coordinate a Webgraphs program for the Newcastle City Council that allows schools to electronically monitor their electricity usage.

In 2007, Peter and his students participated in Learncast, a live web link to the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Bali. That same year, Peter led a team of students in presenting at the Clean Air Cool Climate Conference in Sydney.

As an accredited Kagan Cooperative Learning trainer, Peter believes in the principles of cooperative learning techniques. He has presented many professional development sessions on these methods to teachers from all over the state.

Peter's leadership of joint exchange visits has enhanced partnerships between Callaghan College and schools in Japan and Korea. He believes in making his students feel they are part of the larger world, and that what they do can really make a difference. Peter encourages his pupils to grow and become the best possible global citizens.

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