

NEiTA 2009 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards

State and Territory Award Recipient



Regan Gant

Bachelor of Education
Clover Hill State School, Mudgeeraba, Queensland
Nominated by: Parents and Citizens' Association

Position: Deputy Principal • Category: Primary • Level taught: Years 2 - 4 • Years teaching: 16 years • Years at this school: 1.5 years • School type: Government • Town/Suburb: Mudgeeraba • State: Queensland • Postcode: 4213

Why teaching?

A great teacher inspired me as a student. Her love of learning and passion certainly rubbed off and helped convince me to aspire to join the teaching profession. My enthusiasm now is to be that great teacher for others.

My personal love of learning and desire to guide students to discover and develop themselves into the best possible people they can be, continues to motivate me. Teaching to me is about working with the whole person: intellectually and emotionally. As an administrator, I see my role as supporting and guiding teachers to meet the needs of their students and to develop their skills.

Helping all students achieve their true potential

As one of the three Deputy Principals at Clover Hill State School, Regan Gant is responsible for year 2-4 students. He provides his pupils with a nurturing learning environment where problems are turned into possibilities. Students are empowered to make their own good decisions and all achievements are celebrated. Resilience and self-esteem are cornerstones of Regan's teaching philosophies, and he promotes the development of these qualities in his students by using programs such as *You Can Do It! Education*.

In addition to being heavily involved in all the school's sporting activities, Regan also runs his own morning fitness program before school. Regan sees the program not only as a chance to improve students' health, but also as a means to establish connections and encourage personal respect.

Regan has an ability to recognise and engage with students who have personal problems. He is extremely supportive of children who have special needs, and actively supports the school's Clover Learning Centre which helps pupils facing challenges.

Capitalising on teachable moments is another central feature of Regan's teaching methods. He believes something can be learned from each and every experience. To help create learning opportunities and make education more real, Regan involves the students in the wider community. Activities such as visits from local artists and other community members help create a fresh and stimulating learning environment.

Regan helps his students work through the everyday challenges they encounter as part of their individual development. He engages with them on many levels – personally, socially, emotionally and academically.

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