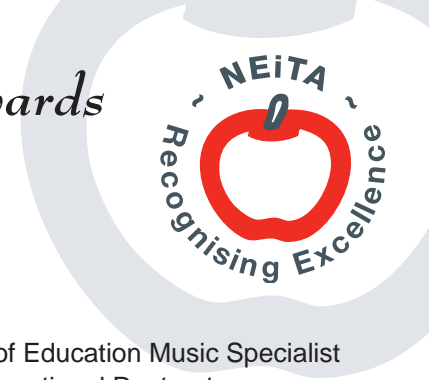


# NEiTA 2009 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards

## State and Territory Award Recipient



## Dr Robin Stickland

Diploma of Teaching, Graduate Diploma of Teaching, Bachelor of Education Music Specialist (Secondary), Certificate of Education, Masters of Education, Educational Doctorate

**Vermont Primary School, Vermont, Victoria**

Nominated by: Community Organisation

*Position: Principal, school orchestra • Category: Primary • Years teaching: 35 years • Years at this school/centre: 16 years • School type: Government • Town/Suburb: Vermont • State: Victoria • Postcode: 3133*

### Why teaching?

For as long as I can remember I have always wanted to be an educator. I love working with children and teams of teachers to maximise the educational opportunities for the children within our care. I enjoy making sure that there is rigour in the programs that I present to children.

My enthusiasm for education and teaching is fuelled by my love of young children. I always try to see the best in all children. I have the best job in the world and I must prepare my students for the future to the best of my ability. This is what drives me to make a difference in the world of the children whose lives I touch.

### Leading by example with her enthusiasm for teaching

As Principal of Vermont Primary School, Dr Robin Stickland promotes a curriculum that develops the academic, social, physical and emotional growth of each child. She believes in encouraging her pupils to strive for excellence, and has introduced talented and gifted programs to the school. She celebrates students' achievements with the intention that these celebrated pupils will in turn become role models for their fellow students. Her dedication is such that despite her heavy workload as Principal she continues to teach on a weekly basis. Her enthusiasm for teaching is infectious and inspires many of her fellow educators. She often mentors new and graduate teachers and has written articles about career education for the Career Educators Association Victoria's quarterly News Journal and the Prime Focus Journal. Her work on careers and thinking skills has been published in the Weekend Times.

Robin worked to gain federal government funding to enable Vermont Primary School to integrate career education into its curriculum. Her successful application provided the funding and impetus for Vermont Primary, in conjunction with two other local schools, to support more than 500 students and 20 teachers learning about career education.

Through her involvement with the school orchestra, Robin has helped to create an annual musical concert for the Whitehorse and Maroondah School Network. On this spectacular occasion, more than 700 students from approximately 20 schools perform to an enthusiastic audience of more than 850 guests. She takes a hands-on approach to the concert, coaching and then conducting the students in the opening musical number.

Academically, the students at Vermont Primary School are excelling with most students obtaining results in the top five per cent of the state. Robin is succeeding in her quest to develop a strong and long-lasting love of learning among the students of Vermont Primary School.

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