

Citation for Grant Nalder - Victorian Branch IPSHA Fellowship

We recognise Grant Nalder for his extensive and active contribution to the Victorian Branch of IPSHA.

Grant began his teaching career in 1993 at Wesley College in Perth, as a Year 5 teacher. Grant taught Years 5 and 7 and was the Boarding Master (for Years 8 to 12) for 4 years of the 5, whilst he was at Wesley.

He then moved to John Wollaston Anglican Community School in Armadale (Perth). He began as Deputy Head of the Junior School (ELC – 7) and was a Year 6 classroom teacher. Very early in his tenure, he took on the responsibility of being in charge of technology from ELC to Year 12 and was then asked to become Acting Head of the Junior School during Term 4 of his first year. Grant was at John Wollaston for 3 years before he moved to Prince Alfred College in Adelaide, as Head of Preparatory School which was from K to Year 7. The IB Primary Years Programme was introduced during Grant's first year. He was also heavily involved in several building projects which transformed the entire Preparatory School community. The Preparatory School grew from 275 students to 415 students by the time he departed.

As a member of the IPSHA Branch in Adelaide Grant was the representative for the PE teacher hub group for 5 years. He then became a member of the IPSHA Executive and was elected Treasurer in 2006.

In 2007, Grant and his family moved to Melbourne to Trinity Grammar School, Kew where he began the role as Head of Junior School. Grant passionately states that the students at Trinity are wonderful and are always wanting to please. The community is caring, with an engaging and vibrant culture. There is a fabulous sense of school community, despite what was in the media earlier in the year. There is a strong commitment from the staff and parents, as they all work closely and well together.

Within Grant's first year in Victoria he was invited to attend an IPSHA Executive meeting by Sheona Carter so he could meet the various members of the committee. Grant put in his apologies but advised he may get to the meeting late. On his arrival for the meeting at Melbourne Grammar, and upon his entrance to the meeting, the then President for the Victorian Branch Andrew Boyd, very kindly announced Grant's success at being elected Treasurer unopposed to take over from Chris Lawson, somewhat to Grant's surprise. Grant has continued in the role for a further 10 years, only recently departing to take on another role on the executive.

A few professional highlights at Trinity include:

- In 2015 Grant introduced the IB PYP program and received full accreditation of the program in 2017
- Gifted and talented student's programs – catering for differing needs of all students
- Introducing an afterschool co-curricular program for the boys that involved every member of the Junior School staff
- Expanding the leadership group of the students to give every Year 6 student the opportunity to lead
- Differentiating curriculum and working with staff
- Introducing a Leadership structure in the Junior school for staff – curriculum and management teams
- Special Education and Enhanced Learning, which includes learning support and gifted education

As a leader Grant, has provided opportunities for his colleagues to seek leadership within the school and provide opportunities of professional growth. Mentoring and coaching peers to achieve their aspired leadership roles.

Grant's greatest passion is teaching and has ensured he spends time in the classroom – he continues to teach Mathematics and works closely with the children.

Grant is admired by his colleagues for his innovation and wisdom in education as a leader. He is respected for his knowledge, care and welfare for his school community.

It is an honour to nominate Grant Nalder for a Fellowship with the IPSHA Victorian Branch, for his outstanding contribution to the organisation and his commitment to his colleagues and education.