

IPSHA Victorian Branch Nomination for Honorary Federal Life Membership: Guy Mason

Guy Mason has been a member of the Independent Primary School Heads of Australia (IPSHA) since 1994. He joined when the association was known as the Junior School Heads Association of Australia (JSHAA). Guy has held various Head of School roles. His first role was at Whitsunday Anglican School and then at Somerset College. Guy then moved to Victoria to take up the role of Head of Junior School at Scotch College, where he held that role for 12 years. Guy then commenced a role as Principal of Christchurch Grammar in 2011. His final Head of Junior School position was at Plenty Valley Christian College.

As well as being a leader in his own schools, Guy has held JSHAA and IPSHA leadership positions at State and Federal level. At every opportunity, Guy has unreservedly promoted the goals and objectives of the association.

At each of the Schools that Guy has led, he has always prioritised the importance of getting to know all the members of the school community. He has always put the students' needs first and takes pride in knowing all the students by name. Guy sought to understand the strategic direction of the school and the implications for the primary setting, enjoying the stimulation and challenge of being head of a school.

As well as being committed to his own school community, Guy has been fully engaged as a member of JSHAA, now IPSHA. He chaired the Music Festival committee and the JSHAA Refresher School. His involvement in these committees and his tireless efforts ensured that our association delivered and facilitated quality professional learning opportunities for members and their schools by providing opportunities for professional development and networking for staff. These events enabled us to be true to one of the association goals, *to promote the unique nature of independent primary education by embracing and nurturing the diversity of educational philosophy among member schools; and promoting independent primary education through quality engagement.*

As well as serving on the Queensland Branch Executive for several years, Guy will always be remembered for his time served on the Victorian Branch Executive for 12 years. Initially, his role on Executive was as the convenor for the Refresher School and Music Festival, he then served as State President Elect 2002-2004, State President 2005-2007, and Immediate Past President 2008-2010. Guy fulfilled his duties as a member, and leader, of the Victorian Branch Executive with his signature enthusiasm and commitment.

When serving as President, Guy made consistent efforts to promote the goals of the Association by being part of the national voice of independent primary schools, fostering the cause of independent primary education in Australia and maintaining links with other associations and bodies involved in primary education. He represented members of the Victorian Branch at meetings of the Federal Board of IPSHA as a board member of the Centre for Strategic Education (CSE) and at meetings of the Victorian Curriculum Assessment

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Authority (VCAA). While in the role of Immediate Past President, Guy continued to offer wise counsel to the members of the State Executive.

Guy's contribution to IPSHA is highly recognised at the Federal Level. Guy was the Federal Treasurer for two years before commencing his role of Federal President Elect in 2006. Guy became the Federal president in 2008 and held that position for 2 years. His impressive communication skills and passion for IPSHA were his trademark during his term of presidency. Guy finished his role on the Federal Board of IPSHA as Federal Immediate Past President from 2010-2012.

Guy has always been an informed, reliable and proud educational leader, who took the time to support IPSHA and the Victorian Branch members. Guy is a natural leader and has been a point of contact for many School leaders. He has given generously of his time to IPSHA at a State and Federal level. He has been an enthusiastic attendee and active contributor at all Victorian Branch and Executive Meetings, as well as Federal Board and Executive Meetings, Biennial Seminars, National and International Conferences. As an experienced educator, his guidance and support is deeply appreciated by our members in Victoria and across Australia.

It is our privilege to nominate Guy Mason for Honorary Federal Life Membership of IPSHA, to formally acknowledge his outstanding and sustained contribution.

This nomination has the full support of the Victorian Branch.

Pat Kenny August 2017