



Jill Bosanquet: Nomination for Honorary Federal Life Membership of IPSHA

Jill Bosanquet is an outstanding educator and leader who has contributed broadly to education for over 40 years in both State and Independent sectors and in both South Australia and most recently, Victoria, as Head of Junior School at Caulfield Grammar – Malvern Campus. She has been an active member of IPSHA since 2000 when she was first appointed Head of Junior School at St Johns in South Australia.

Jill has given most generously to IPSHA in both South Australia and Victoria as well as on the Federal Executive Level. She has served on the SA Executive of IPSHA, as Director of the Music Festival, facilitator of the Early Learning PD Group and as State President. She also served on the Victorian Executive of IPSHA. Such is the regard held by Jill's Victorian IPSHA Members she was nominated and awarded the John Laing Award for her contributions to educational leadership. Most significantly, for the past three biennium, Jill has been the Secretary of the Federal Executive and Board of IPSHA. In that time, she has been instrumental in the meticulous rewriting of the IPSHA constitution and has led the writing and introduction of a Code of Ethics for our association.

Jill began her leadership journey as a consultant at what was then called the Association of Independent Schools, SA. Her role was to promote the implementation of government initiatives in the independent schools. First was the 'disability in the mainstream' initiative. She then branched out and worked to promote all equity programs, supporting the implementation of Gifted and Talented and ESL programs. Jill describes this as the best time of learning as she was able to provide much needed support to Heads, especially those who were lonely and isolated.

Jill fosters enduring relationships and is highly regarded and fondly remembered by children, student teachers, her staff, parents in her community and her colleagues. She sees leadership as another form of teaching and has mentored many aspiring teachers and leaders within and beyond IPSHA.

Jill is committed to bringing out the best in children, staff and all who are fortunate enough to see her as their mentor. She leads by example and is a source of inspiration to others. Jill, has been described by her IPSHA colleagues as amazing to work with, effective and efficient, delightful, fair, generous, inclusive, insightful, principled, committed, compassionate, involved and proud of being a leader in an independent school. Jill has a great sense of purpose and has the respect of the educational community. She is admired for her knowledge, wisdom and compassion as an educator and IPSHA Member. It is therefore without reservation that she is identified as a most worthy recipient of Honorary Life Membership of the Independent Primary School Heads of Australia.

*Sally Ruston
IPSHA Immediate Past Federal President
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