

Citation for Rodney Davies - Victorian Branch IPSHA Fellowship

We recognise Rodney Davies for his extensive and active contribution to the Victorian Branch of IPSHA.

Rod began his teaching career in 1982 at Camberwell Grammar in Year 5. He was at Camberwell for 9 years.

The next stage began at Scotch College, from 1991 until 1995 as a classroom teacher and with the responsibility of curriculum.

In 1996 Rod moved to St Paul's School, which is now known as Woodleigh School. In addition to his role as classroom teacher, Rod was responsible for teaching and learning. In 1998, Rod took the role as Head of Campus at Minimbah and in 2012 became Deputy Principal of the whole school.

Rod has a strong history with IPSHA which began when he joined in 1998, his first involvement with IPSHA was with the Deputy Head and Curriculum groups. Rod has had various roles with IPSHA, he chaired a SOSE group, held the role of Secretary. He was involved with the JSHAA conference "Refresher School", which were held on Saturdays. The focus for the sessions were for general staff from schools to attend.

From 1998, Rod was involved with Musical Festival Committee, Student Leadership committee, Melbourne National Conference with Jon Abbott (2010), Special projects – Curriculum and P.D. activities. Also, the Biannual Tri-State conferences organisation group, which brought – Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania together.

Rod's Professional highlights at Woodleigh include:

- the physical redevelopment of the school
- the development of flexible open learning spaces and implementation of Reggio through Primary School
- visiting the Reggio program in Italy
- Mindfulness program in the school
- Focus on the individual pathways for students
- Introduction of Nature Play Programmes including the creek and beach programmes
- Presenting at numerous conferences on the importance of Nature to Child Development, Learning and wellbeing

Rod 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 Rodney Davies for a Fellowship with the IPSHA Victorian Branch, for his outstanding contribution to the organisation and his commitment to his colleagues and education.