

Nomination for Liz Cumming

Honorary State Life Membership

Liz Cumming became a member of IPSHA (formerly JSHAA) in 1990, when she was appointed as Head of Primary at SCEGS following a strong career in the Independent Sector in roles at The Emanuel School and St. Catherine's. During her years of devoted leadership of SCEGS, Liz has been a valued leader within her school community as well as within the State (NSW) Branch of IPSHA.

Liz soon became a member of the IPSHA (NSW) State Branch Executive where she served the Association as JSHAA NSW Secretary from 1993 to 1996, providing outstanding support to both Rosalie Ramsay and Greg Ross during their respective terms as state president. Notably at that time, Liz even hosted Executive meetings in her home! Liz also continued to serve the State Branch Executive as the Head of Teacher Student Services from 2009 to 2012, and has been a member of all the IPSHA Biennial Conference Committees when these were hosted in NSW. Liz also served as a member of the IPSHA NSW Sport sub-committee from 2004 – 2008.

The extent of Liz's contribution to IPSHA and the esteem in which she is held in by her peers was acknowledged when Liz was made an IPSHA Fellow in 2018.

Liz has also contributed to education broadly through her association with the Australian Primary Principals' Association (APPA). In addition to her support of the NSW Branch in the Biennial IPSHA Conference Committees, Liz was also a member of the NSW Primary Principals Association Conference Committee – becoming the first Independent School representative on the organising committee of this annual conference at a time when JSHAA was initially invited to be involved as an initiative to build the connections between State, Catholic and Independent Schools. Liz's work was paramount in building the cross sectorial advocacy and collegiality that we enjoy today in Australian Primary education.

In reflecting on her extensive time as a member of IPSHA, Liz would say that she has been regularly inspired and impressed by the knowledge, expertise and passion within our membership and that the tremendous collegiality and support that she has received has been an immense support for which she is sincerely thankful.

However it is also very much the case that over the course of the three decades of Liz's membership, both the NSW Branch, the IPSHA Association more broadly and Liz's colleagues alike have benefited from her collaborative, positive and inclusive nature and her consistent readiness to support and assist her peers. As well as informally mentoring new Heads on numerous occasions to support them in their

leadership and ensure a warm welcome to IPSHA, Liz was also involved in the IPSHA Federal Coaching Program where she was able to provide expert coaching support and share a wealth of experience with new Heads.

In addition to her attendance at State Executive Meetings and Branch Meetings, Liz has consistently attended NSW Country Weekends, IPSHA Biennial Conferences, and APPA Conferences over her time as a member.

Liz Cumming has made an outstanding and sustained contribution to IPSHA, within the NSW Branch and it is with great pleasure that I nominate her for Honorary State Life Membership.

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