

WALLY ARMITAGE - CITATION

Wally Armitage has been involved in education in South Australia for over 40 years, having started his teaching career in country South Australia. His leadership skills came to the fore very early in his vocational life, having been appointed Deputy at Cleve after only a couple of years in the classroom. He was appointed Principal of Brinkworth Primary in 1973 and eventually joined the JSHAA through his appointment at St Ignatius College at Norwood in 1992.

Wally's influence on education state-wide should never be doubted. His involvement in State, Catholic and Independent schools has given him a masterful knowledge of education in our State and nation-wide. He has always promoted child-centred education and demanded excellence from the children and staff in his care.

His involvement in our Association too has been significant. He served as the SA representative on APAPDC, was heavily involved in PD for Heads and staff, and served as President of JSAASA from 2004 to 2006. His wise counsel was sought up to his retirement in 2008, but his expertise in many areas will continue to be called upon in future years. If any school is setting up an Early Learning Centre, Wally is the person to see!

Beside his professional expertise and knowledge, Wally has been a great supporter of the importance of collegiality and conviviality. There would not be many nicer people than Wally. His great sense of humour and genuine care and support of his colleagues has been obvious and much appreciated.

As a State Branch, we are delighted to nominate Wally Armitage for Honorary State Life Membership.