

Nomination for William Wallace IPSHA Fellowship

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Will Wallace has been a highly engaged and regarded member of IPSHA from the inception of his membership in 2008 when he was appointed Head of Middle School at Macarthur Anglican School and as Head of Junior School at Lakes Grammar for the past 8 years. He is an impressive leader who interacts with kindness, generosity and an ever willingness to assist and reach out to colleagues. Will's loyalty and unerring commitment to the stewardship of IPSHA has been possible due to his inclusive and impressive communication skills, compassion and his indomitable work ethic.

Will has always been a thinker and a doer – his mind never seems to rest, as he constantly seeking ways of innovating and bringing about better outcomes for all. This has been evident in so many of his actions, projects and initiatives including:

- Introducing students in each of his schools to the Performing Arts Festival so that they too could benefit from IPSHA.
- Regularly attending meetings and Country Weekends. He hosted a meeting at Macarthur Anglican and a fabulous weekend at Lakes Grammar in 2016.
- Will's capacity for innovation, compassion and hard work was first evident as he chaired the Social Issues Committee from 2010-2014. He is quick to recognise the good in others and to 'calling this out'. Yet he himself is quietly spoken and leads with humility.
- He is astute to the needs of his colleagues and is applauded for his initiative of ensuring counselling access to all IPSHA NSW members through the Employee Assistance Program.
- Attending all IPSHA Board meetings whilst NSW President (2018-2020), contributing with dedication and commitment. An active Board member, saw his proposal of EAP support extended to all IPSHA members across Australia.
- He introduced the concept of Master Classes in 2019, initially to provide professional learning and networking opportunities for Deputies. Another is planned for this year to give insight and perspective to Aboriginal Education by tapping into the expertise of IPSHA Heads at Barker.

As NSW President Elect and NSW President from 2016-2020, we have witnessed Will's remarkable capacity for hard work. He has led with such wisdom and strength throughout the COVID-19 year of 2020. He made it his personal mission to access information and then share this broadly with regular, concise communication. IPSHA NSW events and organisation were risk assessed and through consultation, measured, proportionate responses were achieved. This was no mean feat when contemplating the diverse complexities of student activities such as sport and the festival as well as umbrella groups and our own meetings and professional learning. When trying to land a decision for IPSHA NSW and each of our schools, Will was always ready to collaborate and lead with inclusion. His generosity of spirit and ongoing optimistic resolve was uplifting and sustained through difficult weeks of the pandemic.

Will is a man of great integrity, hard work, energy, optimist and compassion. We have indeed been fortunate to have someone of such calibre as our IPSHA colleague and friend. It is therefore without hesitation that the IPSHA (NSW Branch) nominates William Wallace for an IPSHA Fellowship as he is, indeed, a most worthy recipient of this special award for outstanding contribution to and regular involvement in the Association at both State and Federal levels.

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