

### **Citation for Honorary Federal Life Membership: Deb Dalwood**

Deb Dalwood has given an extraordinary contribution to independent education and her exceptional service to IPSHA over an illustrious career.

Deb's contribution to education has been both significant and enduring. She has profoundly impacted the lives of countless students, staff, and parents, shaping schools and communities through her wisdom, generosity of spirit, and unwavering commitment to young people.

Throughout her distinguished career, Deb has demonstrated outstanding educational leadership in a variety of senior roles. She served as Head of Junior School at Seymour College from 1995 - 2007, as a consultant for the Association of Independent Schools of South Australia, and for ten years as Principal of St Andrew's School from 2011-2020, where her leadership left a lasting legacy. Most recently, Deb served the Pulteney Grammar School community with distinction over four years, both as Interim Principal and then as Deputy Principal, providing steady, thoughtful, and forward-looking leadership through times of both opportunity and change.

The extent of Deb's significant contributions to the Association at both a state and federal level include:

- Federal Immediate Past President 2016 – 2018
- Federal President 2014 – 2016
- Federal President Elect 2012 – 2014
- Federal Projects Officer 2004 – 2006
- Past President (SA) 2004 – 2006
- IPSHA APPA NAC Representative (SA) 2002 – 2004
- President (SA) 2002 – 2004
- President Elect (SA) 2000 – 2002
- Projects Officer (SA) 1998 - 2000

Deb's influence has clearly extended well beyond individual schools in holding senior leadership roles within IPSHA, including Federal President and State Chair of IPSHA South Australia, and has served on the Australian Primary Principals' Association National Executive Council. Her outstanding contribution to educational leadership has been recognised through honours including IPSHA State Life Membership, Fellowship of IPSHA, and the John Laing Professional Development Award.

As Federal President, Deb led IPSHA with vision, integrity, and a deep commitment to supporting heads and principals in their vital work. Her leadership strengthened the association nationally, fostered collaboration across states, and elevated the professional standing of independent school principals throughout Australia. A particular highlight of her federal presidency was the organisation and leadership of the IPSHA Federal Study Tour to Canada in 2016, which provided members with exceptional professional learning experiences and strengthened international connections for the association.

Deb Dalwood embodies the highest ideals of educational leadership—wisdom, compassion, dedication, and service. Her legacy will continue to inspire and guide independent school leaders for generations to come.

In grateful recognition of her exceptional service to IPSHA and to independent education in Australia, the Independent Primary School Heads of Australia proudly confers Honorary Federal Life Membership upon Deb Dalwood.