

### **Citation for Honorary Federal Life Membership: Julie Rimes**

Julie's association with IPSHA (formerly JSHAA) reflects a lifetime of visionary leadership and steadfast commitment to independent primary education. Her connection to the Association was both personal and professional, shaped early by her godfather, C.A.S. "Barney" Viney, a founding participant of JSHAA in the 1950s during his tenure as Head of Junior School at The Hutchins School, Hobart. His example of professional service and collegial engagement laid a foundation for Julie's own enduring contribution to the Association.

Julie joined the Association upon her appointment as Head of Junior School at St Michael's Collegiate, Hobart. Within the close and collegial Tasmanian network, she quickly established strong professional relationships and demonstrated exceptional leadership capacity. In 1994 she was elected Federal Chairman of JSHAA (1994–1996) and, during this period, became the first female National President to lead the organisation. Julie guided it into a period of growth and strengthened representation at a time when the Association's leadership was largely male-dominated. She navigated cultural resistance with courage and conviction, effectively challenging the prevailing "boys' club" environment.

Her presidency coincided with a period of significant growth and renewal. Julie introduced strategic planning to the National Board, strengthening governance structures and sharpening the Association's mission as the national voice for independent primary schools, their students, and their leaders. Her strategic approach enhanced organisational clarity, accountability, and long-term sustainability. She also led the highly successful National Conference in Hobart—the first IPSHA National Conference ever held in Tasmania—delivering a landmark event that strengthened national collegiality and elevated the profile of the state within the Association.

Beyond her national leadership, Julie served for fifteen years as Head of Junior School at St Michael's Collegiate, where she championed excellence in primary education and prioritised high-quality professional learning for teachers. After completing her doctorate in 2000, she established a centre for professional learning at Collegiate. Through partnerships with Curtin University and later the University of Tasmania, the centre enabled teachers across government and non-government sectors to pursue postgraduate qualifications. These initiatives supported fifty PhD graduates and numerous Master's graduates, while also creating meaningful pathways for teacher assistants to enter the teaching profession through vocational education.

Following 33 years at Collegiate, Julie served in advance education as Adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Tasmania, Chief Judge of the National Excellence in Teaching Awards, and President of the Royal Society of Tasmania. After 25 years as NEiTA Chief Judge, Julie retired from this role in December 2025, and was honoured with a farewell at the State Library of Victoria in Melbourne.

Her distinguished service exemplifies the spirit, leadership, and enduring impact recognised through National Life Membership of IPSHA.