



## AUSTRALIAN AWARDS FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

RECOGNISING AND REWARDING EXCELLENCE IN THE TEACHING PROFESSION



*Ian Stevenson*

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE STRATHFIELD  
NEW SOUTH WALES

HIGHLY COMMENDED  
EXCELLENCE BY A SUPPORT STAFF MEMBER

### *Providing proactive, empathetic pastoral care*

Ian Stevenson has created a culture in which students, staff and parents see counselling as a normal part of developing the responsibility and resilience of students.

Ian is seen as a trusted adult, who is always approachable and available to listen to the concerns of students of all ages and to work with them in overcoming difficulties and meeting challenges. His words and actions affirm the worth of every student. As well as individual counselling, Ian provides group support to students and education to parents on specific issues such as social skills for primary students and transition to Year 7.

Ian has wide-ranging experience and expertise as both teacher and psychologist. He operates in a strong professional partnership with teachers to provide an outstanding pastoral care service for the whole college community.

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