



AUSTRALIAN AWARDS FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

RECOGNISING AND REWARDING EXCELLENCE IN THE TEACHING PROFESSION



Melissa Gould-Drakeley

MACARTHUR ANGLICAN SCHOOL
NEW SOUTH WALES

BEST NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT
EXCELLENCE IN TEACHER LEADERSHIP

A passion for language learning and teaching

Melissa Gould-Drakeley recognises the power of language learning to enrich lives and create global citizens. She has made an enormous contribution to languages education through outstanding practice and leadership.

Melissa is an outstanding teacher leader who has contributed significantly to language learning and teaching at all levels. She is recognised in the field for her high level of expertise, intercultural process, innovative teaching practice and collaborative approach to achieving the best possible outcomes for students of languages.

Communication, creativity, rigour, inclusiveness and compassion characterise her approach. She establishes strong rapport with her students and differentiates her teaching to enable all young people to excel in their study of the Indonesian language. Indonesian culture is brought to life for students by her imaginative use of technologies and cultural artefacts, and through cultural contact. Her dedication has resulted in significantly improved academic results and the number of students studying Indonesian at the school has increased despite declining trends elsewhere.

Melissa shares all that she is able to bring to language teaching and learning through mentoring and professional development. Her passion is an inspiration to all.

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