

## IPSHA Victorian Branch Fellowship Nomination Andrew Strooper

Andrew Strooper has been a member of the Independent Primary School Heads of Australia (IPSHA) since 1996. He joined when the association was known as the Junior School Heads Association of Australia (JSHAA). From 1996 – 1999 Andrew was Head of Junior School at Kilvington Girls' Grammar School, Ormond. In 2000 he was appointed Head of Junior School at Caulfield Grammar, Wheelers Hill Campus. He has a distinguished career as a primary school leader and as a key member of IPSHA. He has served on state branch committees, the Victorian Executive and has been a keen supporter of all association activities at a state and federal level.

Since joining the association in 1996, Andrew has always been an active member of the Victorian Branch. In 1998 he joined the Organising Committee for the JSHAA Biennial Conference which was held in Melbourne. An important part of the Conference was the New Heads Seminar which he helped to plan and run.

Andrew was invited to join the Victorian Branch Executive in 2004. He took on the roles and responsibilities of President Elect, President and Past President 2004 – 2010. As President, Andrew represented members of the Victorian Branch at meetings of the Federal Board of JSHAA/IPSHA, as a board member of the Centre for Strategic Education (CSE), formerly Independent Association of Registered Teachers Victoria (IARTV) and at meetings of the Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority (VCAA). Andrew represented the interests of the various bodies with his trademark diligence and conscientious attention to detail, while at the same time advocating for independent primary education. He was also mindful of the Key Targets of IPSHA, ensuring that Victorian Branch activities were aligned with the direction set by the Federal Board.

Andrew was an active member of the Music Festival Committee from 2000 – 2010, enabling thousands of students, and many staff, to participate in this biennial showcase of musical talent in our member schools. He is currently the member of the Victorian Branch Executive responsible for the staff interest groups.

A keen and committed member of the association, Andrew actively promotes the goals and objectives of the association. A hallmark of his leadership is his interest in welcoming new members and promoting the most important aspect of the association – collegiality. When President, he ensured that there was a roster to welcome new members and created opportunities for those new to the Branch to meet the Executive and Branch members. This initiative continues today. Andrew takes an active interest in members and what is happening at their respective schools.

Andrew feels very strongly about what he describes as *the core of our association* – the people and the collegiality between them – and as such is a pivotal member of our association. He is passionate about ensuring that we provide relevant professional development activities, opportunities to network and pastoral care for our members.

As a Head of Junior School, Andrew has given generously to his school community, as well as to IPSHA at a State and Federal level. Our association has been enriched by Andrew's membership, not only for his dedication and professional input, which has been extensive in time, energy and commitment, but also for his genuine interest in supporting his colleagues.

It is our privilege to nominate Andrew Strooper for Fellowship of the Victorian Branch of IPSHA.

This nomination has the full support of the Victorian Branch.

*Sheona Carter (Immediate Past President – IPSHA Victoria)  
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