

IPSHA Victorian Branch Fellowship Nomination Guy Mason

Guy Mason has been a member of the Independent Primary School Heads of Australia (IPSHA) since 1994. He joined when the association was known as the Junior School Heads Association of Australia (JSHAA). Guy has held school leadership positions at four different schools in two states and has held IPSHA leadership positions at State and Federal level. At every opportunity, Guy actively promotes the goals and objectives of the association.

Guy's first two school leadership appointments were in Queensland; Guy was appointed Head of Junior School at Whitsunday Anglican School, Mackay, in 1994 and then went on to be the Head of Junior School Somerset College, Gold Coast, in 1996. Guy was the JSHAA Queensland Branch representative on the Australian Principals and Professional Development Council (APAPDC, now Principals Australia) serving as State Secretary 1997 – 1998.

Guy returned to Victoria to take up the position of Head of Junior School, Scotch College, Melbourne, in 1998, a position he held for thirteen years. He was appointed Headmaster of Christ Church Grammar School, South Yarra, in 2011. In each of the four settings, Guy has honed his leadership skills and earned the respect of his school community. Holding IPSHA Executive roles enabled Guy to network widely and he used this to advantage to enhance teaching and learning in his own school setting.

A dedicated member of the association, Guy has always found the time to serve and support the members of JSHAA and IPSHA, Victorian Branch. He was Convenor of the JSHAA Refresher School Committee 1998 – 2000 and Convenor of the JSHAA Music Festival 2000 – 2003, before taking up the Executive role of JSHAA State Treasurer 2001 – 2003. Guy then served as State President Elect, State President and Immediate Past President 2003 – 2008. Guy fulfilled his duties as a member, and leader, of the Victorian Branch Executive with distinction. When serving as President, Guy was noted for his consistent efforts to promote the goals of the association. Under Guy's leadership, meetings were always focused and results achieved were consistent with the key targets determined by the Federal Board. He also represented members of the Victorian Branch at meetings of the Federal Board of JSHAA/IPSHA, as a board member of the Independent Association of Registered Teachers Victoria (IARTV) and at meetings of the Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority (VCAA). He was a reliable and proud liaison ambassador.

Having served the Victorian Branch well, Guy joined the Federal Board of JSHAA as Federal Treasurer before taking up the role of Federal President Elect and then Federal President. The historic name change from JSHAA to IPSHA happened in this time and so Guy became the inaugural Federal President of IPSHA. The association was rebranded with a new image, reflected in logo design and livery. In his capacity as Federal President, Guy was a Board Member of the National Secretariat of Australian Primary Principals' Association (APPA) and served on the National Executive Committee (NEC). He also played an active role in the production of IPSHA's national magazine, *Federal Link*, as proof-reader. As Immediate Past President, Guy continues to offer wise counsel to the Federal Board.

A conscientious leader, Guy has made a point of making new members of the association feel most welcome and has mentored many of his colleagues. He has given generously of his time to his school community, as well as to IPSHA at a State and Federal level. He has been a regular attendee and active contributor at all Victorian Branch and Executive Meetings, as well as Federal Board and Executive Meetings, Biennial Seminars, National and International Conferences. Guy makes a point of promoting collegiality, sharing his educational expertise, and on occasion, entertaining his colleagues with his musical talent! His experience enables him to see change in the broader historical context and his guidance and support is deeply appreciated by our members in Victoria and across Australia. His loyalty and commitment to the association is outstanding.

It is our privilege to nominate Guy Mason 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) May 2012

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