

**Nomination for Lachie Wright IPSHA Fellowship Nomination February 2016**

Lachie Wright first became a member of Independent Primary School Heads of Australia (formerly JSHAA) in 1983 when he was appointed Head of Junior School at Scotch Oakburn College in Launceston. He has led the development and growth of Scotch Oakburn Junior School from a campus of 150 students and 18 staff in 1983 to the current 510 students and 90 staff. The College has built a strong reputation for quality and being highly innovative.

Lachie has always been a passionate and innovative educator who has worked extensively, both in his own school and at state and national levels, to continually improve opportunities and outcomes for early childhood and primary students in Independent Schools and across all sectors. Central to this has been his strong support for IPSHA and all that the Association works for and stands for.

Lachie has contributed actively over the last 33 years. He has been a President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Tasmanian Branch at various periods over the years and has spent 10 years on the Tasmanian Executive.

At a State level Lachie has been:

- A State Secretary Treasurer from 1991 to 1996
- A State President from 1996 to 1998
- A State Immediate Past President 1998 to 2000
- On a Biennial Conference Organising Committee 1989 to 1990
- Active in Branch Professional Learning retreats
- Involved in all Branch student initiatives, meetings and social activities
- Attended all the Tri State (Vic, SA and Tas) Professional Learning Retreats
- Attended all the Biennial Conferences bar one since 1986 (14 or 15 of them!)
- A recipient of the IPSHA Professional Learning Grant to attend summer institutes at Harvard and ASCD Conference in San Diego 2002. He followed this up with 2 subsequent visits to Harvard for summer study programs
- Closely involved in the change of JSHAA to IPSHA in 2007 to 2008
- A Primary representative for AIST at ACARA forums during the development of the Australian Curriculum

At a Federal level Lachie has been:

- A Federal Board Member 1996 to 1998
- The Federal Secretary, Executive Member 2005-2010
- A nominee for Federal President 2015

Lachie has also contributed significantly as a member of APPA.

- He had 7 years (2 terms) as the Tasmanian IPSHA delegate on the APPA National Executive Council (2002 to 2005 and 2010-2014)
- He was part of the APPA lobby group which played a key role in the Commonwealth Government's Primary Schools for the 21st Century funding for all Australian Primary Schools in 2006-2007
- He was an APPA Board Member from 2013 to 2014

Our Association has been enriched by Lachie's membership at a State and Federal level. He is a man of great integrity, good humour and wisdom and his dedication, commitment, professional input and strong sense of collegiality is appreciated by all. It is our privilege to nominate Lachie Wright for an IPSHA Fellowship. This nomination has the full support of the Tasmania Branch.

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