

Nomination for Liz Cumming IPSHA Fellowship

Liz Cumming first became a member of the Independent Primary School Heads of Australia (formerly JSHAA) in 1990 as she was appointed as the first non-teaching Head of Primary at SCEGGS Darlinghurst. This was Liz's first headship having contributed extensively to schools in the Independent sector, teaching at The Emanuel School and St Catherine's. Throughout her membership of IPSHA, Liz has given generously of her time, expertise and support for her colleagues and our association broadly. These invaluable contributions have included:

- Member of the State Branch Executive as JSHAA NSW Secretary from 1993 to 1996 in support of Rosalie Ramsay and Greg Ross during their terms as state president. This also extended to hosting Executive meetings in one's own home.
- Member of the State Branch Executive as the Head of Teacher Student Services from 2009-2012.
- Member of the NSW Primary Principals Association Conference Committee - Liz was the first Independent School representative on the organising committee of this annual conference. JSHAA was invited to be involved as an initiative to build the connections between State, Catholic and Independent Schools.
- Attended the JSHAA/IPSHA biennial conferences since 1990
- Been a member of all the Biennial Conference Committees when hosted in NSW. This included taking full responsibility for organising the IPSHA Gala Conference Dinner in Darling Harbour at the National Conference in 2014. This was an enormous logistical and financial undertaking that was magnificently brought to fruition with great attention to detail and through a most inclusive process.
- Attended JSHAA/IPSHA Country Weekends since 1990
- Attended numerous APPA conferences
- Member of the NSW IPSHA Sports Committee from 2004-2008
- Mentoring new Heads on numerous occasions to support them in their leadership and ensure a warm welcome to IPSHA. She is currently involved in IPSHA Coaching Program where she is able to provide expert coaching support to new Heads.

Liz's commitment to IPSHA has been exemplary, loyal and fun filled. She is collaborative, positive, inclusive and ever ready to support and assist. Throughout her nearly 27 years as an IPSHA member, she has willingly and generously participated, fulfilling numerous roles. Her willingness to share her sage wisdom, warmth and commitment to excellence have been invaluable to our association's success.

We are delighted to be able to nominate Liz Cumming for an IPSHA Fellowship as she is, indeed, a most worthy recipient of this special award for *outstanding contribution to and regular involvement in the Association.*

Sally Ruston
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