

Mrs Margaret Brede for Honorary State Life Membership

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Mrs Margaret Brede for Honorary State Life Membership. Criteria for nomination include:

1. The Member must reside in the state
2. The Member must have been a member for 10 years
3. The Member must have made an 'outstanding and sustained contribution to the state Branch'

It is therefore without hesitation that I proceed with this nomination.

Margaret has been a valued member of the Junior School Heads' Association, and latterly the Independent Primary School Heads Association for many years. She is an inspirational leader who has had confidence and wisdom to have significant impact within the Principal's role and to encourage development in her students and her staff. It seems Margaret is not trying to inspire she just does! She does not appear to seek accolades or look for compliments in the professional field.

She sees potential in others and if possible provides ways for them to take the lead, build capacity and go beyond. She has an open mind, seeing possibilities, rather than limitations and will take time to listen to thoughts, ideas and aspirations. Margaret has encouraged her staff to develop and build their careers in exciting and rewarding ways. This ability to see potential, recognise passion and keep the interests of students paramount at all times has seen members of the staff grow and take on leadership roles at St Mary's and other schools.

During her professional career Margaret has held a number of positions of leadership, most recently she was the Head of the Junior School at St Marys' Anglican School for Girls as position she relinquished in 2010 as she moved into retirement. Margaret was an extremely active member of IPSHA WA and JSHAA. She has held a number of positions on executive; most significantly she was the State President (06/08). However, she has also been involved in the management of numerous network groups, sat on the state Executive, run Performing Arts Festivals and was extremely active in the Girls Sporting committee.

The hallmark of her extensive involvement with IPSHA has been her positive, professional and collegial spirit. Margaret was always the first to offer her assistance to anyone and any task that needed to be done. It must be said that this was always done in a totally professional, supportive and fun loving way. Apart from her work within our organisation Margaret has also been recognised beyond the IPSHA fraternity and is a recipient of the John Laing Professional Development Award by Principals Australia.

Margaret is a professional at all times who has had clarity about the purpose and direction of her leadership. It is with great pleasure that the Independent Primary School Heads Association (WA Branch) nominate Margaret Brede for an Honorary State Life Membership.

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