

## IPSHA Victorian Branch

### Nomination for Honorary State Life Membership: Andrew Boyd

Andrew Boyd 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). Andrew has held two Head of School roles. His first role was Head of Sandringham House, at Firbank Grammar Junior School, and his second was as Head of Grimwade House, the Junior School of Melbourne Grammar School. As well as being a leader in his own schools, Andrew has held JSHAA and IPSHA leadership positions at State and Federal level. At every opportunity, Andrew has enthusiastically promoted the goals and objectives of the association.

At each of the Junior Schools that Andrew has led, he has been active in getting to know the children and members of the community; he has endeared himself to all. Meeting the needs of his community was his first priority. He sought to understand the strategic direction of the school and the implications for the primary setting, enjoying the stimulation and challenge of being head of a school.

As well as being committed to his own school community, Andrew has been fully engaged as a member of JSHAA, now IPSHA. He chaired the Ecumenical Church Service committee, organising the final JSHAA Service at Crossway Baptist Church. He also served on the JSHAA Leadership Committee, responsible for organising the leadership conference at State Parliament. These events enabled us to be true to one of the association goals, *to promote the unique nature of independent primary education by embracing and nurturing the diversity of educational philosophy among member schools; and promoting independent primary education through quality engagement.*

Andrew also served on the JSHAA and IPSHA committees entrusted to organise professional development for teachers in our schools. This included the Biennial Staff Refresher School, organising professional development days and coordinating the Professional Development Groups for many years. Andrew's tireless efforts ensured that our association delivered and facilitated quality professional learning opportunities for members and their schools by providing opportunities for professional development and networking for staff.

Andrew served on the Victorian Branch Executive for 13 years. Initially, his role on Executive was as Coordinator of the Professional Development Groups, he then served as State President Elect 2008-2010, State President 2010-2012, and Immediate Past President 2012-2014. Andrew fulfilled his duties as a member, and leader, of the Victorian Branch Executive with his signature enthusiasm and commitment.

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When serving as President, Andrew made consistent efforts to promote the goals of the Association by being part of the national voice of independent primary schools, fostering the cause of independent primary education in Australia and maintaining links with other associations and bodies involved in primary education. He represented members of the Victorian Branch at meetings of the Federal Board of IPSHA as a board member of the Centre for Strategic Education (CSE) and at meetings of the Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority (VCAA). As our IPSHA representative, he was a member of the VCAA Curriculum State Reference Group, the Program Advisory Group, the Leading 21 Century Schools – Engage with Asia project, as well as participating in the Federal Government’s 2011 National Conversation with Principals. Andrew served the Victorian Branch as our APPA National Advisory Council representative for 2 years. While in the role of Immediate Past President, Andrew continued to offer wise counsel to the members of the State Executive.

Andrew has always been an informed, reliable and proud educational leader, who took the time to support IPSHA and the Victorian Branch members. Andrew has also been most generous with his time and expertise. Many a meeting or event has been hosted by Andrew at MGS, Grimwade House. A leader among us, Andrew has made a point of making new members of the association feel most welcome and has provided ongoing collegial support and mentoring. He has made a difference on a personal and professional level, often in confidence, to many of us. He has given generously of his time to IPSHA at a State and Federal level. He has been an enthusiastic 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. As an experienced educator, his guidance and support is deeply appreciated by our members in Victoria and across Australia.

It is our privilege to nominate Andrew Boyd for Honorary State Life Membership of the Victorian Branch of IPSHA, to formally acknowledge his outstanding and sustained contribution.

This nomination has the full support of the Victorian Branch.

*Sheona Carter June 2016*

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