

## Citation for Sheona Carter

### Honorary State Life Membership - IPSHA Victorian Branch

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It is our pleasure to acknowledge Sheona Carter for her years of service to IPSHA. Sheona is currently the Head of Admissions and Individual Needs at Wesley College, Melbourne. This citation is to acknowledge Sheona for her dynamic leadership as an educator that has spanned over 35 years.

#### *A little history....*

Rod first met Sheona 27 years ago when she was teaching Year 1 at Christ Church Grammar School, South Yarra. Rod was teaching Year 4 at Scotch College. Together they led a small curriculum interest group for Independent Primary School teachers, which saw them coordinating professional development opportunities in the curriculum area of SOSE, then known as Studies of Society and the Environment! As some of you may recall?

It was evident way back then that Sheona had a passion for education and a passion for leading others in professional learning. Sheona pursued her desire to be innovative in curriculum thinking and took on a variety of curriculum leadership roles throughout her time at Christ Church Grammar. Sheona remained at Christ Church Grammar School until the end of 1998, when Vivienne, Rod and Sheona met due to their roles as primary heads.

Sheona's next appointment was Head of Junior School at Korowa Anglican Girls School, Malvern. There she undertook full responsibility for the day-to-day running of a very vibrant and progressive girls school. Sheona readily embraced the challenges and rewards that go along with that role. Sheona became a warm and wonderful leader and maintained her focus on curriculum innovation and developed new directions for the school.

During that time, Sheona joined the Junior School Heads Association of Australia (now IPSHA - Independent Primary School Heads of Australia) and this was where we embarked on new committee and leadership initiatives. We were all reasonably new to the headship role and joined the Executive Committee together. Sheona undertook the role of Project Officer and was responsible for coordinating a program of professional learning for the Victorian Branch of Independent Primary School leaders. She managed this capably and with infectious humour and energy. A valued friend and colleague, we enjoyed sharing and planning conferences, functions and seminars.

Sheona also became President of the Victorian Branch of the Association and hosted a national conference for IPSHA members in Melbourne, 2010.

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Sheona's Educational career progressed from strength to strength. Her next appointment was the Head of Junior School at Wesley College, St Kilda Road that enabled her to fulfill her curriculum leadership goals by working through the implementation of the International Baccalaureate's Primary Years Program. Wesley College became a model School in PYP circles, and under Sheona's guidance, the school played host to International Baccalaureate workshops and visiting teachers.

Sheona's campus was recognised as a showcase for PYP initiatives and quickly became a hub for showcasing inquiry learning, planning techniques and concept based curriculum ideals, as adopted by the Wesley staff and embraced by the school community.

As mentioned, Sheona's sense of humour and boundless energy has been infectious. Sheona always exhibited joy and enthusiasm in her work inspiring her teachers and those working with her to make the most of every opportunity. Sheona has effectively motivated and mentored developing young teachers and built a strong staff of professional educators who willingly followed her lead. Sheona's students will also fondly remember Mrs Carter - a number of gorgeous portraits of Mrs Carter, adorned Sheona's office on an ever-changing cycle of display. Where are they now, Sheona?

Finally, Sheona Carter is to be acknowledged for her commitment to IPSHA and her dedication to leading teachers in the education of primary aged children.

***Sheona has always...***

- Exhibited strong commitment to professional learning
- Demonstrated strong leadership capabilities
- Maintained integrity and professionalism by setting a wonderful example for her staff and students
- Dedicated her life's work to education and in particular three independent schools – Christ Church GS, Korowa Anglican Girls School and Wesley College of which she now holds the role of Head of Admissions and Individual Needs.

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

There is no doubt this nomination has the full support of the Victorian Branch.

Congratulations Sheona on being awarded Honorary State Life Membership of the Victorian Branch of IPSHA

Rodney Davies and Vivienne Wearne  
**Heads of Woodleigh School's Junior Campuses – Minimbah and Penbank**

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