



Mrs Amber Hauff, Deputy Principal - St Patrick's College, Townsville

Amber joined St Patrick's College in 2016, after having lived and worked in Brisbane for most of her life. Over the past two years, Amber has worked in consultation and collaboration with the College Principal to transform the teaching and learning program at the College. In doing so, she has brought her passion and enthusiasm for teacher professional growth and development to the table, encouraging all to strive for excellence and for innovation in their pedagogy.

Amber has developed a College Teacher Professional Growth and Development Strategy that is closely aligned to the College Strategic Plan. She leads the College Professional Development program by organising and facilitating targeted workshops and sessions to build a positive culture and professional capacity across strategic dimension. She has also developed a bespoke Beginning Teacher Program specifically designed to support early career teachers at the College.

She blends her professionalism and strong work ethic with her compassionate, enthusiastic and warm personality to make staff and students feel comfortable and supported. Amber is committed to ensuring that young women in regional Queensland are afforded an excellent education which is both innovative and engaging, affording each student the opportunity to grow and develop, leading to a greater choice of pathways beyond school.

Angela Lone - Holy Spirit Catholic School, Cranbrook

Angela Lone is a dedicated teacher who builds positive relationships, with students, parents, colleagues and the Holy Spirit Parish.

Angela models a 'spirit of joy and generosity'. Angela is actively involved in our parish making strong links between school and parish. Her commitment to the parish includes: leading Children's Liturgy and leading groups in the Holy Spirit Sacramental Program.

Angela is an enthusiastic member of staff, she engages students and generates enthusiasm in all school activities, especially those which promote social justice issues.

Kylie Helmore, Deputy Principal - Southern Cross Catholic College, Annandale

Kylie Helmore is an experienced teacher, leader and administrator at Southern Cross Catholic College. She has a passion for teaching and learning and is committed to continuous improvement in all areas pertinent to school development, especially curriculum and the understanding and formation of Catholic school identity in our college.

Kylie invests wholeheartedly in the spirit of the college. She lives its motto, "To Love, To Serve, To Shine" in her every day. Kylie has worked tirelessly as part of a dynamic Leadership Team to help drive an education agenda that has made considerable changes for the improvement and benefit of our students. Because of Kylie's steady direction, Southern Cross Catholic College is becoming the flourishing school it aspires to be.

Kylie's passion for and commitment to Catholic Education is life-long and transformational. Kylie is a faith-filled person who effortlessly espouses the values spirit of Catholic Education. She is a friend and colleague, mother, grandmother, teacher and student of life-long learning. Kylie is a valued member of the College Leadership Team and respected leader of our primary school. Because of her contributions, we believe, unreservedly, that Kylie embodies the 'Spirit of Catholic Education'.

Mark Fleming, Assistant Principal Curriculum (Secondary) - Southern Cross Catholic College, Annandale

Mark is a committed Catholic and an advocate for Catholic education. In his recent and current leadership tenures, Mark has demonstrated an informed and keen commitment to the development and improvement of faith-based learning communities. He espouses our belief that Southern Cross Catholic College is a place where people are valued, standards are high, learning is life-long, transformation is a reality and faith is serious.

Mark brings a wealth of knowledge to this role and works tirelessly, as a member of our dynamic Leadership Team, to help drive an education agenda that has made considerable changes for the improvement and benefit of our students, especially through our collective Planning 4 Success project. These changes have improved teaching and learning and supported greater opportunities for success in education for all students and staff in the secondary school.

Mark's considerable contribution to the development of curriculum and his commitment to drawing on best practice to embed a renewed culture of review, responsibility, shared accountability and

high expectations embodies the "Spirit of Catholic Education" and inspires Southern Cross Catholic College to become the flourishing school it aspires to be.

Codie Kemp, Indigenous Education Worker - St Joseph's Catholic School, Mount Isa

Codie is a proud descendant of the Mer people of Murray Island and Birri-Gubba nation. She works as an Indigenous Education Worker (School Officer) at St Joseph's Catholic School, Mt Isa and has been a part of the school community for nearly eight years. Currently, Codie works with the 29 Indigenous students from prep to year 6. Codie is also studying to gain a teaching degree through RATEP.

Codie has designed, developed and implemented various Indigenous education programs and initiations to promote Reconciliation both within the school and the wider community. Codie is an 'investigator' in the Pedagogy of Difference research project. She has worked with the Indigenous Education Workers at Good Shepherd Catholic School, Rasmussen and their 'Deadly Learners' to embed a pen pal project with the "Culture Kids" at St Joseph's.

Codie has worked with these Culture Kids to update and modernise the Acknowledgment to Country within the school and is instrumental in liaising with the Kalkadoon and Mitakoodi Traditional Owners to engage students and teachers with a Walk on Country to deepen connections to Indigenous knowledge. She works with senior Culture Kids to focus on projects associated with their RAP goals and actions. Codie's leadership is impacting students at every level within the school community.

Colleen Wood - St Teresa's College, Abergowrie

Colleen has worked at St Teresa's College, Abergowrie for 29 years. During that time, her sons Allen Wood Jnr, and Wayne Wood, have attended St Teresa's, and were excellent students and role models. Her husband, Allen Wood was also a teacher and Deputy at the school. Colleen's life has been the Gowrie Family, and she holds it dear to her heart.

Colleen has developed strategies for making book-keeping and accounts more organised and efficient at the school, and she deals with many of the daily financial necessities of the running of the school - including dealing with complex CRICOS, and various Censuses. We wouldn't be as effective without her!

Colleen deals with parents, carers, students, teachers, site staff, and support agencies with such good grace. Her Catholic faith is very important and runs deep. Colleen is a very passionate supporter of the Catholic Ethos of our school. We are so proud of Colleen in our Gowrie Family.

Cynthia Delaney, Instrumental Music Teacher - St Catherine's Catholic College, The Whitsundays

Cynthia Delaney has been teaching instrumental music at St Catherine's Catholic College, The Whitsundays for 12 years. In this time, the Instrumental Music Program has grown from strength to strength, with student numbers now reaching 200.

Cynthia is very dedicated to the Music Program and has been most tenacious in her fundraising efforts to source equipment. These fundraising efforts have enabled the College to become very well resourced, with the acquisition of pianos, electric drum kits, djembe drums, music stands, choir stands, bell plates, chimes, violins and ukuleles.

Cynthia provides opportunities for the students to showcase their talents, such as Community Expos, Showcase Concerts, local fetes and 'Carols on the Beach'. In the last few years, during the September school holidays, Cynthia has organised piano workshops with local and overseas based composers.

Cynthia has introduced new instruments that are not found in other schools, to St Catherine's. Cynthia's latest project is preparing a group of students to participate in the World Handbells Symposium in Cairns. This involves many extra hours of practice with the students, and a mammoth fundraising commitment to reduce the travelling and participation costs.

Cynthia's dedication to Instrumental music at St Catherine's Catholic College has not gone unnoticed, hence why we would love to see her receive the Spirit of Catholic Education Award for 2018.

Dan Kyle, Deputy Principal - Residential and Pastoral Care - Columba Catholic College, Charters Towers

In his role as Deputy Principal - Residential and Pastoral, Dan demonstrates outstanding service to others in the educational community and beyond. He consistently demonstrates generosity, compassion, justice, integrity, loyalty, honesty, forgiveness, humour and fairness, to staff, students, parents and members of the wider Charters Towers community.

Dan is an exceptional Christian leader who demonstrates his strong faith commitment in his daily work in the College, regular attendance at Mass and liturgies, and through being Chairman of the St Columba's Parish Finance Committee. He is a great role model to the students at Columba Catholic College.

Dan is someone who epitomises the charisms of our College founders, including valuing education for the marginalised (Edmund Rice), Catholic hospitality (the Mercy Sisters) and being 'neighbour' to others (the Sisters of Good Samaritan). He recently organised the annual Christian Schools' Carnival at Columba Catholic College, which saw students from Mount Isa to Townsville meet at the College and participate in a weekend of football, netball and debating.

Dan is a truly humble and selfless person whose service to the College and Parish communities exemplifies the quintessential spirit of Catholic education.

Ingrid Brown, Cleaner - St Margaret Mary's College, Hyde Park

For the past 17 years, Ingrid Brown has been a friendly, dedicated, tireless employee in the cleaning team at St Margaret Mary's College. Ingrid's contribution to the smooth functioning of the College is invaluable and her pride in her work is evident in all she does. Ingrid's presence is one which exudes calmness and joy. She typifies the Benedictine values of hospitality and community in all aspects of her daily work.

Ingrid is self-motivated; she shows initiative and perseverance and even though small in stature, she willingly tackles all work asked of her: "Nothing is too much trouble". With her cheery disposition, Ingrid engages in morning and afternoon conversations with teachers, all the while tending to her work. Ingrid has a big heart and a cheeky sense of humour - two attributes which endear her to all with whom she comes in contact. A parable which typifies Ingrid's life is the Good Samaritan - she sees a need and willingly responds, never seeking recognition. Ingrid's life is a lesson for all of us - be kind, grateful, acknowledge the good in others, be humble, laugh often, share tears, be proud of the work you do, respect the environment and pray. Ingrid's contribution to Catholic Education is 'salt of the earth'. She exemplifies our call to Mission - make a difference in others' lives. God bless Ingrid Brown.

Jacqui Loader - St Clare's Catholic School, Burdell

The St Clare's school motto is "Be a Clear Light" and Jacqui Loader is a true example of a person who goes above and beyond to achieve this each day. Jacqui has implemented a number of initiatives, which have exemplified the spirit of Catholic Education by engaging in life-giving relationships with students, the parish and the wider community. She is optimistic, approachable and an enthusiastic person who acts with compassion and justice.

Jacqui Loader espouses and truly lives out Christian values in a most spirit-filled manner every day. Jacqui joined the St Clare's team in 2017 and during that time has worked tirelessly to ensure staff, children and families are supported through many programs and initiatives such as:

- Well-being Wednesday
- Homework Club
- Toast Club
- Mandala Club
- St Clare's Has Skills
- Mini Vinnies
- Chair of Class Parent Committee

Jacqui's energy, passion and commitment to involving people and making them feel valued is commendable. She is a dedicated team player who is supportive, fair and nurturing of others.

Jan Allen, Assistant to the Principal Religious Education - St Anthony's Catholic College, Deeragun

Jan has worked for Townsville Catholic Education since 1980. Jan is a very knowledgeable person who has the ability to bring her deep religious beliefs into the lives of others, both challenging and enchanting them to seek ways to build their own personal relationship with God.

Jan openly demonstrates her love of God to her community of students, staff and parents. This is demonstrated in her love and knowledge of RE Curriculum and her ability to share this with others. Jan is instrumental in organising the liturgical life of the St Anthony's community. This passion sees the school calendar enlivened with Lenten programs, Advent celebrations; Franciscan Feast days; ANZAC liturgies that touch the heart; Grandparent Liturgies that embrace the importance of family to name just some.

Jan has a wonderful working relationship with our Parish Priest Fr Giles Setter. She is a great conduit between the school and the Parish. Jan also invites our staff into prayer and discussion groups where scripture can be discussed and meaning drawn out in a non-threatening environment. Jan immerses herself in the life of the students through Liturgy, lessons, choir and Mini Vinnies. Jan is our prime mover in our Sacramental program that once again brings our children closer to God and strengthens the community

Janice LoMonaco, Teacher - St Margaret Mary's College, Hyde Park

Janice promotes and delivers the St Margaret Mary's Hospitality program with dedication, enthusiasm, and great capacity to build rich learning experiences for the students. Some of the initiatives that Janice has implemented have increasing links with community organisations such as Gateway to Industry Schools Projects, Bounce Coffee and Michels Restaurant.

Janice has also participated in extracurricular school projects such as Need for Feed and SMMC Bake Off. She is the driving force of Cage Alacoque which operates each Tuesday from 7.30am at the College.

Janice's commitment to her faith is evidenced by her strong links with the Mary MacKillop Parish. Janice keenly engages with the Parish Community and encourages her students to do the same through their involvement in Mary MacKillop Parish Fair, Trivia Night, Catholic Women's Luncheon, Parish Luncheons and Dinners.

Janice is a patient and measured educator. There is no problem that she can't work around and she provides solutions to the everyday roadblocks which prevent her students from achieving the best possible outcomes. She graciously uses her knowledge and skills to ensure that her students receive quality education consistent with Catholic faith and Christian principles. Her dedication and commitment to her students is evidenced in her everyday interactions and rapport with the students who hold her in very high regard.

Melissa Castorina - Ryan Catholic College, Kirwan

Melissa Castorina has demonstrated outstanding service to others in the school community and beyond in the area of music, choir, liturgy, and the arts. Melissa has worked to build the Ryan Catholic College Choir through the gift of her musical talents and the relationships she forges with students. Melissa ensures the growing Choirs maintain a high standard of performance, and has a great deal of input into the choice of hymns for College liturgies. Melissa's practice of her faith and understanding of liturgical music has made her a great asset to this planning and preparation process.

Melissa's service extends beyond the community of Ryan Catholic College. Melissa generously yet humbly shares her vocal gift with the broader community of the Townsville Diocese. Her voice has brought both comfort and joy to many, singing at occasions such as the Mass of Christian Burial for Bishop Raymond Benjamin and the Ordination of Bishop Tim Harris.

Melissa's support for Mulkadee over the years demonstrates her commitment to providing exceptional opportunities for students throughout the Diocese to nurture their talents. She has supported numerous musicals, music tours, excursions and camps. In 2016, Melissa accompanied

students to the Queensland Catholic Schools Music Festival, whilst continuing to work tirelessly to provide students with the best preparation to succeed in AMEB Exams and Eisteddfod. Melissa Castorina is truly a servant leader in the Ryan Catholic College community and in the Townsville Diocese.

Michelle Kotzas, Assistant Principal Pastoral Care - St Margaret Mary's College, Hyde Park

Joining the College in 2000 at the start of her career, Michelle has been an exceptional teacher, year level coordinator, curriculum middle leader and now senior leader. Michelle heads the Pastoral Care Team of Counsellors, College Ministers, Pastoral Middle Leaders and Indigenous Support Officers, in their dedicated focus on student and staff well-being in an environment of Positive Education within a Catholic Education for young women.

Her vision for the health and wellbeing of students and staff illuminates the College culture with inspiration and joy. Whether it be an motivational quote, a random act of kindness or intervening with mediation or restorative justice practices, Michelle maintains the dignity of each person, embodying the Gospel values.

The emphasis she puts on teamwork is her trademark - ever selfless. She is always reflecting the praise for the achievements back to her colleagues. It is truly her ability to form the best possible team which contributes the most to the success of the College.

As a mentor of beginning teachers, Michelle understands the pressures and demands faced by early career teachers. She works with them to ensure that they are familiar with protocols and procedures; she lends an ear to their concerns and provides support to these teachers both in and out of the classroom. Her strength in leading the Pastoral Care Team at SMMC is exemplified by her commitment to the College, the community and to Catholic Education as a whole. Michelle understands that connections with others, creates a community.

Monique Connell - St Joseph's Catholic School, Mundingburra

Monique is a true model of Catholic identity. Her positive energy and willingness to undertake many roles within the school is very evident and much appreciated by students, staff and families.

She works with energy and true compassion in the area of learning enrichment within St Joseph's Catholic School. The care and time she invests into the students displays her true professionalism and dedication towards the ministry of teaching in Catholic Education. She is an active member of the parents and friends association and gets involved with all aspects of school life with a smile and genuine love for being part of a Catholic School community.

Monique organises and conducts St Joseph's very own Mother's Day Stall in which each and every child walks away smiling and confident that their mother will enjoy the gift they have. Taking the time to ensure each student walks away excited with their own wrapped gifts for their mothers is an amazing sight to see. Monique truly displays the Spirit of Catholic Education within the school community of St Joseph's Catholic School Mundingburra.

Nicole Preitz, Assistant Principal Religious Education - Good Shepherd Catholic School, Rasmussen

Nicole has worked in Catholic Education for 23 years. In Nicole's current role, she has been responsible for the religious formation of staff and students but also the development and improvement in learning and teaching across the school.

Nicole has also been responsible for developing programs that encourage and facilitate teaching pedagogies that are data-informed and evidence based to improve outcomes for all students. The implementation of these programs across Good Shepherd has seen great gains and led to Nicole presenting the school's success story at the QCEC Teacher Capability Symposium in 2017.

Nicole demonstrates a genuine and firm commitment to the Catholic faith. She makes her faith visible through developing social justice initiatives and community service opportunities that encourage and empower others including Mini Vinnies and Parklands Aged Care Facility visits. Nicole has also been passionate in further developing the strong partnership between parish and school and has initiated year level liturgies to encourage more parent participation in the life of the Church. She is committed to the Catholic ethos of our school and encourages and facilitates opportunities to grow together as a faith community through liturgy, prayer, Christian meditation and through the development of a quality Religious Education program.

Nicole is passionate about Indigenous Education and has led and supported the development of the school's Deadly Learners Program in conjunction with the Indigenous Education Workers which has been recognised and duplicated across Townsville Catholic Education schools.

Rochel Clam, School Officer - St Joseph's Catholic School, Mundingburra

Rochel displays outstanding service to others through her impact on students involved in learning enrichment and intervention programs. She works with students in small groups and one on one situations through the MultiLit program and takes great pride in supporting them with their reading and comprehension skills, as well as building their self-confidence and positive mindset.

Rochel has been instrumental in the introduction of a number of programs within the school to support students with a disability to regulate their emotions and develop their social skills. She is

patient and affirming in her dealings with students and will tailor sessions to address the needs of her learners. Rochel is a lifelong learner who seeks professional development opportunities and advice from allied services to ensure she is working from a sound knowledge base.

Rochel shows outstanding service to students in our school community with personal needs. She provides an exceptional standard of care and always goes that extra mile to ensure these students are safe and well cared for. Rochel is a wonderful support to teachers and is someone who can be relied upon to use her initiative and complete all tasks to a high standard.

Rochel is a living example of our school motto, "Love is service" and we thank her for her outstanding service to the staff and students of St Joseph's Catholic School.

Sean White, Assistant Principal, Religious Education - Ryan Catholic College, Kirwan

Sean has been a large part of the Ryan Catholic College community for the past 9½ years and has worked tirelessly to build the Catholic identity and ethos of the College.

Sean has guided the development of the Catholic identity of the College with wisdom and courage over many years. His deep knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith, combined with his interpersonal skills, has enabled the College to truly explore its mission as a part of the Church. Each year, Sean takes the lead in creating posters which help the community to understand a recontextualised approach to the Emmaus story, the foundation story which underpins the College ethos.

Sean has been a key player in the parish sacramental program for many years and is the driving force in recruiting teachers to lead groups, coordinating group sessions, organising sacramental retreats and orchestrating all parties involved in the sacraments. He not only leads these aspects of the sacramental program admirably, but also takes the opportunity to upskill new teachers and A.P.R. Es in these areas. Sean is known as a man of great faith who wears his heart on his sleeve. An example of this is his dedication to and involvement in the Aitape immersion program. He works tirelessly to organise trips to P.N.G. for students and staff to experience first hand the challenges that some schools and communities face and to provide opportunities for them to reach out to those in need. Some students refer to these trips as 'life changing'.

He is a respected staff member who has devoted much of his time to building the Catholic identity and ethos of the College and is very deserving of this award.

Tom Eldridge, Facilities, Planning and Development Administrator - Townsville Catholic Education Office

Tom has been nominated for a Spirit of Catholic Education Award for showing outstanding integrity and passion in leading a school community project, particularly in this case the Building Project for St Benedict's Catholic School. His experience has been invaluable in guiding the decision making process and liaising with key stakeholders. Tom has excellent communication skills and has been instrumental in ensuring the vision for St Benedict's Catholic School was understood and realised.

Through this project and the many others that Tom has been involved with in Townsville Catholic Education, we have seen him exemplify a real understanding of the needs of creating an environment that can facilitate outstanding learning experiences for students as well as create a safe, welcoming atmosphere. Tom takes particular care when it comes to details; from the design process to types of materials being used and the final aesthetics including landscaping and functionality.

Tom's ability to genuinely connect with different people from executives, architects and engineers to school staff and tradespeople is a real credit to his respectful and professional approach. Tom shows outstanding integrity in his dealings with others, allowing people to feel listened to and understood. Tom's professionalism and good nature for 'a job well done' is second to none. He takes great pride in the work he does and the relationships he builds are a strong part of the success he achieves.

Tricia Mediolea Teacher- Our Lady Of Lourdes Primary School, Ingham

Tricia Mediolea has been a teacher at Our Lady of Lourdes for over 25 years. Regardless of her role, Tricia has always dedicated her talents to ensure all our students are engaged in learning and reach their potential.

Tricia has instigated a range of different programs and initiatives that have added value to the education of all our students and help prepare them to become 21st century learners. Tricia is committed to a life of learning. She is constantly looking for ways to build her own knowledge base on current education trends and programs that will have a benefit to our classrooms. Her enthusiasm in supporting and helping students develop their own skills and knowledge to ensure our classrooms are engaging, inclusive and stimulating students' thinking and problem solving skills. In her role as our librarian she has ensured our library has a wide range of current and engaging books and resources. Tricia has refurbished the school library as a learning space in which our students are delighted to work in as well as spend their lunch hours in.

Tricia has also played a key role in fostering a strong relationship with the Mary MacKillop Kindy students and staff. Her commitment to twice weekly visits to the Kindergarten ensures these children develop a love of reading. Along the way these students have also developed a strong bond with our school community, resulting in many enrolments in their Prep year. Tricia is a well-respected educator in our school, as well as the wider Hinchinbrook community. She is an asset to Catholic Education.

Yvonne MacDonald, Volunteer – St Joseph’s Catholic School, Mount Isa

Yvonne has a long association with Catholic Education in Mount Isa, with her children and grandchildren attending Catholic schools and Yvonne serving as an early years' school officer at St Joseph's from 1987 to 2006. Retirement has seen Yvonne's efforts turn to volunteering, clearly a passion and a calling and a way for her to continue helping her beloved schools, church and wider Mount Isa community.

Yvonne has coordinated the parish RCIA program for many years, leading a significant number of parents and school staff as they become Catholic through a 7-month preparation programme. Many of these candidates continue to enjoy close relationships with Yvonne beyond the program.

Yvonne has been a mother-figure to many staff and their children, providing 'family' in a community where many young families are isolated. Many attest to the sense of calm that she creates, with her warm embrace and genuine love and care.

Yvonne is a regular volunteer in the parish office, offering any service which will be of help. She is also a member of St Vincent de Paul Society, assisting with emergency relief. Her most recent endeavour sees her volunteer with the CAMS program, a service supporting migrant women in Mount Isa. Yvonne babysits the small children whilst the mothers engage in the program. She also works 1:1 with women needing English lessons -finding suitable resources and delivering lessons.

Throughout 2016 and 2017, Yvonne was the driving force behind the Million Stars project in our schools and parish, contributing thousands of ribbon stars which were displayed at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

St Joseph's Catholic School believes that Yvonne exemplifies our school motto - Know, Love, Serve -and we sincerely thank her for her continued presence in our school and parish.