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Craig Gillespie, Evans River K-12 School

Craig is passionate about education and young people. He is the Head Teacher Technology and Applied Studies at Evans River K-12 School and a leader of the school's Aboriginal programs. He sees that traditional schooling is not for all and he influences the school's curriculum and program provisions to see that there are programs suitable for all students, particularly those students considered 'at risk'. Craig leads the school's Green Team initiative which provides a highly engaging and relevant program for students in Year 9 who are targeting trades or outdoor careers. This program has had enormously positive outcomes for students who do not enjoy learning within the four walls of a classroom.

Craig also leads the school's School to Employment Program – a non-HSC pathway which leads to students' gaining credentials earlier from TAFE and other providers. Craig supports and guides these students in their course work which involves part time school, part time work and part time TAFE. When it comes to Aboriginal programs Craig is a man of vision which has led to the school having numerous programs building cultural understanding for indigenous and non-indigenous students. Craig leads by example. He is a team player and a committed community member. Craig is a worthy recipient of recognition on World Teachers' Day.