



Australian College of Educators

Melissa Driscoll, The Rivers Secondary College, Kadina High Campus

Melissa had the foresight six years ago to be part of an innovative team which proposed an alternative curriculum pathway for students with differing needs. She has become an integral part of this program, excelling in differentiating the curriculum and making adjustments to personalise student learning which improve student outcomes. Melissa started up a 'Breakfast Club' which she oversees every day from her classroom. She liaised with outside businesses and agencies for donations to make this possible and ongoing, of which it has been for several years. Melissa uses this time also as a chance to make contact with students in a less formal environment and oversees their wellbeing. She is diligent in forwarding any wellbeing concern onto appropriate personnel within the school so further supports can be put in place. Melissa demonstrates outstanding commitment in supporting students with personal and mental health issues by providing a caring and safe environment where students are respected and valued. Melissa is a worthy recipient of recognition on World Teachers' Day.