

Meriden staff awarded for leadership and service in music education

Each year, the Professional Teachers Council NSW, through the Institute for Educational Leadership in Australia, presents several annual awards to individuals and associations that have contributed to enhancing the status of teaching as a profession. These awards recognise the outstanding professional contribution to education made by teachers through professional associations.

Two teachers from Meriden Junior School were recognised this year for their contributions to their Professional Association.



Melinda Bryant

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Melinda Bryant received the Association Service Award, presented in recognition of the outstanding contribution made by a salaried employee to a Professional Association. Melinda is a dedicated and highly engaged member of the Orff Schulwerk Association of NSW, known for her leadership, generosity, and dedication to music education. For the past three years she has played a vital role in the success of the association's professional development offerings by hosting the annual OSANSW Levels courses at Meriden. A long-standing and active member, she also shares her expertise as a Levels course presenter at the OSANSW state conferences.



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Michelle Rollins received the Professional Association Leadership Award, which honours volunteers who have demonstrated exceptional leadership within a professional association, driving policy change, professional development, and advocacy that benefits NSW educators. For 12 years, Michelle has served as President of the Orff Schulwerk Association of NSW leading with integrity, generosity, and deep professional insight. She has convened conferences, fostered international connections by hosting forums during the pandemic, and presented extensively for OSANSW and Musica Viva, sharing her deep musical knowledge.

We congratulate these two fine music teachers on this well-deserved recognition.

Ms Vicki Sheehan

Dean of Staff Senior School