

## **Honorary State Life Membership Citation for Frank Ali**

Frank Ali has been a member of IPSHA for 35 years, having joined the Association in 1987 when he was appointed to the position of Head of Primary at Blackfriars Priory School. Frank served in this role for 12 years before he accepted the position as Head of Junior School at Mercedes College in 1999, where he was the Head for some 9 years. He then went to St John's Grammar School, where he was the Head of Junior School for 10 years. Fittingly, Frank returned to Blackfriars Priory School in 2018 where he was the Head of Primary for 4 years, before retiring at the end of 2021. Frank has had a distinguished career as a Head of 3 schools over 35 years, and in so doing became one of Australia's longest serving Junior School Heads since the Association was founded in 1952.

During his time of such lengthy and meritorious service to three IPSHA member schools, Frank has filled a number of significant roles with the South Australian Branch of IPSHA. He was the President-Elect from 1998 — 2000, President and SA Branch Representative on the Federal Board from 2000 — 2002 and Past President of the Branch from 2002 — 2004. He also served as the SA Branch Projects' Officer from 2016 – 2020.

Frank was the Liaison Head on the SA Branch Deputies' Group from 1998 — 2000, during his time as President-Elect. He was the Liaison Head for the Special Education Teachers' Hub Group from 1994 — 2014, a staggering 21 years. In that time, he organised a significant number of worthwhile PD activities for the Special Education Teachers' in our schools. Importantly, Frank has been a wonderful supporter and contributor to IPSHA at both a Federal and State level. He was an active and key member of both the 1994 and 2008 IPSHA national conference committees, when the conferences were held in SA. His role in the planning of the 1994 conference at Seymour College was pivotal, as this was the last IPSHA national conference held in a school.

Frank has attended every IPSHA national conference since 1990 in Hobart, Tasmania, including the conferences where IPSHA joined with APPA to host national conferences in 2002 and 2004. He attended every SA/Victorian Biennial seminar from 1988 — 2009 and has subsequently attended every Tri-state seminar with SA, Victoria and Tasmania members since 2011. Each time one of these seminars has been held in SA, Frank has been an important member of the Organising Committee. He has been an active participant in all SA Branch professional learning opportunities and has assisted with the planning of many of those leadership activities.

Frank has been a prominent and well respected member of the SA Branch in his 35 years of continuous service to IPSHA. He has played a key role in welcoming many new members to the Association and helping them feel connected to IPSHA by supporting their attendance at meetings and conferences, as well as actively encouraging them and their schools to be involved in the student-centred activities offered to member schools in the Branch.

It is clear that Frank Ali satisfies the criteria for Honorary State Life Membership, through his outstanding and sustained contribution to IPSHA. IPSHA (SA Branch) respectfully requests that the Federal Board acknowledges his eminent service to the Association by awarding him with Honorary State Life Membership.

**David Hine**