

## Wayne Revitt, IPSHA President



I was appointed Head of Junior School at Penrhos College at the beginning of 2020, just before the pandemic. Penrhos College is an all girls' school in the faith of the Uniting Church, based in Perth.

Our pedagogy is learner-centred where we recognise that critical thinking and problem-solving skills are vital in an increasingly complex world. The Head of Junior School role includes the general oversight of pastoral and teaching and learning for Year 3 to Year 6, and my priority is building on our evidence based practice around wellbeing in the Junior School.

Prior to this, I was Head of Primary at John Wollaston Anglican Community School and preceding this position, I was the Director of Pastoral Care, Planning and Co-curricular (Deputy Head of Primary) in the Preparatory School at Christ Church Grammar.

My time as an Education Consultant for the *Association of Independent Schools of Western Australia (AISWA)* before embarking on my independent school career afforded me an enlightening opportunity to visit many schools with varying pedagogical and philosophical frameworks.

An important phase of my early career involved my work as the Teacher in Charge of a Specialist Mental Health Program with our State Children's Hospital. This ignited a life-long interest in student wellbeing and the power of targeted early intervention in shaping positive outcomes for children and their families.

In 2017 I was honoured to receive the *John Laing Award for Professional Development*, which was managed by the then *Principals Australia Institute (PAI)*, where I was one of five school leaders across all sectors from Western Australia officially recognised for dedication to education and professional learning.

With a strong interest in Positive Psychology, I also served as the inaugural Vice-Chair of the *Positive Education Schools Association (PESA)* WA Branch.

One of my proudest achievements outside of schooling is the *Kids Are Kids Therapy and Education Centre*. I co-founded this not-for-profit organisation and have been the long serving Chairperson. *Kids Are Kids* is a family centred organisation that has provided a caring, expert range of allied health services such as Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy and Clinical Psychology to children and their families across WA for more than 24 years.

I am excited at the prospect of leading IPSHA and look forward to working closely with the new Board to keep our Association front and centre in the independent education space in the best interests of our members.