

## Honorary State Life Membership Citation for Suzanne Haddy

Suzanne Haddy formally joined the Independent Primary School Heads of Australia (IPSHA), in 2016 when she was appointed to the position of Head of Junior School at St Peter's Collegiate Girls' School. She served in that role for 8 years.

Prior to Suzanne's appointment at St Peter's Girls, she had been actively involved in IPSHA (SA Branch) from 2005 – 2015, as Deputy Head of St Peter's College Junior School. A significant contributor to the SA Branch Deputies' Group, Suzanne coordinated the Deputy-specific components of IPSHA (SA Branch) Deputies' meetings and professional learning workshops and seminars. She also assisted with the organisation of cross-school student leadership events.

IPSHA (SA Branch) organises annual Junior Orator and Poetry Competitions for students from member schools. Suzanne played a prominent role in coordination and hosting the Junior Orator Competition for several years and assisted in an ongoing basis with the organisation of the Poetry Competition.

Upon joining IPSHA in 2016, Suzanne generously took on the role of Treasurer of the SA Branch. She very capably served in that role for 4 years. In 2020, Suzanne was elected to the role of President-Elect in the Branch, where she actively promoted Deputies' involvement in Branch meetings and activities, welcomed members new to IPSHA and encouraged new members to join The Association.

Suzanne was President of the SA Branch from May 2022 to December 2023. In that time she was the SA Director on the IPSHA Federal Board and during her presidency she encouraged the re-introduction of the collegial model of cross-school teacher meetings and initiated termly breakfast regional catch-ups for Heads in schools.

During her membership tenure, Suzanne attended all state branch seminars and national IPSHA conferences. She was a member of the 2020 (postponed to 2022), National Conference Organising Committee and was actively engaged in this significant event. In 2023, Suzanne organised the Tri-State Seminar for SA, Tasmanian and Victorian members in South Australia, focussing on the theme, 'Dare to Lead'.

Suzanne was highly regarded and well respected by the students, staff and parents within her school community. She oversaw a significant increase in enrolment in the primary years at Saints Girls' during her tenure as Head of Junior School. In conjunction with the staff, she created a positive learning culture for the students and ensured that the wellbeing of students and staff was always at the core of her leadership.

Suzanne Haddy's contribution to IPSHA has been significant and deeply appreciated by all SA Branch members. We are unanimous in our view that she more than satisfies the criteria for Honorary State Life Membership and respectfully request the Federal Board acknowledge her sustained and exceptional service to The Association by granting her this prestigious award.

David Hine

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