DOCEMUS AWARDS 2015 RECOMMENDATION AND CITATION

CATEGORY: SECONDARY

CITATION:

It is my pleasure to announce the recipient for the 2015 DOCEMUS AWARD Secondary teacher is Brian Hurdley from St Andrew’s Catholic College, Cairns.

Brian Hurdley is a man of exceptional talent, a great educational practitioner and stalwart of support for his school and the Cairns community. Brian walks the talk of Catholic Education, freely giving of his time for any student or staff member that requires assistance or advice. When it comes to the College liturgical celebrations, Brian continually offers his skills as a composer, arranging hymn music into a format that he can then have the College band perform during these celebrations; heightening the significance of each liturgical experience for our community. In the same manner, Brian also supports other community events like Carols by the Chapel, as he believes that the music students benefit, not just from performing, but from contributing to their College.

As the Head of Instrumental Music at St Andrew’s College, Brian has worked hard to develop a program that is both inclusive and challenging. Brian’s excellence and dedication in teaching brass, has led to several of his students going on to become professional musicians both nationally and internationally; a resource that he now draws upon to enrich the educational process of current students. Brian also utilises his considerable professional contacts within the industry, inviting world renowned musicians into the College, sharing their love of music with the students.

Brian is a wonderful role model and exemplar for his students, being nationally recognised as one of Australia’s best brass clinicians having conducted orchestras in both Melbourne and Sydney and being asked to adjudicate at several brass competitions.

He is an educator that possesses incredible knowledge which is complemented by an even greater passion for bringing students to a love of their craft and an understanding of how it can be used to give life to all involved.

Brian passionately believes in music “for all” as is evident by the “In The Groove” music, a programme dedicated to the less fortunate, academically challenged or socially difficult children.

In the enormously successful recent ANZAC Reflections, Brian’s empowering leadership, selfless dedication, vision and incredible commitment together with terrific teamwork with his wife, Maureen Cameron created a combined Catholic School event which celebrated the spirit of our Catholic community.

Congratulations Brian Hurdley on being this year’s Docemus Award recipient – Secondary teacher category.