



Parents & Friends Federation of WA Inc

2018 AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE IN BUILDING POSITIVE CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

NOMINATION - Parent

CRITERIA – Winner must demonstrate positive outcomes for students and the school community

- works collaboratively with the Principal and staff
- actively works for the benefit of the school, its parents and students
- promotes and affirms the work of the school in the education of the children
- creates opportunities in the school to build community

Parent Nominated: Mrs Michelle Batt

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School: St Matthew's School Narrogin WA

Nominated by: Mr Paul Keppel (Board Chair) **Email:** paul.keppel@elders.com.au

Using the above criteria please briefly outline why you wish to nominate the above parent in your school community (please continue on separate sheet if necessary)

Parent Nomination

St Matthew's School Narrogin

I wish to nominate Michelle Batt for the 2018 Parents and Friends Awards for Excellence for her outstanding dedication to demonstrating positive outcomes for students and the school community.

Context St Matthew's School

St Matthew's School, Narrogin, is a co-educational Catholic primary school located in the very heart of the Bunbury Diocese and South-West region of Western Australia. Our present enrolment of 170 students is drawn from the thriving farming region of Narrogin and surrounding towns. Our rich and proud history dates back to 1918 and this year, with the help of our P&F committees, we celebrate our 100-year anniversary.

We offer modern facilities in a well-resourced and progressive learning environment. We take inspiration from our past as we continue to seek new and innovative ways to cater for our students. St Matthew's places a strong emphasis on developing the whole child and, despite many of our students hailing from rural communities, St Matthew's, through the financial assistance from the P&F, has been able to offer our students access to cutting-edge technology and flexible learning environments.

Michelle Batt's Contributions

Michelle commenced her role as a member of the P&F in 2012 when her son Logan started Pre-Primary. In 2016 and 2017, she was elected as the St Matthew's School P&F President and was instrumental in building a collaborative relationship with the school and the P&F group. Currently, Michelle is the Vice President of the P & F and has also represented the P & F on the School Board since 2016.

Michelle has been the driving force behind St Matthew's P&F and continues to mentor the new President and members of the current P & F in her position of Vice President. She has a friendly and warm personality, which makes everyone she meets feel instantly welcomed and accepted in the St Matthew's family. Whether at the parish, school or local community, Michelle goes out of her way to welcome new families and ensure they are being looked after. Her Christ-like character shines through in everything she does and says and she is an asset to our school community.

Michelle has actively contributed in all fundraising and 'friend-raising' activities and continues to liaise with the Principal, staff and parents to create opportunities in the school to build community. Some of the many activities Michelle has coordinated are:

- Annual school Busy Bee
- Quiz Night
- 'Welcoming Morning Tea' for new families
- Sundowner
- Annual Father's Day Breakfast
- 100-Year Centenary Committee
- Easter Raffle
- Hot Cross Bun drive

Apart from these achievements, Michelle has displayed excellent communication skills when collaborating with staff and school leadership. Her involvement in the St Matthew's parish has also strengthened the relationship between the school and parish and she has built the P&F into a force of good in our rural community. Her efforts cannot be understated, and we are extremely lucky to have such a fantastic advocate for St Matthews.

Only affiliated schools are eligible to nominate for these awards.

Closing date for entries

Tuesday 1 May 2018

Please return completed forms to:

**Parents and Friends Federation of WA Inc. PO Box 909, Inglewood WA 6932
or email admin@pff.wa.edu.au**