

BIOGRAPHIES OF STANDING COMMITTEE NOMINEES

**Indicates that this nominee is a current Standing Committee Member of IB Schools Australasia*

2 nominations have been received for 2 vacancies.

New South Wales Nominees

Nick Jolly*

Director of Academics and Deputy Head of Senior School, Cranbrook

Member School IB Programme/s: PYP, MYP, DP

- 12 years+ working in IB schools
- Has served in MYP Coordinator and DP Coordinator roles
- Standing Committee Member of IB Schools Australasia (2019 – present)



Nick Jolly has had 12+ years of experience working in IB schools. He has previously spent 4 years at the Australian International School (AIS), Singapore as Curriculum Coordinator. AIS offered the PYP, MYP and DP. Nick is currently in his seventh year as Director of Academics and Deputy Head of Senior School at Cranbrook School in Sydney. Cranbrook offers the PYP, MYP, DP. Cranbrook is one of 6 continuum schools in NSW.

Nick has served as the MYP Coordinator and DP Coordinator. He has successfully overseen the MYP and DP verification processes at Cranbrook. Nick has attended numerous IB professional develop workshops and conferences, including attending the last three Asia Pacific Global

Conferences.

Nick has a passion for IB programmes and was recently asked to write an article for the Sydney Morning Herald on the merits of an IB education. It is his view that the skills and values students develop through an IB education will provide them with the best possible foundation from which to confidently navigate the world beyond Year 12.

Queensland Nominees

Karen Abraham*

Deputy Principal, Cleveland District State High School

Member School IB Programme/s: DP

- Standing Committee member of IB Schools Australasia (2017 – present)
- Passionate about IB education, particularly in the QLD context
- Actively promotes the strength of networks to promote change
- Works with Queensland Heads of IB Schools and Coordinators to facilitate great outcomes for students



Karen is currently the Deputy Principal at Cleveland District State High School, an Independent Public School situated on Brisbane's bayside. During her 30 years with Education Queensland, Karen has taught in early childhood, primary and secondary schools in rural and regional settings as well as metropolitan Brisbane. She has also held the position of Head of Department, Senior Schooling.

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Karen is a passionate advocate for the IB and values the global and critical thinking it promotes in students. As an IB World School, Cleveland High provides a wealth of opportunities for students and staff and in her role in the executive leadership of the school, Karen is at the forefront of strategic and operational planning.

As an active member of the Queensland Heads of School and the IB Co-ordinator's Network, Karen has forged strong links with other schools and universities as she strives to promote the value of an IB education for all students. Queensland is a growth area for the IB Diploma Programme with a rapidly growing number of schools seeking authorisation and Karen views membership of the IB Schools Australasia Standing Committee as a way to continue her advocacy and broaden her knowledge and experience as an IB educator and leader.
