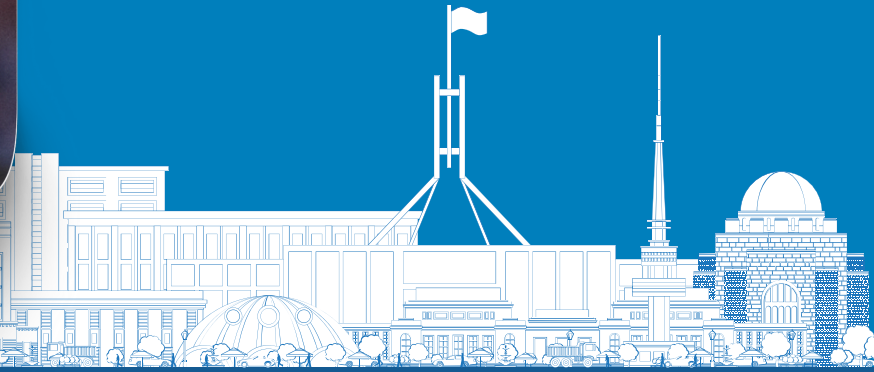




Building tomorrow's minds :

On the shoulders of teaching giants in the bush capital



Wyana O'Keeffe exemplifies excellence in music education, bringing unparalleled passion and dedication to her role as a teacher at Canberra Girls Grammar School. Her influence spans from Kindergarten through to Year 6, where she has made a profound impact through transformative music teaching.

Her leadership also extends beyond the classroom and across a wide array of ensembles and choirs, including the Hit It percussion and Chimers Handbells ensembles, the prestigious Glanville-Hicks Symphony Orchestra, as well as Mini-singers choir and Les Petitis Chanteurs choir. Each of these groups, under Wyana's expert guidance, thrives, with students achieving remarkable progress and success.

Her visionary approach is most evident in the innovative concert band immersion program she created for the Year 6 cohort. This program not only instils a deep appreciation for music but also provides hands-on experience, nurturing students' talents and broadening their artistic horizons. As a result, the program has led to the creation of a new Year 7 Sapphire Concert Band.

Additionally, her introduction of ukuleles has sparked enthusiasm and enjoyment and music! Wyana's commitment to integrating technology into music education is evident through her use of GarageBand and iPads. Her leadership extends across multiple ensembles, including Bandicoot, Sapphire, and Empire concert bands, where she fosters remarkable growth in student participation and achievement.

As Head of Bands and Musical Director of the Primary Drama Production, Wyana's nurturing and encouraging approach has enriched the school's learning culture. Her contributions at the AMBOK conference highlight her as a leader in music education. Wyana O'Keeffe is truly deserving of recognition this World Teacher's Day.

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