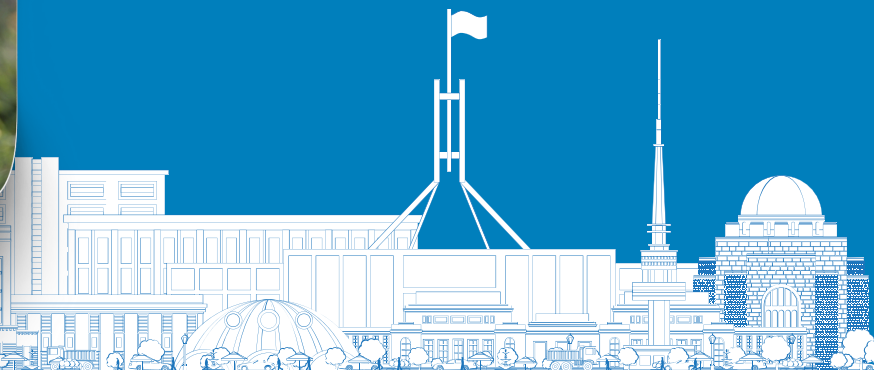




Building tomorrow's minds :

On the shoulders of teaching giants in the bush capital



Imogen McLean, in only her second year as a classroom teacher, has already established herself as a phenomenal educator at Malkara School. Having started as a Learning Support Assistant, Imogen has quickly transitioned into her teaching role with remarkable success. Her dedication to building strong, positive relationships with her students—many of whom have complex needs and challenging behaviours—has been transformative.

Despite managing a class with five students under Occupational Violence Risk Assessments, Imogen and her team have successfully reduced individual risk ratings, leading to enhanced academic performance and social development. This has created a safer, happier learning environment and has positively influenced the broader school community.

A standout aspect of Imogen's teaching is her passionate advocacy for Augmented and Alternate Communication (AAC) systems, empowering her non-verbal or minimally verbal students to better communicate their needs.

By collaborating closely with Allied Health Professionals, Imogen ensures individualised support plans are effectively implemented, significantly reducing dysregulation and challenging behaviours. As a result, her students are more settled, eager to learn, and have made impressive gains in personal and social skills.

Beyond the classroom, Imogen is a driving force behind fostering community spirit at Malkara. She initiated and coordinated Malkara's Olympic Day, working alongside staff and volunteers from Marist School. She also supports events like the Malkara and Saints Peter and Paul shared school walk and brings joy through her creative participation in Fashun Friday, delighting students with her costume as Fiona from Shrek.

Imogen's leadership, creativity, and dedication make her a true teaching giant at Malkara School.

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