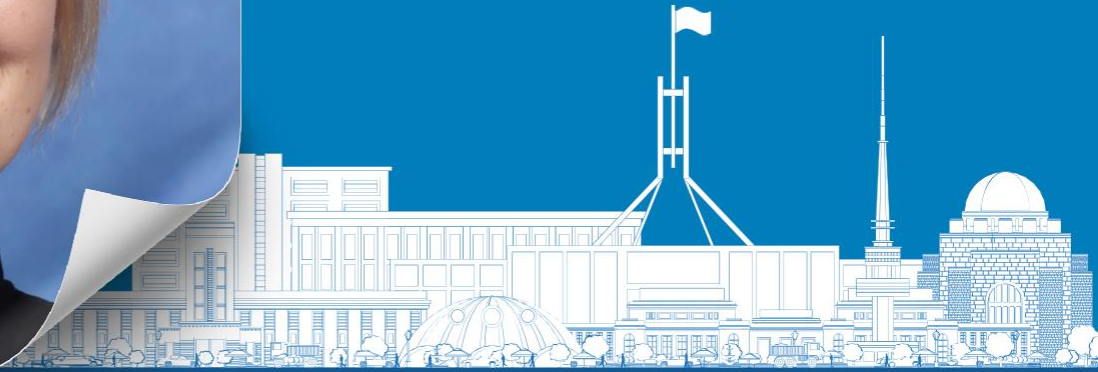




Building tomorrow's minds : On the shoulders of teaching giants in the bush capital



Nicole Hinton currently holds the position of Subject Coordinator – Science at Daramalan College.

Nicole, has made a significant impact on literacy development within the science department through an intentional and targeted Professional Learning sequence of workshops for her staff. Nicole identified the need for clarity in student assessment marking and collaborated with our Information Centre staff to create targeted professional learning opportunities to address this need. These sessions focused on helping teachers effectively identify and teach skills to their classes so that they could understand and apply key terms from Bloom's Taxonomy in their formative and summative tasks. This included using subject specific examples so that it gave clarity to what teachers should look for when assessing tasks that require interpretation, analysis, application, or evaluation.

By upskilling the staff in her department, Nicole has ensured that students have clear examples how to approach questions to ensure these critical aspects of their responses are addressed appropriately. This has led to tangible improvements in student understanding and the capacity for staff to have a low variance in marking approaches.

Her commitment to excellence and constant improvement in teaching and learning has strengthened the skills of her team and given our students the tools they need to succeed in science. Nicole's leadership exemplifies the qualities of an outstanding educator who is 'building tomorrows minds', making her a deserving nominee for this TQI award on World Teachers' Day.

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