

2010 ASLA (NSW) Teacher Librarian of the Year

Elizabeth Greef, St Andrew's Cathedral School

Elizabeth Greef, a Master of AppSci (TL CSU), MA (English Literature, USyd), Board Member IASL & Regional Director for Oceania, has been an inspirational leader for teacher librarians and teachers in the local, national and international arenas.

An outstanding teacher-librarian, Elizabeth's deep knowledge of practice and her commitment to supporting a learning environment for her students and teachers is witnessed through her unflinching support of the teachers and students of St Andrew's Cathedral School. In her capacity as Head Librarian, Elizabeth has put substantial energy into developing a state of the art library and information services complex in 2009, whilst managing the resourcing of the newly introduced International Baccalaureate. As well, she has been the driving force behind the resourcing of Gawaura, the indigenous program that runs within the school.

Elizabeth, through her professional association, is constantly evaluating her own practices against those at both national and international levels. She does extensive research into topical issues and uses that research to inform the progress and services within her school. This ability to transform programs she has set up within her school into research papers, presented at national and international levels, has allowed Elizabeth's role as a teacher librarian to be widely recognized at all levels of school libraries: local, regional, national or international.

Elizabeth is a team worker who is passionate about meeting the needs of teachers and students. She is fervent about making the library a central part of the school, where students of all ages and abilities are welcomed and cherished.