

Elizabeth Scheu Burnie Campus Principal About Me!

This year marks Elizabeth's 32nd year in Christian Education. Elizabeth completed her original Diploma of Teaching at the University of New England, Northern Rivers and then completed a Bachelor of Education at QUT. Elizabeth is a practically-minded person who learns by doing and by being engaged in a vibrant and inclusive workplace and school community.

Prior to moving to Tasmania, Elizabeth spent 28 years at the one Christian school in Queensland, which grew from 100 students in the first year to become a thriving school of approximately 1800 in her final year. During her time there, Elizabeth held many roles of responsibility, was a contributing member of the Senior Leadership Team, helped plan for and supported the year-on-year intensive growth, and personally taught all year levels from Year 1-10.

Elizabeth's passion area has always been the well-being of staff and students, as she believes that if staff have the opportunity to grow, learn and flourish in their workplace, then the children they work for and with will be given opportunities to experience that same sense of belonging and hope for their future. Elizabeth is energized by being around children and being drawn into their sense of wonder, awe, and childlike faith as they see and experience the world around them. Elizabeth's desire is to build a school community where people are known, cared for and can contribute, while also providing quality educational programs and pathways for learning.

Elizabeth always considered teaching and leading in the educational arena to be a calling God placed on her life. Five years ago, He clearly said that her season in a school and community that she loved was coming to a close, and from there, He called Elizabeth to serve at Leighland Christian School as Principal of the Burnie Campus.

Elizabeth has a developed understanding of school policies, processes and procedures, and she looks for opportunities to collaborate within the school, through CEN (Christian Education National) and other outside organisations such as IST (Independent Schools Tasmania).

The new school vision statement A hope filled Christian community pioneering personalised real-world education resonates with Elizabeth as it closely aligns with her own philosophy for education. To be part of a community that embraces and inspires hope in a fast-paced world that can be challenging and overwhelming is what drives Elizabeth as a Principal.