

Mick JEAYS

PE and CLASS TEACHER 1991 – 2013

When appointed to Maleny State School in 1991 as a classroom teacher, my immediate impression was that Maleny State School was a friendly, caring school with a wonderful ambience. Students were always keen to do their best at whatever tasks they undertook and the standard of work was high. In 1996 I took on the role as PE teacher at Maleny 4 days a week, spending 1 day at another school. Maleny students showed great talent and ability across a range of sports and proved highly successful in both team and individual events. 1999 to 2002 were dominant years for Maleny sport with large numbers of students progressing to State Championships and 4 competing with great success at National level. Maleny students continued on with their success through the rest of that decade. Being both PE teacher and Classroom teacher from 2001 to 2012 was a challenge but very rewarding as students continued to strive in their academic and sporting endeavours. My wife **Jill** and I raised our three children, **Steven, Diane** and **Stuart** in the Maleny community. They all progressed from Kindy through to Year 12 in our Maleny schools and have many fond memories of their time during those years. A large number of past students who have continued on from their primary and secondary school years in Maleny can stand proud as they have gone on to establish themselves in today's society as upstanding and successful young men and women.

Some highlights over the past 22 years :

- Students achieving great results in a variety of academic, sporting and cultural areas.
- Staging the play Wizard of Oz in the early 90's with teacher Caroline Bryans and our Year 5 students.
- Building go-carts, tool boxes, planter boxes and other manual works with my classes.
- Year 7 Graduation and formal dance nights (pre 2008).
- The Year 7 class of 2006 designing the Senior Adventure Playground.
- Initiating the building of the Undercover Area on the oval.
- Great community involvement and support in our Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics carnivals.
- Maleny SS winning lots of trophies at Glass House District Sports.
- Maleny SS having 4 students achieving Gold, Silver and two 4th places at Australian Championships.
- Students experiencing and enjoying our school camps, particularly Currimundi Camp and Year 7 Canberra trips.
- Successful fundraising events through the community for the PE program and Canberra Trips.
- Working with dedicated and professional staff who have the best interests of their students at heart.
- But mostly, being a part of the academic and sporting development of students at Maleny.

