

ACSA Webinar presenter Michael Smith

BIOGRAPHY



Michael Smith is an award-winning education leader in Queensland and leads a positive and multilayered recruitment, retention and staff development program.

Michael is passionate about helping teachers reach their potential and providing opportunities and support to do so. He has a strong interest in mentoring early career teachers and developing teacher support programs and pedagogical training frameworks.

Michael began and implemented the widely acclaimed Beginning Teachers Mentoring Program at Marsden State High School which is recognised as an exemplary model for best practice in Australian schools, this program has extended to a full suite of teacher support programs. The quality of this suite of programs was recognised in the 2020 Australian Education Awards with Marsden winning the Best Professional Learning Program in Australia. These programs were also recognised in the Educators 'Innovative Schools 2020' list.

Michael has appeared on ABC Brisbane local radio, ABC Radio National to discuss how new teachers need mentors. As part of World Teacher's Day Marsden SHS's Mentoring program was selected from across the state to feature in the Courier Mail's QWeekend magazine.