

ACSA Webinar presenter Scott Dirix and Kim Brady



BIOGRAPHY



Scott Dirix and Kim Brady are Head of School and Assistant Head of School at Indie School Elizabeth, an alternative learning program for young people at risk in the northern suburbs of Adelaide. Kim and Scott are alternative learning specialists with a shared passion for working with students who experience educational disadvantage.

Scott consistently seeks to push the boundaries of traditional schooling regimes by placing the needs of his students at the fore. Scott's work in alternative learning over the past 6 years has drawn considerable interest and acclaim. In 2020, he won the *Commonwealth Bank Teaching Award*, and previously was recognised with an *Innovation in Practice Award* in South Australia.

Kim has over 15 years' experience in education, with the last eight years spent working exclusively in special and alternative settings. Kim's practical skills and theoretical knowledge base are extensive, having been developed through a combination of study in special education and behaviour, and significant experience working with students with additional needs and challenging behaviours. Kim has a strong focus on wellbeing, school culture and teacher improvement.

Together, Kim and Scott lead an innovative multidisciplinary team to enact an educational vision underpinned by principles of collaboration, wellbeing, agency, curriculum innovation, inclusion, and community partnerships.