



# *Introducing Our Teaching Staff for 2025*

## *Leadership Team*

Angelique Padgett

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Ange is proud to be Principal at Mango Hill State School. Ange has been a principal in schools in both the Metro and North Coast regions. She is looking forward to continue to build strong connections with staff, students and the community in 2025. Ange is driven to ensure every student reaches their full potential through explicit curriculum, teaching and learning processes. She is excited to be continuing to lead the work at Mango Hill State School.

Danielle Price

Deputy Principal – Year 6

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Danielle is excited to continue her role in 2025, as Deputy Principal of Year 6 at Mango Hill State School. Since joining Team Mango in 2019, Danielle has worked as a classroom teacher, Pedagogy Coach and Head of Department Curriculum. With experience in both early and upper year levels, she is looking forward to continuing to collaborate with staff, students and parents to inspire minds, create opportunities and provide an education required for students to reach their highest potential.

Greg McCallum

Deputy Principal – Year 5

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Greg is excited to continue working with the Year 5 team at Mango Hill State School in 2025. Greg is an experienced school leader who is passionate about knowing the students, knowing the curriculum and knowing the next steps. He is looking forward to getting to know the Year 5 cohort and having a positive impact on academic progress and student wellbeing.

**Barbara Cornford****Deputy Principal – Year 4****bcorn3@eq.edu.au**

Barbara is excited to be joining the Mango Hill State School community. Barbara is an experienced school leader and values community. She is looking forward to building strong connections and positive partnerships with students, staff and parents. Barbara is committed to ensuring all students are engaged in explicit teaching and learning experiences. She is also passionate about the wellbeing, including the social and emotional development of the whole person.

**Kris Olsen****Deputy Principal – Year 3****kolse55@eq.edu.au**

Kris Olsen is exceptionally excited to be continuing as Deputy Principal of Year 3 at Mango Hill State School in 2025. Over the past nine years Kris has worked in the roles of classroom teacher and Pedagogy Coach, Head of Learning and Principal across the Metro North and Far North Queensland regions. He is caring and calm in nature, who enjoys building strong connections with staff, students and the wider community to ensure all children reach their potential.

**Jess Burnett****Deputy Principal – Year 2****jburn289@eq.edu.au**

Jess is thrilled to be joining Mango Hill State School in 2025. She has worked as a classroom teacher, Inclusion Teacher, Quality Learning Coach, Head of Department, Head of Special Education Services, and Deputy Principal. Jess is deeply committed to fostering inclusive practices, ensuring every student thrives and achieves their full potential. She strongly values collaboration with parents and families, recognising these partnerships as essential to student success. Jess looks forward to working closely with the staff, students, and families of Mango Hill State School.

**Evan Barrett****Deputy Principal – Year 1****ebmcf0@eq.edu.au**

Evan is excited to be joining the Mango Hill team in 2025. Evan has worked as a classroom teacher across Prep - Year 6, Literacy Coach, Head of Department Curriculum and Deputy Principal. She is passionate about supporting students to reach their potential and is committed to creating an environment where curiosity thrives. Evan looks forward to working alongside the students, teachers and community at Mango Hill State School

**Mieke Munko****Deputy Principal – Prep****mmunk1@eq.edu.au**

Mieke is delighted to be continuing the work at Mango Hill State School in 2025 as Deputy Principal for Prep. Mieke is passionate about setting children up for success through a strong start to schooling and all students having the opportunity to realise their potential through the provision of inclusive learning environments. Mieke looks forward to working with Mango Hill staff and partnering with our learners and their families as we embark on a new year of learning in 2025.

Rachael Beard      Head of Curriculum      rbear20@eq.edu.au



Rachael is excited to step into the role of Head of Curriculum for English. With 15 years of teaching experience, she is passionate about supporting teachers and students to excel in literacy. Rachael enjoys collaborating with colleagues to deliver an engaging curriculum and sharing effective teaching practices to inspire a life-long love of reading and writing. She is committed to building on the school's strong foundations and contributing to the continued success of its students and staff.

Jessica Rivett      Head of Curriculum      jxqui5@eq.edu.au



Jessica is excited to be continuing at Mango Hill State School as Head of Curriculum. She continues to display her commitment and passion for curriculum through developing innovative practices and collaborating with staff, students and parents to create positive learning experiences in STEM. Jessica is passionate about delivering learning experiences, which excite and engage the students in her classes.

Marissa Krossman      Head of Curriculum      mkros4@eq.edu.au



Marissa is entering her 15th year of teaching with Education Queensland. She has been teaching at Mango Hill State School since 2020 and is excited to be Head of Curriculum STEM. Marissa is looking forward to building and fostering positive relationships with students, staff and the wider community. She has a passion for teaching and strives to implement learning experiences that are highly engaging. Marissa has high expectations of all students and she endeavours to create a safe, positive and supportive learning environment that enables all students to achieve.

*Tracy Lundberg*      Guidance Officer      tlund10@eq.edu.au



Tracy Lundberg is thrilled to be returning as the Guidance Officer at Mango Hill State School in 2025. Tracy has been a GO for nearly 10 years and has recently returned to schools after a complex case management role in Regional Office. Prior to this, Tracy was a Junior Secondary Head of Department, a Literacy and Learning Support Teacher and a classroom music teacher in a large high school. With this experience, Tracy has a particular interest in supporting transitions, especially from year 6 into high school and the possibilities of supporting wellbeing through creative expression.

Anita Virgo      Business Manager      bsm@mangohillss.eq.edu.au



Anita has been working with the Department of Education for 10 years. She supports the Senior Leadership Team, enabling them to concentrate on delivering the best curriculum opportunities for our students. She manages the finance, facilities and human resource requirements of the school and is excited to have returned to the Mango Hill Team after Business Manager roles at Strathpine West and Bounty Boulevard State School. Building capability for all support staff is a priority for Anita with the focus of embedding our core values; Excellence, Respect, Innovation, Teamwork and Commitment.

# Prep Team

Michelle Jackson

Prep A

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Michelle has been teaching for seventeen years, both internationally in Saudi Arabia and China, and in Australia. She has held specialist roles, including Physical Education Teacher, Tutor Learning Initiative, and classroom teacher. She is excited to transition into the junior years and is passionate about laying strong foundations for her students to thrive. Michelle focuses on fostering emotional intelligence and independence in her students and values building positive home-school partnerships through clear, open, and consistent communication. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, umpiring netball, going to the beach, and, most importantly, spending time with her family.

Tiffany Street

Prep B

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Tiffany is looking forward to another exciting year working with students and colleagues in Prep. She completed her Bachelor of Education Degree at Queensland University of Technology and has eighteen years of teaching experience. Tiffany is looking forward to starting her 4th year of teaching at Mango Hill State School. She has been teaching Prep for 12 years now. Tiffany thoroughly enjoys working with students in their first year of school, building relationships and assisting each student to grow and develop to reach their potential.

Graceyn Turner

Prep C

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Graceyn joined the Mango Hill State School team in 2024 and is excited to continue working in the Prep team in 2025. She loves working in the Early Years and creating fun learning experiences for her students to foster a love of learning. Graceyn teaches through play-based experiences where students are centred in the learning, experimenting and making connections with concepts. Graceyn is passionate about building strong connections with her students and families to support all students in their first year of school.

Gerda Viljoen

Prep D

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Gerda is very excited and thankful to be a part of Team Mango. She is an experienced, dedicated and student focused educator with over twenty years of experience in the primary classroom. She is passionate about facilitating student-centred learning experiences and fostering a lifelong love of learning. She enjoys helping students achieve their goals while having fun in the classroom.

Lauren MCGreevy

Prep E

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Lauren is looking forward to joining Mango Hill State School in 2025. Lauren has been teaching in North West Queensland for the past 4 years, specialising in the lower primary. She is passionate about students learning to read and reading to learn and is an advocate for student and staff wellbeing. Lauren enjoys teaching through interactive and engaging lessons where students have multiple opportunities to develop their curriculum knowledge and better their social and emotional skills. She is passionate about the arts and incorporates multiple opportunities for students to connect to the curriculum through the Arts. She is excited to work with the Prep Team in 2025.

**Brendan Shields****Prep F****bshie14@eq.edu.au**

Brendan has been part of staff at Mango Hill State School since 2013. During that time, he has been a classroom teacher in both Year 1 and Prep classrooms. Brendan has worked in the foundation years for a majority of his career and looks forward to guiding students through their first year of learning in Prep. He creates open, welcoming classrooms where every student feels safe, valued and able to achieve their best.

**Vanessa Lahney****Prep G****vlahn1@eq.edu.au**

Vanessa is super excited to be on Prep again for 2025. She has worked for over 20 years as a classroom teacher in Far North Queensland before returning to her hometown, Brisbane. Vanessa thoroughly enjoys working with students in their first year of school and seeing their growth and confidence soar as the year goes by. Her passion lies in teaching phonics and teaching students to read and write. Vanessa believes that building positive relationships with both her students and families leads to success in learning.

**Nicole Batterbee****Prep H- Monday, Tuesday Wednesday and Friday****nhohn7@eq.edu.au**

Nicole is excited to be teaching Prep again in 2025. She joined Mango Hill State School in 2017 and has been working as a teacher with Education Queensland for over 10 years, working in schools in both Brisbane and Central Queensland. She has taught various year levels during this time however is most passionate about working in Early Years classrooms. She thoroughly enjoys engaging, challenging and promoting a love of learning with all students and helping them achieve their full potential.

**Jo Bulger****Prep H – Tuesday, Prep B Friday****jbulg2@eq.edu.au**

Jo has been part of the Mango Hill State School early years team since 2019. She believes positive experiences in the early years lays the foundation for a love of life-long learning. Jo encourages her students to become problem solvers and loves seeing her students hit those light bulb moments in learning. Jo really values partnerships between the teacher and families and looks forward to an exciting fun filled year with her students.

**Katie Armfield****Prep I****kmnei0@eq.edu.au**

Katie is excited to be teaching Prep at Mango Hill State School in 2025. Katie fosters an inclusive, safe and positive environment for her students. She models and creates a love of lifelong learning to her students and ensures all her students see themselves as learners. Katie has a passion for teaching phonics and reading. She values making connections with students and enjoys celebrating their growth. Katie continually develops and improves on highly effective teaching techniques and instructional methods which allows her to strive for the best possible outcomes for her students.

Kerris Hore

ILT – Prep Inclusive Learning Teacher

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Kerris is excited to teach in this vibrant learning environment with Team Mango. With over 18 years of teaching experience across various educational settings and working with a diverse range of learners, she brings a passion for teaching and learning that has only grown stronger over the years. She has taught in Japan and has experience in teaching students of diverse language backgrounds. Kerris is committed to supporting every student in reaching their full potential. Outside of the classroom, she enjoys staying active and indulging in home cooking. She looks forward to contributing to our wonderful school community and embarking on this exciting journey together.

## *Year One Team*

Candida Bellert

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Candida is a dedicated and compassionate teacher who brings a warm, supportive approach to the classroom. With a strong background in the early years, she strives to create a positive and engaging learning environment where every student feels valued and encouraged to reach their potential. Candida is passionate about building strong relationships with students and their families, believing that open communication and collaboration are key to student success. Her commitment to nurturing a love of learning and fostering personal growth helps each child feel confident and inspired throughout their school journey.

Meg Thomas

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Meg is thrilled to be joining the Mango Hill community in 2025. She graduated with a Bachelor of Primary Education in 2020 and has been working in the Moreton Bay area for the past 4 years. Meg is passionate about creating a positive and supportive learning environment where students thrive academically, socially and emotionally. She enjoys creating hands-on, engaging learning to deepen student engagement and build a love of learning. Meg believes strong relationships between school and home are the foundation to student success and is looking forward to building these partnerships in 2025.

Karen Reimers

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Karen is an Experienced Senior Teacher who has had the privilege of working at Mango Hill State School since 2020. She is very excited to be teaching Year 1 in 2025. Karen has a lifelong love of learning, enabling her to continually improve her pedagogical practice and allowing her to strive for the best possible learning outcomes for her students. She is committed to ensuring every child achieves to their fullest potential, through making adjustments in the delivery of the curriculum and learning that cater for the child's individual needs. Karen is excited to support a new group of students to form strong foundations in their literacy, numeracy and well-being development.

Alyssa Lahey

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Alyssa is thrilled to embark on her 3<sup>rd</sup> year of teaching Prep at Mango Hill State School! Alyssa finished her Bachelor of Primary Education at Australian Catholic University, where she minored in Inclusive Education. Her passion is creating an inclusive, nurturing, and supportive learning environment, where all students thrive. Alyssa has a love for the early year's curriculum, and seeing the wonder and passion as students learn new things. She values the development of meaningful relationships with students and families. Alyssa believes in having clear, open lines of communication between school and home to ensure the best outcomes for her students. Alyssa is looking forward to engaging with the Mango Hill school community in 2025!

Reena Singh

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Reena is excited to embark on her fifth year at Mango Hill State School, where she will collaborate with her colleagues, students, and their families. She holds a Bachelor of Education from the University of the South Pacific and a Postgraduate Diploma in Education from the Queensland University of Technology. With eighteen years of teaching experience, Reena has dedicated the past thirteen years to Early Years Education. She is committed to personalising learning experiences for her students by nurturing their social, emotional, and academic well-being within an inclusive, supportive, structured, and safe setting.

Linda Hellyer

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Linda is ecstatic to be joining the Mango Hill Year 1 team in 2025. She graduated from the University of New England in 2012 and worked in full time teaching roles for several years before stepping into a relief teaching role, enjoying getting to know learners across all year levels at Mango Hill State School. Linda is passionate about building positive relationships with students and is committed to supporting each child to achieve their individual learning goals with engaging teaching and learning experiences.

Rebekah Orole

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Rebekah is looking forward to another year of teaching at Mango Hill State School. She completed her Bachelor of Primary Middle Schooling with her major studies being completed in the areas of Expressive Arts. Throughout her years of teaching, Rebekah has taught a range of year levels with her most recent years in the Year 1 sector. The joy of seeing students, develop and grow in confidence through quality learning experiences, is truly the essence that makes her career as an educator so rewarding.

Jo-Anne Schreuder

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Jo-Anne is excited to join the Mango Hill Team in 2025. She has fifteen years of experience in education, working in primary schools as a classroom teacher and learning support coordinator. Her passion lies in creating an inclusive and caring learning environment where all students can thrive and she believes that such an environment is crucial for promoting students' intellectual, social, and emotional development. Jo-Anne looks forward to working with Mango Hill staff, learners, and families and becoming a trusted and supportive colleague.

Shaun Pollock

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Shaun is excited to be moving into his fifth year teaching here at Mango Hill State School. Originally from New Zealand, Shaun moved to Australia in 2008 where he now calls Brisbane home. Shaun graduated from the Australian Catholic University with a Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood and Primary) in 2020. Shaun has a passion for education in the early years and enjoys helping children reach their full potential. Shaun strives to instil a love for learning within his students in the hope they become life-long learners. Shaun believes in creating a collaborative, safe and supportive learning environment that will holistically support his students to achieve learning goals and experience academic success.

Miranda Franklin

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2025 will be Miranda's fourth year at Mango Hill State School. She has been teaching in the local area for the last twelve years and enjoys being a part of the Mango Hill community. Miranda completed her Bachelor of Creative Industries and Graduate Diploma of Education (Early Years) at Queensland University of Technology. She has a passion for teaching children in the early years and strives to create learning environments that are safe, supportive and structured.

Lauren Cannon

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Lauren is excited to begin another school year at Mango Hill State School. This will be Lauren's ninth year at this wonderful school. She will be teaching Year 1 in 2025. Lauren is pleased to move back into an Early Years classroom as she loves teaching students to read. She also really enjoys supporting the social and emotional development of our little people. One of the highlights of her role is meeting the siblings of students she has taught in previous years!

Beverly Rintala

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Bev has worked in various early childhood, VET and primary school settings across both the public and private sector in Queensland, NSW and the ACT for over 20 years. Her involvement in Mango Hill State School began in 2011, taking on an active role in the community consultation process, prior to the school's opening. She loves to travel, explore the great outdoors, read, appreciate art and spend time with her family and friends. Bev is excited to be working with the grade 1 cohort in 2025. Her aim is to help her students develop a love of lifelong learning so that they can continue to grow into the best version of themselves and become contributing global citizens. She looks forward to working collaboratively alongside her students and their families in our Team Mango school community.

Maree Constantinou

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Maree is excited to join the teaching team at Mango Hill SS in 2025. As a passionate classroom teacher with experience in multiple roles, she is dedicated to creating a safe and supportive classroom where students can engage in meaningful learning experiences and reach their full potential. Maree focuses on building strong relationships with her students and their families, and she looks forward to becoming an active member of the Mango community.

## *Year Two Team*

Danee Edens

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Danee is looking forward to her second year at Mango Hill State School and teaching in Year Two. She has a passion for education and a commitment to fostering an inclusive and dynamic learning environment. With twenty years of experience in primary education in Queensland and the Northern Territory, she has had the privilege of working with diverse groups of students, each of whom has played an important part in her teaching journey. Her teaching philosophy revolves around cultivating curiosity, nurturing creativity, and instilling a lifelong love for knowledge in every student. Danee believes that every student has the potential to excel and contribute meaningfully to the world.



Charlene The

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Charlene is super excited to begin her teaching journey at Mango Hill State School in 2025. Having recently graduated with a Master of Teaching (Primary) from Queensland University of Technology (QUT), she is eager to create a positive and inclusive learning environment for all her students. Charlene believes in the power of forming strong relationships, recognising that meaningful connections create a sense of belonging and enhances student engagement. She is passionate about nurturing a love for learning, encouraging students to explore their interests and discover their strengths. She aims to create lessons that are not only educational but also engaging.

Jasmine Hyde

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Jasmine is thrilled to join the team at Mango Hill State School this year. With 14 years of experience as a primary school teacher, primarily focused on Year 3, Jasmine has taught a range of classes from Years 2 to 6. She is deeply committed to fostering a welcoming, inclusive learning environment where every child feels valued and supported. Jasmine looks forward to collaborating with her colleagues and expanding her skill set to further enhance her teaching practice.

Mel Leutton

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Mel is excited to be continuing working alongside the Year Two team at Mango Hill State School. With sixteen years experience, spent across a variety of different schools and year levels, she is keen to dive into the Year Two learning space. Mel is passionate about working in the early years and ensuring that her students have the building blocks to become lifelong learners. She believes that working with families, staff and the community ensures the best student learning environment and whole school culture possible.

Sarah Hills

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Sarah has been teaching at Mango Hill State School for 10 years and has over 15 years of experience with Education Queensland. She understands the importance of fostering positive relationships and engaging students through a welcoming and positive approach. Sarah loves meeting new families and is very excited to work closely with the school community in 2025 to ensure the best possible outcomes for all students.

Chloe Langham

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Chloe is looking forward to another year of teaching at Mango Hill State School. She completed her Bachelor of Education at Queensland University of Technology in 2013. It is Chloe's passion to work with and support children to achieve their goals and full potential. As a teacher, she believes in creating a safe and supportive learning environment where students feel comfortable to take risks and to achieve their best. Chloe is very excited to continue her teaching journey at Mango Hill State School, and is looking forward to building strong connections with her students and families in 2025.

Kelly Ihde

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Kelly is very excited to be starting her fifth year of teaching at Mango Hill State School in 2025. She graduated from the Queensland University of Technology in 2020 with a Bachelor of Education (Primary). Kelly prides herself on creating an inclusive and safe classroom environment that supports all students in becoming successful learners for life. She is passionate about children's mental health and helping them to believe in themselves, promoting a growth mindset so they know they can achieve anything and everything.

Louise Slade

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Louise is looking forward to another wonderful year working with students and colleagues in Year Two. She graduated with a Bachelor of education from the University of Canberra in 2009 where she grew up. Louise taught in the ACT for eight years on a range of year levels before moving to Brisbane where she has taught for the past eight years. She is committed to building and maintaining a supportive and safe learning environment to help students achieve their best. Louise also prioritises the importance of families in a child's learning journey and is eager to inspire a love of learning for her students.

Mikayla Reeve

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Mikayla is excited to continue her work at Mango in 2025. Last year she taught multiple classes and had the opportunity to develop relationships with many students. Mikayla completed a Bachelor of Education (Primary) at the University of Otago. Since then, she has taught in multiple schools in both New Zealand and Queensland. Mikayla strives to create a supportive and inclusive environment for all children to experience personal and academic success through a variety of learning experiences. She looks forward to developing further connections with the students, parents, and community of Mango Hill State School.

Tiffany Peckham

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Tiffany is excited to be continuing working with the Mango Hill Year 2 team. She started her teaching journey at Mango Hill in 2023, working with various year levels. Tiffany has spent most of her teaching career in the Northern Territory and is beginning her 6th year of teaching. She is passionate about building positive relationships with students and their families to support students to achieve their potential.

Beth Humphries

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Beth is thrilled to be joining the Year 2 team at Mango Hill State School for another year. With a Bachelor of Primary Education, majoring in Early Childhood, she brings a wealth of experience from teaching Grade 1, 2, 5, and STEM. Beth is passionate about creating engaging and meaningful learning experiences, believing that witnessing the building blocks of knowledge grow in her students is the heart of her rewarding career. She is dedicated to fostering a supportive and nurturing environment where every student can thrive and develop their unique potential.

Melanie Bertram

Year 2 ILT - Inclusive Learning Teacher

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Melanie is excited to be teaching with the inclusive Learning Team again in 2025. Throughout her years teaching with Education Queensland, Melanie has taught across a range of year levels before recently moving into student engagement. She has a passion for supporting the development of the whole child, and working in partnership with colleagues in determining the most appropriate adjustments for children. Melanie prioritises positive connections with all children and their families in helping to establish an environment where children can experience success and have a sense of belonging. A quote that inspires Melanie's teaching- "I've learned people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." - Maya Angelou

## *Year Three Team*

Brooke Griffiths

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Brooke is excited to begin her teaching career at Mango Hill State School in 2025. After completing her Bachelor of Primary Education at UniSC, she is excited to share her love of learning with her students by creating a supportive, fun, engaging, and positive learning environment where all students feel valued, respected and ready to learn. Brooke recognises the diversity that can be present within a classroom and values the development of positive relationships between students, parents/carers, and the community to provide the best support for her students. She values and embraces diversity and aims to create a classroom environment that also embraces, accepts, and respects diversity and individuality. Brooke is dedicated to supporting each student in reaching their fullest potential and developing a lifelong love for learning.

Kara Gough

3B – Monday – Wednesday

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Kara is delighted to continue teaching at Mango Hill State School. She is an experienced classroom teacher, teaching for 17 years in early Primary. She then moved across to student engagement in 2020. Kara started teaching Year 3 in 2023 and 2024 and looking forward to continuing in Year 3 in 2025. She is motivated to use her knowledge and experience to support students with their diverse needs. Kara is committed to supporting students to be engaged in their academic and social learning.

Peta Fishburn

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Peta Fishburn is super excited to be teaching Year 3 at Mango Hill State School in 2025. She has a bachelor of Early Childhood Education along with over 20 years teaching experience. She has been part of the Mango Hill team since 2013. Peta has taught in a variety of positions over the years with the most experience teaching Year 3. She finds teaching the middle years very rewarding. Peta is passionate about providing an inclusive environment where every student can feel confident, be engaged and reach their full potential.

**Harry Smith****3C****hdono29@eq.edu.au**

Harry is excited to be entering his third year at Mango Hill State School. Harry is a calm and compassionate teacher, who places a huge emphasis on fostering a strong rapport with his students and their families. By being in tune with his students, he aims to support inclusive student participation and engagement through exciting curriculum activities that challenge students to use many realms of thinking. Harry wants to encourage his students to express their creative capacities, to practice productive failure and to become individuals who display respect, teamwork, resilience, and empathy.

**Laura Maltaric****3D****lsmal79@eq.edu.au**

Laura is looking forward to teaching Year 3 in 2025. Laura recently joined the Mango Hill team in Term 4 2024. She is looking forward to continuing her teaching journey at Mango Hill State School after teaching Year 5 in 2024. Laura has taught a variety of year levels both in mainstream schools and special education settings. She likes to set up a learning environment where all students feel comfortable and ready to participate in their learning. Laura also finds it important to form connections with students and their families to help fully support their learning and provide consistency.

**Louise Fleming****3E****lflem75@eq.edu.au**

Louise is excited to be joining Mango Hill State School in 2025. She has a Bachelor of Primary Education, along with 9 years teaching experience. Louise looks forward to building relationships with both students and their families in order to support students to achieve their best. She encourages students to become independent learners, providing a framework to build their confidence and self-belief. Louise enjoys teaching all subjects, but has a particular interest in English and appreciates watching her students develop a love of reading and writing. She looks forward to working with each student to help them grow and achieve their goals in 2025.

**Sharna Reade****3F – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday****sread46@eq.edu.au**

Sharna is delighted to be teaching at Mango Hill again in 2025! She is enthusiastic about providing students with engaging hands-on and collaborative learning experiences that enrich and deepen understanding across learning areas. She prides herself on creating a positive and supportive classroom environment where students feel safe, happy and can achieve their goals!

**Cassie Stewart****3G****cstew245@eq.edu.au**

Cassie is delighted to be teaching Year 3 at Mango Hill State School in 2025. She has a Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood) and has been working as a teacher with Education Queensland for 16 years. Throughout her teaching career, Cassie has taught Prep through to Year 3. Cassie started at Mango Hill State School in 2012 as a foundation staff member. In this time, she has enjoyed being a part of such a supportive school community. Cassie is very passionate about teaching in the early years, striving for all students to reach their full potential through a positive and rich learning environment. Cassie is committed to the development and achievement of all students at Mango Hill both socially and academically.

**Zelina Thompson****3H****zltho0@eq.edu.au**

Zelina is excited to be part of the Mango Hill State School Year 3 team in 2025 and can't wait to get to know her new students and families. She graduated from Central Queensland University in Bundaberg with a Bachelor of Learning Management (Early Childhood) in 2012. Zelina has taught kindergarten in Bundaberg and in Doomadgee before moving to Townsville where she taught Prep, Year 2 and Year 4 for six years before joining Mango Hill in 2022, where she has taught year 4 for the past three years. She creates open, welcoming classrooms where every student feels safe, valued and able to achieve their best.

**Radhika Raj****3I**

Radhika is thrilled to be a part of the Year 3 team at Mango Hill State School. As a compassionate and dedicated teacher, she cherishes the opportunity to forge meaningful connections with her students and their parents or caregivers. Radhika is devoted to fostering a nurturing and secure classroom environment that encourages students to learn and build their confidence.

**Kristen Roberts****ILT – Inclusive Learning Teacher****krrobe408@eq.edu.au**

Kristen is looking forward to joining the Inclusive Learning Team and working alongside teachers to support students in Year 3. This is Kristen's sixth year working at Mango Hill State school and she is looking forward to new experiences in 2025. During her time at Mango Hill Kristen has taught STEM in P-6, Prep and Year 5. Kristen is especially enthusiastic to be deepening her knowledge around emerging pedagogies relating to the development of vocabulary and reading comprehension. She completed her Bachelor of Education at Queensland University of Technology, specialising in inclusive education. Kristen is passionate about all children achieving their potential and working closely with families to help students succeed.

## *Year Four Team*

**Samantha Wray****Year 4A – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday****sjwra0@eq.edu.au**

Samantha is pleased to return to Mango Hill State School for another fulfilling year in Year 4 in 2025. With several years of teaching experience and a Master of Teaching (Primary) from the University of Melbourne, she has been part of the Mango Hill team since 2023. Samantha is passionate about supporting students' development - academically, physically, socially, and emotionally - and aims to create an inclusive, supportive learning environment where students feel confident to take risks and grow. She values building strong, collaborative relationships with her students and their families.

**Kelly Linnane****4A – Thursday and Friday****ktayl129@eq.edu.au**

Kelly is an Experienced Senior Teacher and has been an employee of Education Queensland since 2011. As an educator, Kelly strives to create a fun and supportive learning environment where all students are happy, engaged and are being challenged at an optimal level for them. Kelly is looking forward to another amazing year at Mango Hill in 2025!

**Aleasha O'Brien****4B****[aobri272@eq.edu.au](mailto:aobri272@eq.edu.au)**

Aleasha is thrilled to be entering her second-year teaching Year 4 at Mango Hill State School. She completed her Bachelor of Education (Primary) at the University of the Sunshine Coast. Aleasha believes the key to successful learning comes from a safe and supportive learning environment where students can be comfortable to ask questions and explore new learning opportunities, enabling them to reach their full potential.

**Charlotte Henderson****4C****[cjhen1@eq.edu.au](mailto:cjhen1@eq.edu.au)**

Charlotte is excited to be joining the Mango Hill State School teaching team in 2025. As a recent graduate with a Bachelor of Early Childhood Education, Charlotte is eager to learn and grow alongside her students. She has a particular passion for inclusive education and strives to create a learning environment which is safe and supportive for every learner. Charlotte is dedicated to fostering strong positive connections with her students and their families.

**Mariska Putter****4D****[mxput0@eq.edu.au](mailto:mxput0@eq.edu.au)**

Mariska is thrilled to continue being a part of the Mango Hill School community. As an experienced and passionate educator, she is dedicated to providing meaningful, hands-on learning experiences for all her students. Mariska takes pride in creating a positive classroom environment where every student feels safe, supported, and have a strong sense of belonging. She is committed to fostering strong relationships with both students and their families, ensuring that everyone feels valued and connected as part of the learning journey.

**Gin Balfe****4E****[pxtec0@eq.edu.au](mailto:pxtec0@eq.edu.au)**

Gin has been a part of the Mango Hill teaching staff since 2022. She has had experience in teaching multiples grades but enjoys working throughout lower/middle years. Gin endeavours to build positive relationships with all students and create a classroom environment that is engaging and supportive. She is committed to creating high expectations of all students where learners feel valued and a sense of success.

**Natalie Cooper****4F****[nlcoo1@eq.edu.au](mailto:nlcoo1@eq.edu.au)**

Natalie is excited to continue her teaching career at Mango Hill State School in 2025. This is her 13<sup>th</sup> year of teaching in Education Queensland. Natalie has a Bachelor degree in Early Childhood and Primary Education. She has dedicated her career to working in Early Childhood Education for over 20 years. She is very excited to be a part of the children's learning and watching them grow and prosper. Natalie is a passionate teacher who is determined to have every child succeed.

Kelly McGuinness

4G – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

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Kelly McGuinness is excited to be teaching Year 4, at Mango Hill State School in 2025. She is an Experienced Senior Teacher with 13 years of experience teaching in lower and middle primary school. Kelly is passionate about creating a fun, calm and challenging learning environment where all students feel valued and engaged and celebrate each other's achievements. She is committed to upholding high expectations and encourages her learners to strive for personal excellence.

Lauren Whitta

4G - Thursday

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Lauren is looking forward to teaching Year 4 at Mango Hill State School in 2025. She is an Experienced Senior Teacher who has had the opportunity of working in both very small and very large schools, teaching in the middle and upper years. Lauren believes that strong relationships are the core to success in every classroom. She creates a learning environment where all students feel safe, accepted and know that they play an important role in the learning community. Lauren maintains high expectations while supporting students to reach their goals.

Ryan Woodrow

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Ryan is excited to be teaching his second year at Mango Hill State School on Year 4. Ryan is committed to making learning hands-on and engaging for all students. He values creating strong relationships with students and their families to nurture a growth mindset and is dedicated to empowering students through the use physical movement and encouragement, to foster a safe and inclusive learning environment.

Jasmin Corney

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Jasmin is thrilled to be teaching Year 4 in 2025. Jasmin is embarking on her third year of teaching, and is looking forward to getting to know the students and creating engaging learning opportunities for their growth and support. In Year 4 we will be learning so much together and Jasmin is looking forward to walking beside you on this journey.

Caitie Osborne

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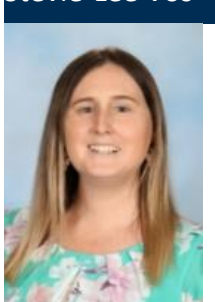


Caitie is going into her 5th year of teaching and is a passionate teacher at Mango Hill State School, dedicated to fostering a love of learning in her students. With a strong focus on inquiry-based learning, she encourages curiosity, critical thinking, and exploration in all subject areas. Caitie is committed to creating an engaging and supportive classroom environment where every child feels valued and inspired to become a lifelong learner. Through hands-on experiences and meaningful discussions, she empowers her students to ask questions, seek answers, and take ownership of their learning journey.

Stevie-Lee Vos

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Stevie-lee is thrilled to be teaching Year 4 at Mango Hill State School in 2025. With a Bachelor of Primary Education and ten years of experience, she brings a passion for Mathematics and Science to her classroom. Stevie-lee is dedicated to delivering an enriching curriculum that empowers each student to succeed. She loves helping students ignite a passion for learning, encouraging them to explore, discover, and grow.

**Jasmine Dean****Year 4 ILT – Inclusive Learning Teacher****[jxdea6@eq.edu.au](mailto:jxdea6@eq.edu.au)**

Jasmine is dedicated to fostering a safe and supportive learning environment in which every child feels valued and empowered. She recognises the importance of creating a nurturing space where students feel understood, supported, and encouraged to thrive academically and emotionally. Jasmine focuses on building strong relationships with her students and their families, and she looks forward to becoming an active member of the Mango community.

## *Year Five Team*

**Hannah Devine****5/6A****[hgben0@eq.edu.au](mailto:hgben0@eq.edu.au)**

Hannah is looking forward to working with class 5/6A this year, and working with the wonderful staff, students and families in Team Mango. She is passionate about all children achieving their potential and working with families to help students in their educational journey. She enjoys teaching Maths, Science and English. In her downtime, Hannah enjoys spending time with her family and friends, reading and just chilling out!

**David Vlieg****5B****[dvlie1@eq.edu.au](mailto:dvlie1@eq.edu.au)**

David is delighted to be teaching Year 5 again in 2025. He started his teaching career working in Far North Queensland and then at Humpybong State School before starting at Mango Hill State School in 2012. During his teaching career David has worked as a teacher in grades ranging from Year 3 to Year 7. In 2024, David taught Year 5 and is again looking forward to working with our Year 5 cohort. He is a passionate and caring teacher who believes that strong connections create a sense of well-being. He believes this leads to creating an environment where all students can reach their potential through engaging learning experiences.

**Tanya Skewes****5C– Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday****[tskew5@eq.edu.au](mailto:tskew5@eq.edu.au)**

Tanya is excited to be teaching Year 5 in 2025. She will be entering her sixteenth year as a classroom teacher and her fifth year at Mango Hill State School. Since completing her Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood), Tanya has taught in classrooms from Prep to Year 3. She is passionate about teaching and highly values a supportive classroom culture. In this environment, students can take risks in their learning and challenge themselves to set and achieve their goals. She understands the value of bringing fun and creativity into the learning process to help build students' confidence. Tanya welcomes collaborative partnerships with families to ensure the needs of all students are met.

**Jess Cutcliffe****5C- Friday****[jblak101@eq.edu.au](mailto:jblak101@eq.edu.au)**

Jessica is thrilled to be continuing her teaching journey at Mango Hill State School as part of the dynamic Year 5 teaching team. She has a Bachelor of Education (Primary) from QUT and over 10 years of experience teaching in a range of year levels. As an educator, Jessica strives to create a positive learning environment where all students feel supported and valued, whilst engaging in their learning. She is passionate about teaching and knows that 2025 will be filled with lots of learning and laughter as the students strive to achieve their goals. Jessica's previous teaching experience has given her an exceptional understanding of the development and pedagogy across all year levels.



**Zane Emery****5D****[zemer11@eq.edu.au](mailto:zemer11@eq.edu.au)**

Zane is excited to begin his teaching journey at Mango Hill State School as a dedicated member of the Year 5 teaching team. As a qualified primary educator with a Bachelor of Education (Primary) from the University of the Sunshine Coast, he views teaching as an inspiring profession that allows him to shape the future by nurturing students who are passionate about learning. He focuses on students continuously striving for growth. As this is his first year of teaching, Zane is eager to apply his knowledge and grow alongside his students.

**Soraya Krosch****5E****[skros8@eq.edu.au](mailto:skros8@eq.edu.au)**

Soraya Krosch is a passionate and dedicated teacher, committed to fostering young minds. Soraya, now entering her third year of teaching in 2025, is excited to continue her journey as a Year Five teacher. Soraya is devoted to nurturing a love for learning, encouraging curiosity, and providing a supportive classroom environment where every child can thrive. She believes in the power of strong relationships with students and families to help each student feel valued and achieve their potential.

**Akanksha Verma****5F****[averm18@eq.edu.au](mailto:averm18@eq.edu.au)**

Akanksha Verma is excited to join Mango Hill State School in 2025, bringing a fresh, modern approach to the classroom with a focus on using technology to enhance learning. She holds a Bachelor of Business and Accounting from Western Sydney University and a Masters of Primary Teaching from Griffith University, Gold Coast. Although she is new to the profession with 1.5 years of experience, Akanksha is passionate about creating an inclusive environment where every student feels valued and supported. Her teaching philosophy centres around meeting the social, emotional, and academic needs of all students through a safe and collaborative learning space. Akanksha values open communication and believes strong partnerships between school and home are essential for student success.

**Anita Baker****5G- Monday - Thursday****[aabak0@eq.edu.au](mailto:aabak0@eq.edu.au)**

Anita is excited to be working in Year 5 in 2025. She has completed a Bachelor of Education from QUT and this will be her 5th year teaching at Mango Hill State School. She has had the opportunity to work across all year levels and get to know many students and their families. She is committed to creating a safe, supportive and stimulating classroom environment where students take measured risks in their learning and grow in confidence.

**Tamara Wills****5G – Friday 5I - Thursday****[tseun9@eq.edu.au](mailto:tseun9@eq.edu.au)**

Tamara is delighted to be teaching Year 5 alongside the wonderful team. She completed her Bachelor of Education at QUT, with a minor in Inclusive Education. Tamara is passionate and committed to creating an inclusive and supportive environment that meets the individual needs of all her students. This is to provide every child with the opportunity to succeed. She also strives to create an environment where students are encouraged to have a growth mindset and learn from their mistakes.

Josh Frisby

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Josh is excited to be teaching Year 5 in his second year at Mango Hill State School. Josh loved working with his Year 5s last year, and cannot wait to build new relationships with the 2025 cohort. He studied a Bachelor of Sport, Health and Physical Activity and a Master of Teaching in Adelaide and moved to Brisbane in 2023 to begin his teaching career. Josh has a passion for teaching Mathematics and English and is looking forward to helping the students in 2025.

Jody Carlsson

5I – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

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Jody is excited to be teaching at Mango Hill State School for another year and thrilled to be continuing on the Year 5 team. Jody completed her Masters of Teaching (Primary) at Queensland University of Technology in 2019. Jody enjoys fostering a love of learning through engaging and collaborative learning opportunities, whilst working alongside families to support the social, emotional and academic growth of each student. Jody is passionate about her role in the educational journey of her students, seeing them shine and be successful.

Kelly Koch

Year 5 ILT – Inclusive Learning Teacher

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Kelly is a Senior Teacher with 20 years of teaching experience. This has included teaching in the Atlanta Public School system in the US and Education QLD. She has been fortunate enough to spend some time across 4 different countries in Africa, where she helped build houses and water filtration systems, and taught reading to children in orphanages. Kelly has been at Mango Hill State School for 11 years. Her teaching career has been primarily in years 4 – 6 on class and in Learning Support and STEM. Kelly is passionate about instilling a love and appreciation of reading in reluctant readers, and watching the joy of reading embed and blossom in upper primary aged children. She also enjoys finding ways to help children develop confidence to tackle Maths problems independently and successfully.

## *Year Six Team*

Penny Howard

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Penny is excited to be joining Mango Hill State School in 2025. She is an experienced teacher, with over 14 years of experience. Penny has been a teacher in Metro North Brisbane, Melbourne and New Zealand. She is passionate about preparing students for the future, using innovative approaches and digital tools. Penny has a passion for making learning purposeful through making connections to real-life using school community and student voice. Penny works as a collaborative team member, building an inclusive environment. She promotes continual reflection in her classroom to provide learning outcomes to meet the needs of her students.

Joel White

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Joel considers it an absolute privilege to be teaching Year 6 for his 6<sup>th</sup> year as part of the Mango Hill Team in 2025. With over 20 years in Education, he has had many amazing opportunities to effect positive change in young peoples' lives and the wider school community. Throughout his career, he has taught all primary year as well as being a Teaching Principal, Physical Education teacher and Primary Sports Coordinator. As an educator, he is passionate about creating a positive and effective learning environment that provides all students with the opportunities to develop the skills and knowledge needed to be their best and have lifelong success. He is looking forward to another great year in 2025!

**Kurt McGregor****6D – Monday - Thursday****kmcgr177@eq.edu.au**

Kurt is ecstatic to be continuing with the Mango Hill State School team this year. He has been teaching since 2021 as a relief teacher in Adelaide, South Australia and moved back to Queensland with his young family in 2022. He has been with Mango Hill since Term 4 of 2022, teaching Year 6. Kurt is enthusiastic about building positive relationships with students and providing them with enriching experiences to support their wellbeing, academic growth and development. He is passionate about ensuring that each student has the opportunity to reach their individual potential, by providing a highly engaging and safe environment to learn and grow together.

**Adrian Roll****6D – Friday 6E - Monday****TBA**

Adrian has been teaching guitar in the school system since 2006. During this time, he has had the opportunity to teach all year levels across various school settings, including working with ensembles and jazz bands. Adrian is excited to be a Year 6 classroom teacher this year. Year 6 is such a pivotal year in the lives of students and their families. Adrian is excited to help make it a meaningful and memorable experience for this cohort. He is dedicated to preparing students for the future by equipping them with the skills, knowledge, and mindset needed to thrive in an ever-evolving world. Through collaborative and inquiry-based learning pedagogies, Adrian nurtures critical thinking, creativity, and teamwork among his students. Additionally, Adrian seeks to integrate music opportunities into the curriculum, enriching students' learning experiences and inspiring their creativity.

**Katie Thomas****6E – Tuesday - Friday****kthom491@eq.edu.au**

Katie has been a part of the Mango Hill team since 2013. In that time, she has been a Year 2 teacher, Year 5 teacher, Year 6 teacher and a Team Leader. Katie is thrilled to be in the Year 6 cohort again this year. Katie is passionate about working with the upper school, preparing students for the future and helping to shape independence and confidence in their final year of primary school. With an exciting year ahead, Katie is looking forward to building memories with her class in 2025.

**Genevieve Ryan****6F****gmrya0@eq.edu.au**

Genevieve is eager to begin her classroom teaching journey at Mango Hill State School! She graduated in 2024 with a focus in Science. Genevieve is a strong believer in building relationships with students, parents, and carers, creating a space where every student can feel welcome and appreciated. She strives to design learning experiences that promote enjoyment in learning and encourages students to see their progress against individual goals.

**Brooke Pearce****6G – Wednesday – Friday****bcupi11@eq.edu.au**

Brooke is looking forward to another exciting year working with students and colleagues on Year 6. 2025 is her 12<sup>th</sup> year of teaching and her 9<sup>th</sup> at Mango Hill State School. Brooke completed her Bachelor of Education degree at Queensland University of Technology in 2013 and then a Masters of Education at Queensland University of Technology in 2019. Brooke is passionate about inclusive education and ensuring that all children are included and afforded equal opportunities to succeed.

**Courtney Evans****6G – Monday, Tuesday 6H - Thursday****caeva1@eq.edu.au**

Courtney has been a part of Mango Hill State School since 2020. In that time, she has been a classroom teacher and Inclusive Learning Teacher, and has experience in educating across many year levels. Courtney has a strong belief that with support, encouragement and the right growth mindset, students can and will achieve their full potential. She feels very privileged knowing that she can have a positive impact on each students' life. Courtney endeavours to build vital home/school relationships with all of her students and their families. In her free time, Courtney enjoys spending time with her husband and two children exploring the beautiful Sunshine State.

**Steph Curran****6H – Monday, Tuesday Wednesday and Friday****scurr95@eq.edu.au**

Steph brings over a decade of primary teaching experience and enters her eighth year at Mango Hill State School with enthusiasm and dedication. A proud graduate of the University of Queensland with a Bachelor of Education in 2013, she furthered her expertise at QUT, earning a Master of Educational Leadership in 2023. Having spent the first four years of her teaching career in rural Queensland, Steph values the diverse experiences that have shaped her teaching philosophy. Deeply committed to fostering a positive and collaborative classroom environment, she emphasises the importance of creating a safe and supportive space where every student can thrive in their learning journey. Steph actively engages her students in innovative learning experiences that encourage teamwork, critical thinking, and creativity, providing them with opportunities to explore, collaborate, and become lifelong learners. She is passionate about instilling a love for education in her students and empowering them to reach their full potential. Steph feels privileged to be part of the Mango Hill State School community and is grateful for the chance to contribute to its wonderful and supportive educational environment.

**Beth Bulowski****6I****bebulo@eq.edu.au**

Beth is looking forward to another great year working on the Year 6 team at Mango Hill State School. She loves creating opportunities for collaboration and teamwork, encouraging students to support one another as they grow. Beth encourages all students to become lifelong learners and fosters a culture of belonging and acceptance. Outside the classroom, she enjoys spending time playing board games, hiking, swimming and reading. She is excited for a fantastic year embracing challenges, celebrating successes and growing as a community of learners.

**Natalie Bliesner****Year 6 ILT – Inclusive Learning Teacher****nblie1@eq.edu.au**

Natalie is looking forward to working on the Inclusive Learning Team supporting the Year 6 students. Natalie has been teaching since 1993 in a range of roles including classroom teacher and tutoring. During this time, Natalie has taught in both private and public settings from Kindergarten to Year 6. She has worked within the Education Department since 2001. Natalie creates a safe supportive environment where students are encouraged to work towards individual learning goals. Students succeeding is what makes her career as an educator so rewarding.

# Specialist Teachers

Daneka Walters

ILT Dock – Alt Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

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Daneka joined the Mango Hill State School team in 2021 and is excited to be working as an Inclusive Learning Teacher this year. She loves working in a team collaborating with staff, students and families so each student can reach their potential both academically and socially. Daneka looks forward to a year of learning, exploration, laughter and new adventures.

Amanda Kunne

ILT Dock - Inclusive Learning Teacher

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Amanda has been a part of Mango Hill State school staff since 2019 and worked in roles within Prep, Year 1 and Inclusion Learning Support. She is delighted to be part of Team Mango again in 2025 as an Inclusive Learning Teacher. Amanda has a passion assisting students to learn, grow and explore during their first steps in schooling. Amanda is committed to providing rich learning experiences that are engaging for all learners. She enjoys seeing all learners feel success and is excited to continue her own learning journey alongside new and returning friends in 2025.

Lauren O'Connor

STEM Teacher

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Lauren is an Experienced Senior Teacher who has worked in a variety of roles throughout her career: Classroom Teacher, Positive Behaviour for Learning Coach, Pedagogical Coach, Inclusive Learning Teacher and STEM specialist teacher. She is passionate about empowering every learner to reach their potential and is looking forward to working in partnership with parents and colleagues in 2025.

Adrian Roll

STEM Teacher

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Adrian has been teaching guitar in the school system since 2006. During this time, he has had the opportunity to teach all year levels across various school settings, including working with ensembles and jazz bands. Adrian is excited to be a Year 6 classroom teacher this year. Year 6 is such a pivotal year in the lives of students and their families. Adrian is excited to help make it a meaningful and memorable experience for this cohort. He is dedicated to preparing students for the future by equipping them with the skills, knowledge, and mindset needed to thrive in an ever-evolving world. Through collaborative and inquiry-based learning pedagogies, Adrian nurtures critical thinking, creativity, and teamwork among his students. Additionally, Adrian seeks to integrate music opportunities into the curriculum, enriching students' learning experiences and inspiring their creativity.

**Shannon White****STEM Teacher****[swhit628@eq.edu.au](mailto:swhit628@eq.edu.au)**

Shannon is very excited to be joining the STEM team in 2025. She completed her Bachelor of Education (Special Education) in 2018 and began teaching at Mango Hill State School in 2021. Previously Shannon has worked in a variety of positions including classroom teacher, learning support and special education at a variety of different schools. She is committed to providing all students with the support they need to succeed and reach their full potential. By working together with both staff and students, Shannon aims to create engaging and meaningful learning experiences that ensure all students can participate in the curriculum and achieve success.

**Michelle Burris****STEM Teacher – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday****[mburr9@eq.edu.au](mailto:mburr9@eq.edu.au)**

Michelle is excited to be teaching STEM again in 2025. With over 25 years teaching experience, Michelle is still avid about learning and hopes to provide experiences which excite and engage the students in her classes. She implements hands-on learning and inquiry-based teaching, encouraging students to question and explore the world around them. This year Michelle is excited to promote creative thinking in the classroom, asking students to be innovative, imaginative and collaborative.

**Jenny Russell****STEM Teacher- Tuesday, Wednesday****[jmhar5@eq.edu.au](mailto:jmhar5@eq.edu.au)**

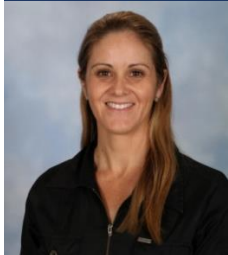
Jenny is excited to be a part of Mango Hill State School in 2025. She is a highly qualified teacher, with over 20 years of experience in both private and public sectors. Mrs Jenny Russell enjoys teaching all year levels and all sorts of little characters. Investing authentic care into students' well-being comes naturally and she feels a sense of peace when growth in confidence and happiness is experienced within each of her students.

**Teresa Verster****Italian Teacher – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday****[txver0@eq.edu.au](mailto:txver0@eq.edu.au)**

Theresa is very excited to be teaching Italian in 2025. She has a great passion for teaching and strives to engage a love of learning in all her students. Theresa is passionate about collaborative learning and building strong relationships with the children and parents. She values working together to develop confident and independent learners. Theresa is enthusiastic to start 2025.

**Alicia Victor****Italian Teacher – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday****[airwi40@eq.edu.au](mailto:airwi40@eq.edu.au)**

Alicia is very excited to be returning to Mango Hill State School for her second year as Italian Teacher. Alicia is passionate about building strong relationships with all of her students and creating a classroom that is welcoming and inclusive. Alicia is eager to share her passion and knowledge of the Italian language and culture and is looking forward to a fun and exciting year ahead.

**Shona McEvoy****Italian Teacher****smcev13@eq.edu.au**

Shona McEvoy has been a part of the Mango Hill School Community since 2017. She has taught a range of roles, including classroom, PE and LOTE in schools over Queensland for the past 20 years. She particularly loves working with children in the early years and supporting them in their learning journey. She is excited to work together with students and their families to help each child grow and achieve their goals in 2025.

**Nick Hills****Health & Physical Education Teacher****nhill96@eq.edu.au**

Nick will be teaching PE at Mango Hill State School for his 12th year in 2025. Nick has a love of sports and teaching physical education and tries to convey to students the importance of sport in both their physical and social development. Nick has a total of 13 years teaching experience in physical education, previously teaching at the indigenous school of Woorabinda in Central QLD for 3 years before calling Mango Hill home. Nick is excited to continue coordinating the opportunities for students at Mango Hill State School which include PE lessons, Cross Country, Athletics Carnival, Swimming Carnival, AFLQ Schools Cup and Interschool Sport Days as well as many other interschool sports competitions.

**Tyson Newell****Health & Physical Education Teacher****tnewe20@eq.edu.au**

Tyson is excited to be returning to teach PE for his seventh year at Mango Hill SS. He is a sports fanatic who loves teaching, watching, playing and talking about all sports. Tyson completed his Bachelor of Education at Griffith University and specialised in Health and Physical Education. Throughout his thirteen years of teaching PE, Tyson has taught across both primary and secondary year levels, however it is the primary aged students that he loves teaching. Tyson is an extremely passionate Physical Education teacher that has a strong focus on building a positive rapport with students.

**Rebecca Wilson****Health & Physical Education Teacher****rwils408@eq.edu.au**

Bec is thrilled to join the PE department in 2025. With a Bachelor degree in Exercise and Sports Science, she is eager to share her expertise and passion for physical education, sports, and movement. Bec loves inspiring students of all ages to enjoy physical activity and develop the fundamental skills for a healthy, active lifestyle. She is committed to fostering an inclusive and engaging environment where every student feels encouraged to participate and strive for their personal best.

**Callum Lisha****Health & Physical Education Teacher****clish2@eq.edu.au**

Callum has been teaching for 13 years in primary school and is in his third year of teaching physical education. He completed eight years of rural service in Mount Isa and is passionate about building positive working relationships with both students and parents. Throughout his teaching career, he has taken on a variety of roles which include STEM teacher, coaching, classroom teaching, mentoring, and running a range of lunch time clubs.

Glenda Kostoglou

Dance & Drama Teacher

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Glenda enjoys working with dance teams and over the years. She has directed and coordinated many performances including The Magical Minerals Rock Shows, Eisteddfods, J Rocks, Wakakirri Stories and Concerts.

Glenda loves providing every student with the opportunity to perform and enjoys the lunch time dance clubs and concerts.

Janet Almond

Music Teacher

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Janet is excited to continue being part of the Mango Hill team in 2025, teaching Music and the Arts. With over 20 years of teaching experience in various roles, she has spent 8 years in London, 4 years in Melbourne, and 3 years as the music teacher at Dayboro State School. This marks her 5th year at Mango Hill State School, and she looks forward to another great year in 2025. Janet's passion is making music fun and enjoyable for her students, especially in her choirs, by encouraging active participation and creating a positive environment where every student can flourish.

Claire Morrell

Music & Performing Arts Teacher

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Claire has a breadth of experience across the primary school age range and enjoys spending each day making a difference to our young people. She loves providing students with the opportunity to perform and be creative and encourages this by offering an African Drumming and Junior Dance Club. Claire is also looking forward to continuing working with the Wakakirri and Eisteddfod Teams.

Emma Nicolopoulos

Instrumental Music Teacher

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Emma is thrilled to be returning to Mango Hill State School in 2025. She holds a Bachelor of Music (majoring in classical piano) and Bachelor of Education from the Conservatorium of Music/Griffith University. Emma is passionate about music education in state schools and has been teaching for over 20 years. This will be her fourth year at Mango Hill State School. She is delighted to be working alongside Alena and is looking forward to teaching the Mango musicians of the future.





Alena Bogdan has studied and performed extensively in her home country Belarus and also throughout the Europe. She began playing violin at the age of seven and learning piano at nine. While still studying at the Belarusian State University, she began working with the superb Belarusian State Dance Company "Khoroshki" as the principal violinist, touring throughout Europe, Scandinavia and Russia. In 2000 Alena became a recipient of a major scholarship at the Wesley Institute for Ministry and the Arts in Sydney, where she studied under prominent American violinist and teacher Dr David Johnston. Since then, she has had a variety of educational experiences including conducting, coordinating and teaching strings at Fort Street High School in Sydney, Grace Lutheran College in Rothwell and various schools on the Sunshine Coast. Alena has a wide range of orchestral experience including the Sydney Sinfonietta, Wesley International Chamber Orchestra, East-West Philharmonic Orchestra and ICEJ International Orchestra in Jerusalem. When not at work she enjoys gardening, reading and traveling. She likes to spend her spare time with her husband and two children.