



# *Introducing Our Teaching Staff for 2026*

## *Leadership Team*

**Angelique Padgett**

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Ange has been the proud Principal at Mango Hill State School since 2023. She has been a principal in schools in both the Metro and North Coast regions. Ange's favourite part of her day is visiting classrooms and talking to students about their learning. She is looking forward to continuing the strong connections with staff, students and the community in 2026. Ange is driven to ensure every student reaches their full potential through high-quality teaching and learning. She is proud of the work Team Mango is leading, especially in reading, and looks forward to continuing this in 2026.

**Danielle Price**

**Deputy Principal – Year 6**

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Danielle is excited to continue her role in 2026, 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 2026. 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.

**Kris Olsen****Deputy Principal – Year 4****[kolse55@eq.edu.au](mailto:kolse55@eq.edu.au)**

Kris Olsen is exceptionally excited to be Deputy Principal of Year 4 at Mango Hill State School in 2026. 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.

**Melissa Jones****Deputy Principal – Year 3****[mjone480@eq.edu.au](mailto:mjone480@eq.edu.au)**

Mel is excited for the opportunity to join the team at Mango Hill State School in 2026. She has worked in both primary and high schools as a classroom teacher, Head of Department and Deputy Principal. She is passionate about helping students realise their potential and strives to cultivate an environment where a love of learning grows, partnering closely with families to support each child's success. Mel looks forward to working with the students, staff and families at Mango Hill State School.

**Jess Burnett****Deputy Principal – Year 2****[jburn289@eq.edu.au](mailto:jburn289@eq.edu.au)**

Jess is thrilled to be continuing as the Deputy Principal of Year 2 at Mango Hill State School in 2026. 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 in 2026.

**Evan Barrett****Deputy Principal – Year 1****[ebmcf0@eq.edu.au](mailto:ebmcf0@eq.edu.au)**

Evan is excited to be continuing as the Deputy Principal of Year 1 in 2026. 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](mailto:mmunk1@eq.edu.au)**

Mieke is delighted to be continuing the work at Mango Hill State School in 2026 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 2026.

**Rachael Beard****Head of Department - Curriculum****[rbear20@eq.edu.au](mailto:rbear20@eq.edu.au)**

Rachael is excited to continue as Head of Department - Curriculum for English. She is passionate about supporting teachers and students to succeed in literacy and works closely with colleagues to deliver an engaging English curriculum informed by the Science of Learning and evidence-based reading practices. Rachael is committed to building on the school's strong foundations and helping every student flourish.

**Marissa Krosman****Head of Department -Curriculum****[mkros4@eq.edu.au](mailto: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 Department - Curriculum . 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](mailto:tlund10@eq.edu.au)**

Tracy Lundberg is thrilled to be continuing as Guidance Officer at Mango Hill State School in 2026. 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](mailto: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

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Michelle is delighted to be teaching Prep at Mango Hill State School in 2026. She has been teaching since 2008 in both Australia and overseas, bringing broad experience and a genuine passion for early childhood education. Michelle is a fun, enthusiastic and nurturing teacher who strives to create a warm environment where every child feels valued and confident. She is committed to laying strong academic, social and emotional foundations and values building positive home-school partnerships. Outside the classroom, Michelle enjoys travelling, umpiring netball, going to the beach and spending time with her husband and two young adult children.

Tiffany Street

Prep B

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Tiffany is excited to be teaching Prep in her fifth year at Mango Hill State School. Tiffany has loved working with the prep students over past four years. Tiffany is a senior experienced teacher, with twenty years' experience, who is passionate about teaching in the early years, working with students and families, building solid relationships and developing a love of learning for all. Tiffany has a young family, whom she loves to go on walks with their family dogs. In her spare time, she likes to be at the beach watching and listening to the waves. In Prep B we will become authors, readers, mathematicians, artists, scientist, athletes, thinkers, leaders and lots more.

Jasmine Hough

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Jasmine is excited to be a part of the Prep team in 2026. She graduated from SCU with a Bachelor of Education (Primary and Early Childhood) in 2017. Jasmine has taught in both Early Childhood and Primary settings in Australia, Nepal and Cambodia. From 2020 to 2022, she travelled around Australia before moving to Brisbane. Since joining the Mango Hill team in 2023, Jasmine has enjoyed working with students across all year levels and building strong relationships within the school community. She is looking forward to supporting her students to grow as confident, independent, and resilient learners.

Caitlyn Bloomfield

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Caitlin is excited to join the teaching team at Mango Hill State School in 2026. Over the past 6 months she has been a teacher aide at the school and has recently graduated with a Bachelor of Primary Education from the University of the Sunshine Coast. Caitlin is committed to creating a learning environment that is supportive, safe, diverse and inclusive for all. She strives to make learning hands-on and engaging for students and to ignite a passion for learning within each student.

Vanessa Lahney

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Vanessa is super excited to be on Prep again for 2026. 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.

**Lauren MCGreevy****Prep E****lmcgr185@eq.edu.au**

Lauren is an early years teacher who brings warmth, creativity, and joy to every learning moment. Passionate about play-based learning, she provides opportunities for children to explore, imagine, and discover at their own pace. With a love for art and creative expression, she creates vibrant, hands-on experiences that encourage curiosity and celebrate each child's unique voice. Her classroom is a place of laughter, colour, and endless possibility — a space where little learners feel inspired, supported, and excited to grow. Lauren has been teaching for six years, with this year marking her second year at Mango Hill State School.

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

Brendan is looking forward to another exciting year working with students and colleagues in the Prep year level. He completed his Bachelor of Education Degree (in Early Childhood) at Queensland University of Technology and has over twenty years of teaching experience. Brendan has taught in both Australia and the United Kingdom, with most of his teaching experience being in Prep and the Early Years. Brendan thoroughly enjoys working with students in their first year of school; guiding them as they explore, make discoveries, demonstrate creativity and investigate new concepts.

**Rheal McCallum****Prep G****rmcca153@eq.edu.au**

Rheal is excited to be joining the teaching team at Mango Hill in 2026. An experienced senior teacher, she has been part of the Department of Education for over 20 years. During this time, she has worked in a variety of roles, including classroom teacher, inclusion teacher, and literacy coach.

Rheal has spent much of her career supporting students in their early years of schooling, a stage she considers both critical and rewarding. She believes that one of the most important factors in a successful classroom is building strong, positive relationships. Creating an environment where every individual feels safe, valued, and capable of success.

Rheal is looking forward to forming new connections with the staff, students, and families at Mango Hill State School and contributing to a warm, inclusive learning community.

**Nicole Batterbee****Prep H****nhohn7@eq.edu.au**

Nicole is excited to be teaching Prep again in 2026. 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****jbulg2@eq.edu.au**

Jo has been part of the Mango Hill State School early years team since 2019. She is an experienced senior teacher and 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 another exciting year with her Prep students.

Graceyn Turner

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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 2026. She loves working in the Early Years and creating fun learning experiences for her students to foster a love of learning. Graceyn teaches through engaging 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.

Kerris Hore

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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*

Emma Feeney

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Emma is looking forward to another year of teaching at Mango Hill State School. She completed her Bachelor of Primary Education at Queensland University of Technology in 2017, where she minored in Inclusive Education. Since then, she has worked at schools within the region as well as teaching in London for two years. Emma is a caring and passionate teacher who strives to create an inclusive environment that prioritises the students' social and emotional wellbeing. She is thrilled to be joining the Year 1 team in 2026.

Megan Goodall

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Megan is excited to be joining the Year 1 team in 2026. She began her teaching career in 2012 and has been teaching at Mango Hill State School since 2019. Megan has qualifications in Early Childhood, Primary and Middle Years Education and is passionate about building strong relationships with the students and families in her class. Megan loves to create and deliver exciting and engaging learning experiences in the classroom.

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Meg is excited to be teaching Year 1 again in 2026. She joined the Mango Hill community in 2025 and has been teaching Year 1 previously for 5 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 continuing to build these partnerships in 2026.

Stephanie McEwan 1B srjes0@eq.edu.au



Stephanie is looking forward to commencing her seventh year at Mango Hill State School and is excited to continue working with the Mango Hill staff, students and families. She believes that education is a vital tool that allows students to grow and develop into active citizens in our world. She believes that learning is lifelong, and that this passion begins in the early years. Stephanie is looking forward to fostering this passion for learning in her students.

Reena Singh 1C rsing94@eq.edu.au



Reena is entering her sixth year at Mango Hill State School, joining her Year 1 team in supporting students and families. She holds a Bachelor of Education from the University of the South Pacific and a Postgraduate Diploma in Education from Queensland University of Technology.

With 19 years of experience, including 14 in early years, Reena is dedicated to fostering inclusive, personalised learning that nurtures each child's social, emotional, and academic growth. Reena places high value on parental involvement and believes that strong partnerships between school and home are key to creating rich and meaningful learning experiences for children.

Karen Brown 1D kbrow294@eq.edu.au



Karen is excited to be joining the Mango Hill State School Staff in 2026. Karen began her teaching career in 1997 as a Physical Education teacher in Central Queensland before moving into the classroom a few years later. Karen is passionate about creating a learning space for students where they feel valued and successful. She finds such joy in guiding young people to become learners and to help them develop skills and strategies to remain learners throughout their life. Karen is looking forward to becoming part of the Mango Hill School community.

Shaun Pollock 1E spoll77@eq.edu.au



Shaun is excited to be moving into his 6th year 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. He has a passion for education in the early years and enjoys helping children reach their full potential. Shaun strives to instill a love for learning within his students in the hope they become life-long learners. He believes in creating a collaborative, safe and supportive learning environment that will holistically support his students to achieve learning goals and experience academic success.



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Alyssa is thrilled to embark on her 4<sup>th</sup> year of teaching year 1 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 2026

Jo-Anne Schreuder

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Jo-Anne is excited to be joining the Mango Hill team for her second year. She has a passion for teaching children in the early years and is dedicated to creating learning environments that are safe, supportive, and structured. Jo-Anne has taught in both South Africa and New Zealand as a primary classroom teacher and is committed to fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment where every student feels valued and supported to do their best. She is looking forward to another wonderful year working with the Mango Hill staff, learners and families.

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Candida is looking forward to teaching her third year at Mango Hill State School in 2026. She enjoys working with the early years where the formative years of schooling are all about nurturing a passion for learning. Candida has a Bachelor of Education from QUT.

She has a passion for literacy and reading and is looking forward to sharing this passion with a new class of students in 2026.

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 experience being in Year 1. 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.

Katie Armfield

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Katie is excited to be part of the Inclusive Learning Team in 2026. 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.



## 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.

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Charlene is looking forward to her second year at Mango Hill State School. She graduated with a Master of Teaching (Primary) from Queensland University of Technology (QUT) in 2024 and 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.

Beth Humphreys

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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 a range of year levels. 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.

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 nine 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.

Mel Leutton

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Mel is excited to be teaching with the Year 2 team at Mango Hill State School in 2026. With 17 years of experience, spent across a variety of different schools and year levels, she is keen to continue in the Year 2 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 is excited to begin another school year at Mango Hill State School, where she has been a dedicated member of the teaching team for the past 11 years. She values the importance of building strong, positive relationships and creating an engaging learning environment where every student feels supported and motivated to succeed. Sarah looks forward to working in partnership with parents and the wider school community to ensure the best possible outcomes for all students at Mango Hill.

Chloe Hollow

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Chloe is excited to begin her teaching journey at Mango Hill State School in 2026. Graduating with a Bachelor of Primary Education (Honours) from The University of Queensland, her research explored early-years mathematical self-efficacy and the learning conditions that help young learners feel confident and successful. Chloe is committed to creating a safe, supportive, and inclusive classroom where every child feels valued and encouraged to grow academically and socially. She places great importance on building strong, positive relationships and fostering a growth mindset through purposeful and engaging learning experiences.

Kelly Ihde

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Kelly is very excited to be starting her sixth year of teaching at Mango Hill State School in 2026. 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 nine 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.

Alexandra Ninneman

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Alexandra is going into her sixth teaching year and first here at Mango Hill State School. One of her teaching goals is to create engaging, safe and inclusive learning environments where students support one another in their journeys to success. She is passionate about creating high expectation relationships with all students to foster their unique abilities. Alexandra loves teaching all things Science and is excited to start her year at Mango Hill.

Ella Gesler

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Ella is very excited to spend her first-year teaching at Mango Hill State School in year 2. She has graduated from QUT with her Master of Teaching (Primary) and has previously received her Bachelors of Fine Arts (Music). Ella is passionate about ensuring children feel safe and supported in their learning environment, believing that this is the key to thriving in the classroom. She hopes to also incorporate music into regular curriculum teaching as she has researched how important music is to the development of young lives. Ella cannot wait to start her teaching journey at Mango Hill State School in 2026.

Emma Houston

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Emma is thrilled to be teaching with the incredible year 2 team in 2026. This will be her eighth-year teaching at Mango Hill State School, where she has previously taught Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3. Emma loves creating life-long learning experiences for her students. She engages her learners through hands-on and meaningful activities with clear learning intentions. Emma believes building relationships with students and families is essential and truly believes every student can achieve and feel valued in her classroom.

Jordan Olsen

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Jordan is excited to be teaching year 2 again this year. She has been working at Mango Hill State School since 2021. Jordan has experience teaching in West Queensland and has completed her country service at the Northern Peninsula Area State College in Cape York. Jordan is passionate about education and seeing children succeed through challenging and engaging lessons. She is a caring, dedicated and hardworking teacher who values connections, and takes pride in creating a classroom community of students and their families.

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 2026. 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

Kara Gough

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Kara is delighted to be teaching Year 3 this year at Mango Hill SS. She is an experienced classroom teacher, teaching for 20 years in Primary Education. She has also worked in student engagement. Kara has taught Year 3 for 3 years now and is excited to be teaching the year level again in 2026. 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.

Michelle Fuller

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Michelle has been part of the Mango Hill team since 2020 and, during that time, has worked as both a classroom teacher and a PE teacher. Since completing her bachelor's degree in education, she has taught in various locations, including Rockhampton, Sarina, and London, before settling in Brisbane. Michelle is excited to be returning to the classroom to teach Year 3 alongside Kara. She aims to create an engaging and supportive learning environment where every student feels safe and confident to learn.

Jasmin Corney

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Jasmin is thrilled to be returning to Mango Hill State School in 2026. Now in her fourth year of teaching, Jasmin brings enthusiasm, care, and creativity to her classroom. She is passionate about building strong relationships with her students and creating engaging learning experiences that nurture curiosity, confidence, and a love of learning. Jasmin looks forward to supporting each child as they grow academically and personally, and to sharing a rewarding year of learning, discovery, and success together.

Zelina Thomson

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Zelina is excited to be part of the Mango Hill SS Year 3 team again in 2026 and is excited 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 three years and most recently Year 3. She creates open, welcoming classrooms where every student feels safe, valued and able to achieve their best.

**Zoe Holt****3D****zholt24@eq.edu.au**

Zoe is delighted to teach Year 3 again at Mango Hill State School. She is enthusiastic about providing students with engaging hands-on and collaborative learning experiences that deepen understanding across learning areas. She prides herself on fostering a positive and supportive classroom environment where students feel safe, happy and succeed in all their learning goals!

**Lauren Whitta****3E****lwhit214@eq.edu.au**

Lauren is excited to be teaching Year 3 at Mango Hill State School in 2026. As an Experienced Senior Teacher, she has taught both middle and upper primary years in a variety of school settings. Lauren believes that strong, positive relationships are at the heart of every successful classroom. She is passionate about creating a safe, caring and supportive learning environment where every student feels valued, engaged and motivated to achieve their personal best. Lauren maintains high expectations while supporting her students to reach their goals.

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

Cassie is delighted to be teaching Year 3 at Mango Hill State School in 2026. She holds a Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood) and brings a wealth of experience to her role, having taught in Education Queensland schools for many years. Throughout her career, Cassie has taught Prep through to Year 3, developing a strong passion for teaching in the early years. Cassie joined Mango Hill State School in 2012 as a foundation staff member and has loved being part of such a supportive and welcoming school community ever since. She strives to create a positive and rich learning environment where every student feels a sense of belonging and is encouraged to reach their full potential.

**Tiffany Peckham****3F****htepec0@eq.edu.au**

Tiffany is excited to continue working with the Year 3 team at Mango Hill. She began her teaching journey at Mango Hill in 2023 after spending most of her career in the Northern Territory, and she is now entering her eighth year of teaching. Tiffany is deeply committed to developing strong, positive relationships with students and their families, believing that trust and connection create the foundation for meaningful learning. Tiffany looks forward to another rewarding year of learning, collaboration, and student success.

**Jennifer Anstee****3G****jxans0@eq.edu.au**

Jennifer is thrilled to be teaching in the Mango Hill community again in 2026. She graduated from Griffith University with a Bachelor of Child and Family Studies alongside a Graduate Diploma in Teaching. Jennifer has been working in the Moreton Bay area for the past 9 years as an Early Years teacher. Prior to this she worked as both a kindergarten teacher and director within the childcare industry. Jennifer is committed to creating meaningful and engaging lessons and encouraging a growth mindset in her learners. She is looking forward to making strong connections with students and their families as relationships are key stepping stones to success in their learning.

**Natalie Cooper****3H****[nlcoo1@eq.edu.au](mailto:nlcoo1@eq.edu.au)**

Natalie is delighted to be teaching Year 3 this year at Mango Hill State School. She is an experienced classroom teacher, teaching for 14 years in Primary Education. Natalie has dedicated her career to working in Early Childhood Education for over 20 years. This will be her third year teaching Year 3. 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.

**Harry Smith****3I****[hdono29@eq.edu.au](mailto:hdono29@eq.edu.au)**

Harry is excited to be entering his fourth year at Mango Hill State School. He is a calm and compassionate teacher who places great emphasis on building a strong rapport with his students and their families. By staying attuned to his learners, Harry supports inclusive participation and engagement through exciting curriculum experiences that encourage students to use many realms of thinking.

**Sandy Willett****3J****[swill1317@eq.edu.au](mailto:swill1317@eq.edu.au)**

Sandy is very excited to begin her teaching career at Mango Hill State School in 2026. She completed her last two placements at our school in 2025 and is graduating with a Master of Teaching (Primary). Transitioning from a career in healthcare, Sandy is passionate about fostering positive, collaborative relationships with students and their families. She believes strongly in the power of a growth mindset and strives to create a welcoming classroom environment where students feel a true sense of belonging within their school community. Seeing herself as a lifelong learner, Sandy is committed to inspiring curiosity and encouraging students to explore, ask questions, and enjoy discovering new things every day.

**Kristen Roberts****ILT – Inclusive Learning Teacher****[krobe408@eq.edu.au](mailto:krobe408@eq.edu.au)**

Kristen is looking forward to continuing her work with the Inclusive Learning Team in 2026, supporting students in Year 3. Entering her seventh year at Mango Hill State School, she brings a breadth of experience across the school, having taught STEM, Prep and Year 5, as well as experience in PACE. Kristen has a strong interest in evidence-informed practice and continues to deepen her knowledge of emerging pedagogies that strengthen vocabulary development and reading comprehension. She completed her Bachelor of Education at the Queensland University of Technology, specialising in inclusive education, and has a genuine passion for ensuring all students feel supported, included and able to achieve their potential through strong, collaborative relationships with families.



# Year Four Team

Bailey Morgan

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Bailey is excited to be teaching Year 4 this year after previously teaching a Year 5/6 composite class. This will be Bailey's first full year at Mango Hill State School, and he is looking forward to continuing to build strong relationships with students and families. Bailey's teaching philosophy centres on creating a calm, supportive, and inclusive classroom where students feel safe to learn, take risks, and grow. He values building trust, celebrating individuality, and helping students develop confidence in their abilities. Outside of school, Bailey is passionate about sport. He plays rugby league and has spent several years with the Redcliffe Dolphins before recently joining the Brisbane Tigers.

Peta Fishburn

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Peta Fishburn is super excited to be teaching Year 4 at Mango Hill State School in 2026. 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 in Year 3 and 4. 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.

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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 2026!

Josh Frisby

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Josh is excited to be teaching Year 4 in his third year at Mango Hill State School. Josh has loved working with his year 5s over his previous two years at Mango Hill State School and cannot wait to build new relationships with the Year 4 staff, students and community in 2026. 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 is eager to continue to grow his pedagogy within the vocabulary and reading space this year.

**Penny Howard****4D****pjhow@eq.edu.au**

Penny is excited to be teaching Year 4 in her second year at Mango Hill State School. She is an experienced teacher, with over 15 years in education. 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.

**Courtney Evans****4D****caeva1@eq.edu.au**

Courtney has been a part of Mango Hill State School since 2020. During this time, she has worked as both a classroom teacher and an Inclusive Learning Teacher, gaining experience across multiple year levels. She believes strongly that with the right support, encouragement, and a growth mindset, every student can achieve their full potential. Courtney feels privileged to play a positive role in each student's educational journey and is dedicated to building meaningful, supportive relationships. She places great importance on strong home-school partnerships and works closely with families to ensure every child feels connected and supported. Outside of school, Courtney loves spending time with her husband, two children, and two poodles as they explore the beautiful Sunshine State together.

**Rachel Toth****4E****rtoth0@eq.edu.au**

Rachel is excited to begin her teaching journey at Mango Hill State School. After completing her Bachelor of Education (Primary) at the Queensland University of Technology, Rachel is eager to inspire a love of learning in her students through engaging and hands-on experiences. She values creating a positive, inclusive, and supportive classroom environment where every child feels confident, curious, and capable of success. Rachel is eager to apply her knowledge and grow alongside his students.

**Kelly McGuinness****4F****kmcgu50@eq.edu.au**

Kelly McGuinness is excited to be teaching Year 4 at Mango Hill State School in 2026. She is an Experienced Senior Teacher who is passionate about creating a fun, calm and challenging learning environment where every student feels valued, engaged and supported. Kelly upholds high expectations and encourages students to strive for personal excellence. She is committed to helping students build essential life skills such as kindness, collaboration, respect and responsibility.

**Deana Soma-White****4G****dsoma1@eq.edu.au**

Deana is excited to be joining the Mango Hill team in 2026. With over twelve years of experience in education, primarily as a classroom teacher and supported by curriculum leadership experience, she brings a deep understanding of teaching and learning to the classroom. Deana is passionate about creating engaging, hands-on lessons that spark curiosity and help students feel confident, valued, and inspired to achieve their best. She looks forward to working collaboratively with the Mango Hill community and building positive partnerships with students and their families.

Beverly Rintala

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Beverly has been teaching for over 25 years and is excited to be working with the Year 4 team in 2026. Her favorite subjects to teach are English, HASS and Visual Art. Bev loves music, art, reading and travelling, exploring the great outdoors. 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. Bev looks forward to working collaboratively alongside her students and their families in our Team Mango school community.

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Ryan is excited to be teaching Year 4 at Mango Hill State School. Ryan has taught Year 4 and Year 1 in previous years, and cannot wait to build connections with students, families and staff. Ryan is committed to making, learning hands-on and engaging for all students. He values creating a strong relationship with students and their families to nurture a growth mindset to empower students using physical movement and encouragement, to foster a safe and inclusive learning environment.

Jasmine Dean

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Jasmine is excited for her second year at Mango Hill and continuing her role as Year 4 ILT. She graduated from QUT in 2018 with a Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood). Jasmine spent six years at Oakleigh State School teaching lower and upper primary. She is passionate about supporting each child to unlock their full potential and develop the confidence and resilience needed for success. By working closely with families and staff, she strives to create a meaningful, positive influence in the lives of her students. She has loved her time so far at MHSS and is looking forward to supporting a new group of students to thrive in Year 4.

## *Year Five Team*

Soraya Emmerson

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Soraya Emmerson (previously Soraya Krosch) is a passionate and dedicated teacher who has taught at two different schools across Years 3-6 with the same commitment of fostering young minds. Soraya is entering her third year at Mango Hill State School and is excited to continue her journey as a Year Five Teacher in 2026. 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.



Aleasha O'Brien

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Aleasha is thrilled to be teaching Year 5 in 2026, where she is now entering her third year at Mango Hill State School. Aleasha has loved working with her Year 4s' over the previous two years and cannot wait to continue and build new relationships with her Year 5 students in 2026. Aleasha is passionate about building strong relationships with her students and creating engaging learning experiences that nurture curiosity, confidence, and a love of learning. She looks forward to supporting her students to unlock their full potential.

David Vlieg

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David is delighted to be teaching Year 5 again in 2026. 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.

Jess Bonavia

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Jess is excited to continue teaching at Mango Hill State School in 2026. Jess is passionate about building a classroom where students feel safe, valued, and supported to take risks in their learning. She especially loves teaching Math and Science, helping students develop curiosity, problem-solving skills, and confidence. Jess is committed to strong relationships, clear routines, and fostering resilient, engaged learners who take pride in their growth.

Jody Carlsson

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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.

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Alli started working at Mango Hill State School at the beginning of 2025. During this time, she has enjoyed working across multiple year levels. Alli is excited to be teaching across the Year 5 cohort in 2026 and cannot wait to build new relationships with the Year 5 staff, students and wider school community.

Alli completed her Bachelor of Education in Canberra in 2014 and moved to Brisbane with her husband and two children two years ago. She is passionate about creating a positive, inclusive and engaging learning environment for all students. Alli believes positive relationships and a growth mindset are foundations to success. She is looking forward to continuing to support students to grow and achieve their goals.

**Taleatha Morgan****5F****tmorg199@eq.edu.au**

Taleatha is excited to be continuing at Mango Hill State School in 2026 and joining the Year 5 team. She has completed a Bachelor of Education and has previously worked as the First Nations Teacher Aide at a local high school. In this role, she supported students' learning and wellbeing and helped lead the development of the school's Reconciliation Action Plan. Taleatha is dedicated to creating a warm, supportive, and engaging classroom where every student feels valued and encouraged to achieve their best. She looks forward to implementing a collaborative, hands-on learning environment that fosters curiosity, critical thinking, and respect for diverse perspectives.

**Fermanagh Taylor****5G****ftayl48@eq.edu.au**

Fermanagh Taylor will be a new member of the Mango Hill State School Staff in 2026. Fermanagh has taught a range of year levels from Year 2 to Year 6. He enjoys seeing students develop their independence and transition into the leadership roles of Year 6, or get ready for the brand new world of High School. He is passionate about teaching, using technology and encouraging students to pursue their interests and goals. Fermanagh is excited for a year of learning at Mango Hill State School.

**Anita Baker****5H****aabak0@eq.edu.au**

Anita is excited to continue working in Year 5 in 2026. She has completed a Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood) from QUT and this will be her 6<sup>th</sup> year teaching at MHSS. She has had the opportunity to work across many 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.

**Tanya Skewes****5I****jjfri0@eq.edu.au**

Tanya is excited to be teaching Year 5 in 2026. She will be entering her seventeenth year as a classroom teacher and her sixth year at Mango Hill State School. Since completing her Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood), Tanya has taught in classrooms from Prep to Year 5. She highly values establishing a supportive classroom culture in which students can take risks in their learning and challenge themselves to set and achieve their goals. She understands the importance 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.

**Natalie Kosta****5J****njkos0@eq.edu.au**

Nat Kosta is passionate about creating a warm and supportive classroom where students feel confident to be themselves, embrace new challenges, and grow at their own pace. Entering her second year with the Mango Hill team, she is excited to be teaching Year 5 in 2026. A lover of all things arts and crafts, Nat enjoys bringing creativity and hands-on learning into the classroom to make lessons engaging and meaningful. She values strong relationships with students and families, believing that learning is most effective when everyone feels connected, encouraged, and celebrated.

Courtney Evans

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Courtney has been a part of Mango Hill State School since 2020. During this time, she has worked as both a classroom teacher and an Inclusive Learning Teacher, gaining experience across multiple year levels. She believes strongly that with the right support, encouragement, and a growth mindset, every student can achieve their full potential. Courtney feels privileged to play a positive role in each student's educational journey and is dedicated to building meaningful, supportive relationships. She places great importance on strong home-school partnerships and works closely with families to ensure every child feels connected and supported. Outside of school, Courtney loves spending time with her husband, two children, and two poodles as they explore the beautiful Sunshine State together.

Kelly Koch

Year 5 ILT – Inclusive Learning Teacher

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Kelly has been at Mango Hill SS since 2014. Her teaching career has also included teaching in the Atlanta Public School system in the US, and 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. Her teaching career has been primarily in the upper years and Inclusive Learning. Kelly is passionate about building upon students' strengths and fostering relationships with all students, working alongside parents to support students in their social, emotional and academic journey.

## *Year Six Team*

Adrian Roll

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Adrian is excited to be teaching Year 6 again this year at Mango Hill State School. With a Bachelor of Music (specialising in classical guitar) and a Master of Teaching, he enjoys bringing creativity and enthusiasm into his classroom every day. He is committed to fostering a love of learning and building student confidence through an inclusive and supportive environment. He believes that nurturing curiosity and creativity will empower students to achieve future success and personal growth.

Elizia Lapurga

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Eliza is excited to begin her teaching journey at Mango Hill State School in 2026. She holds a Bachelor of Business (Marketing) from Queensland University of Technology and a Master of Teaching (Primary) from The University of the Sunshine Coast. Eliza believes education shapes the future, with children at the forefront of that change. She brings warmth, curiosity, and a strong belief in every child's potential, and is excited to cultivate a classroom where curiosity grows and students feel confident to share ideas and take on new challenges together.



**Katie Thomas****6C****[kthom491@eq.edu.au](mailto:kthom491@eq.edu.au)**

Katie has been an educator with Education Queensland for seventeen years and brings experience from both rural schools and her time at Mango Hill State School. Throughout her career, she has taught across various primary year levels, though her passion lies in the upper school.

Katie is excited to be teaching Year 6 again in 2026. She is committed to preparing students for the future by fostering independence, confidence, and a strong love of learning during their final year of primary school.

With an exciting year ahead, Katie looks forward to building meaningful connections and lasting memories with her class in 2026.

**Courtney Evans****6C****[caeva1@eq.edu.au](mailto:caeva1@eq.edu.au)**

Courtney has been a part of Mango Hill State School since 2020. During this time, she has worked as both a classroom teacher and an Inclusive Learning Teacher, gaining experience across multiple year levels. She believes strongly that with the right support, encouragement, and a growth mindset, every student can achieve their full potential. Courtney feels privileged to play a positive role in each student's educational journey and is dedicated to building meaningful, supportive relationships. She places great importance on strong home-school partnerships and works closely with families to ensure every child feels connected and supported. Outside of school, Courtney loves spending time with her husband, two children, and two poodles as they explore the beautiful Sunshine State together.

**Lizzie Hartmann****6D****[lhart166@eq.edu.au](mailto:lhart166@eq.edu.au)**

Lizzie is excited to be teaching Year 6 this year. This is her 5<sup>th</sup> year at Mango Hill. As a senior classroom teacher, Lizzie is committed to creating an inclusive and supportive learning environment that prioritises each student's social and emotional wellbeing. Lizzie is a caring and passionate educator who builds strong relationships with students and their families, and she takes great joy in seeing her students grow in confidence, achieve success, and reach their learning goals.

**Mariska Putter****6E****[mxput0@eq.edu.au](mailto:mxput0@eq.edu.au)**

Mariska is excited to be teaching Year 6 this year. As a passionate and experienced educator, Mariska is dedicated to creating meaningful, hands-on learning experiences that inspire curiosity and growth in every student. Mariska takes pride in fostering a positive and inclusive classroom environment where all learners feel safe, supported, and a genuine sense of belonging. She values building strong partnerships with students and their families, ensuring everyone feels connected, informed, and supported throughout the learning journey.

**Jamie McDowall****6F****[jmcdo558@eq.edu.au](mailto:jmcdo558@eq.edu.au)**

Jamie is looking forward to joining Mango Hill State School in 2026. Jamie has been teaching in Central Queensland for the past 4 years, experiencing a range of multi-age classes. She is passionate about student engagement and building their resilience to tackle challenges. Jamie enjoys creating a supportive and safe environment for students to thrive both academically and socially. She ensures students have multiple opportunities to develop and practice curriculum knowledge through engaging lessons. Jamie is excited to support a new group of students in their learning journey in 2026.

**Beth Bulowski****6G****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.

**Josh Anderson****6H****Jband22@eq.edu.au**

Josh is new to the Mango Hill team in 2026, joining us from West End State School. Josh transitioned to education following a previous career in Architecture. Josh enjoys collaborating with students and staff to create a respectful, dynamic and shared learning environment that provides all learners the platform to realise their full potential.

**Caitie Osborne****6I****cxosb0@eq.edu.au**

Caitie is beginning 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.

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

Natalie is excited to work on the Inclusive Learning Team. She has been teaching since 1993 in a variety of roles, including classroom teaching and tutoring. Throughout her career, she has worked in both private and public school settings, teaching students from Kindergarten to Year 6, and has been part of the Education Department since 2001. Natalie is dedicated to creating a safe, supportive learning environment where students are encouraged to pursue their individual goals and feel valued, respected, and empowered to contribute. Seeing students grow and succeed is what makes her work as an educator so rewarding.

# Specialist Teachers

Daneka Walters

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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.

Kurt McGregor

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Kurt is ecstatic to be continuing with the Mango Hill State School team this year. He has been teaching at Mango Hill since 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 can reach their individual potential, by providing a highly engaging and safe environment to learn and grow together.

Lauren O'Connor

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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 2026.

Callum Lisha

STEM Teacher

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Callum has 14 years of primary teaching experience, including eight years in rural Mount Isa. He is committed to building strong, positive relationships with students and families. Throughout his career, he has worked in a range of roles, including STEM specialist, PE specialist, IT officer, classroom teacher, coach, and mentor.

Shannon White

STEM Teacher

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Shannon is excited to continue to be a part of the STEM team in 2026 and also to be joining the HASS team. 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 different positions including classroom teacher, learning support and special education teacher at a many 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      mburr9@eq.edu.au

Michelle is excited to be teaching STEM again this year. With over 30 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.

Linda Hellyer      Release Teacher      lhell16@eq.edu.au



Linda is a dedicated and compassionate teacher and is excited to begin another school year teaching at Mango Hill State School. Throughout her years of teaching, she has taught across all year levels and many specialist subjects. Linda has a passion for creating a safe learning environment where students feel supported and valued. She is excited to facilitate engaging teaching and learning experiences and to support students to achieve their individual learning goals.

Teresa Verster      Italian Teacher      txver0@eq.edu.au



Theresa is very excited to be teaching Italian again next year. I have developed a deep passion for teaching Italian and am dedicated to inspiring the same love for the language and its rich culture in my students. I strive to create an engaging and supportive learning environment where children enjoy discovering Italian through immersive experiences, hands-on activities, and meaningful opportunities to speak the language. She hopes to build good relationships with the children and parents by working together to mould strong and independent learners. She is enthusiastic to start 2026 and looks forward to meeting you all.

Alicia Victor      Italian Teacher      airwi40@eq.edu.au



Alicia is excited to be teaching Italian again in 2026 and to continue sharing her passion for language and culture with our students. Growing up in a small country town with a strong Italian community gave her early exposure to the language, traditions and family culture that sparked her lifelong love of Italian—something she now brings into her classroom. Alicia has been teaching Italian for several years and places a strong focus on creative, practical learning experiences that make the language meaningful, engaging, and fun for all learners.

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, HASS, PE and LOTE in schools over Queensland for the past 20 years. She enjoys teaching and supporting students 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 2026.

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



Nick will be teaching HPE at Mango Hill State School for his 13th year in 2026. 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 HPE for his 8th year at Mango Hill State School. 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 15 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.

**Scott Walker****Health & Physical Education Teacher****swalk389@eq.edu.au**

For the past four years, Scott has been teaching in rural Queensland across both the primary and secondary sectors. As a dedicated classroom and Health and Physical Education teacher, he has worked with students from Kindy through to Year 12. Throughout this time, Scott has also been actively involved in school sport, coaching a range of disciplines including rugby league, cross country, track and field and touch football. Scott is thrilled to be joining the Mango Hill State School HPE team and is eager to bring his high-energy personality, passion for student engagement, and enthusiasm for sport and physical education to the school community.

**Katelyn Shanahan****Health & Physical Education Teacher****knsha0@eq.edu.au**

Katelyn is a returning staff member to Mango Hill State School. During her previous tenure, she served as both a classroom teacher and a District Relieving Teacher. She is excited to further pursue one of her passions by commencing in the role of a Health and Physical Education Teacher in 2026.

A proud Mununjali woman, Katelyn brings together her deep love of culture and movement in her teaching practice. She looks forward to reconnecting with familiar faces and meeting new members of the school community in 2026.

**Glenda Kostoglou****Dance & Drama Teacher****gkost1@eq.edu.au**

Glenda is excited to be teaching Dance in her fourteenth year at Mango Hill State School. Glenda has been teaching since 1994 as a Classroom Teacher and as a Performing Arts Teacher. She has choreographed and directed many Wakakirri Story Dances, Eisteddfods and Concerts over the years, to provide extra performance opportunities for the students. Many of our school's teams have received awards and places. Glenda was particularly proud when our Wakakirri team won the single national award for "Story of the Year" in 2018 and another three additional national awards in 2021, 2024 and 2025. Glenda also provides other dance opportunities for all students through 'Dance Clubs' in the break times. She hopes that all students have fun through dance!

**Janet Almond****Music Teacher****jalm0@eq.edu.au**

Janet is delighted to continue her work at Mango Hill State School in 2026, teaching Music and the Arts. With more than 20 years of teaching experience spanning London, Melbourne, and many local schools, she brings heaps of energy, creativity, and a love of music to the classroom. Now in her sixth year at Mango Hill, Janet's focus is on making music enjoyable and accessible for all, she especially loves leading her choirs, where students sing, laugh, and learn in a friendly, supportive space where everyone can shine.

**Claire Morrell****Music & Performing Arts Teacher****clmor0@eq.edu.au**

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.

**Nicole Carr****LRT**

2026 will be my 3<sup>rd</sup> year teaching at Mango Hill State School, and my 26<sup>th</sup> year employed with Education Qld. I have worked in primary, secondary and special school settings. I have worked all over the state including remote island communities and mining towns. I am an Apple specialist teacher and have a passion for digital technologies, especially integrating assistive technologies. Play based learning is a must daily in any room I am teaching in, enhanced with the use of an iPad. I am currently studying to be a guidance officer and specialise in trauma informed practice. I look forward to spending the 2026 school year with your child and helping them to reach their potential through fun and engaging experiences.

**Geoff Barnett****LRT****gjbar3@eq.edu.au**

Geoff is looking forward to returning to Mango Hill State School in a fulltime capacity in 2026, in the role of Local Relief Teacher. Geoff is returning after 3 years in an overseas administrative leadership role at an International School and is looking forward to reconnecting with staff, students and the wider Mango Hill State School community. With teaching experience ranging from Prep to Year 10, Geoff is committed to sharing his experience and knowledge for the betterment of students and staff across the school, making strong educational connections and developing capabilities.

**Emma Nicolopoulos****Instrumental Music Teacher****eshap1@eq.edu.au**

Emma is thrilled to be returning to Mango Hill State School in 2026. 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 5th 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. 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.