



Introducing Our Teaching Staff for 2021

Leadership Team

Tracy Egan

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Tracy is delighted to be the Principal of Mango Hill SS. With 30 years' experience as a Lead Principal, Deputy Principal, Head of Curriculum, Education Advisor, Internal School Reviewer and classroom teacher in various schools across the state, she brings a wealth of experience to the role. Tracy was appointed foundation Principal of Mango Hill State School in 2011 and worked with the community to develop the vision and values that ensure every student succeeds in a safe and supportive learning environment. Tracy is deeply committed to the development and achievement of high standards in academic and social learning and valuing the diversity of families in our school community. She recognises that school plays a significant role in the lives of children as they grow and develop. As a mother of three children herself, she understands the importance of productive partnerships between families and school and works to build positive relationships with parents and carers. Tracy is determined to ensure every child achieves to their potential.

Martin Winney

Deputy Principal – Year 5 & 6

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Martin is proud to be the Deputy Principal for Year 5 and 6 at Mango Hill State School. Martin joined Mango Hill after 10 years' experience as a Head of Learning Culture, Humanities and English Departments within numerous north coast region secondary schools. At Mango Hill, Martin is passionate about implementing quality STEM curriculum that provides students the opportunity to investigate real-world problems that develop the skills they need to engage in the 21st Century. Martin is also deeply committed to ensuring student learning outcomes are achieved through the continual improvement of teacher pedagogy and practice

Ellaine Warner

Deputy Principal – Year 4 and Inclusion

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Ellaine is excited to be Deputy Principal (Inclusion) at Mango Hill State School. As Deputy Principal, Ellaine is deeply committed to creating and maintaining inclusive learning environments in our school, fostering both optimal learning and wellbeing for our wonderful students. Ellaine has a lifelong love for learning and believes in its power and positive impact on individual lives and collectively all of our lives. In her work in Inclusion, Student Behaviour and Student Wellbeing, Ellaine values family partnerships with our community. She has two children of her own. In her career with Education Queensland, she has worked as a Classroom Teacher, Support Teacher (Literacy and Numeracy), Guidance Officer and Deputy Principal.

Ben Mills**Deputy Principal – Year 3****bxmil3@eq.edu.au**

Ben has been a part of Mango Hill State School Staff since 2016. In that time, he has been a Year 5 and 6 classroom teacher, STEM specialist teacher across all year levels and Head of Curriculum for Maths/STEM. Ben is excited to begin his new role in 2021 as Deputy Principal of the Year 3 and 4 sector. Ben is passionate about preparing students for the future and engaging them through collaborative and innovative learning opportunities. He is excited about the opportunity to be a part of the learning journey with the Year 3 and 4 students and their families.

Michelle Alcorn**Deputy Principal – Year 1 & 2****malco14@eq.edu.au**

Michelle Alcorn is exceptionally excited to continue at Mango Hill State School as the Deputy Principal in for Years 1 and 2 in 2020. Over the past 16 years Michelle has worked in the role of classroom teacher, Pedagogy Coach, Head of Curriculum and Deputy Principal. She has a Diploma in Early Childhood and a Bachelor in Primary Education. Michelle's passion for education is radiated through her love for learning and connectedness to the school community. She works collaboratively with parents and educators to strive for excellence in education and shares the vision of all students being successful, life-long learners.

Melinda White**Deputy Principal – Prep****mwhit37@eq.edu.au**

Melinda joined the Mango Hill the Mango Hill community in 2019 as Deputy Principal for Prep. Throughout her career thus far, she has worked as classroom teacher, literacy consultant, Head of Campus at a small school of distance education and, for the past ten years, as Deputy Principal in the Early Years. She has a particular passion for building positive partnerships with families and working together to ensure students work to their true potential. "Getting the basics right" is her personal motto, and she is highly committed to working with teachers to ensure students are engaged, with the explicit teaching of literacy and numeracy skills of paramount importance. In her "spare time", she is a mum to two, small children and you'll most probably find her at a park somewhere most weekends, with the kids and their Labrador, Molly.

Suzette Holm**Head of Department – English & Humanities****shol0@eq.edu.au**

Suzette is excited to continue working as part of the Leadership team and within the Hub, where she can share her love of books with all of our eager readers at Mango Hill State School. Suzette has worked in education for more than 30 years in various schools and locations. She has been at Mango Hill since the opening and has worked hard to ensure that the school's curriculum program and the resources available in the Hub provide a range of rich learning opportunities for all students. She is particularly enthusiastic about reading and writing and loves the challenge of working with teachers and students to continually improve in these areas. When she is not reading, Suzette loves walking on the beach, camping and shopping for new books for the Hub!

Kylie Vaughan**Head of Department – Capability Development****kvaug3@eq.edu.au**

Kylie has been a classroom teacher with Education Queensland for over fifteen years with her experience being exclusively in the early years working in Prep to year three classrooms. She started working at Mango Hill as a foundation staff member however, in 2021 she will take on new role acting as a Head of Department – Capability Development. Kylie is looking forward to the year ahead working in partnership with teachers to develop their strengths and talents and to help them to work towards achieving their professional goals.

Jessica Rivett**Head of Department – STEM****jxqui5@eq.edu.au**

Jessica is excited to be entering her sixth year at Mango Hill SS. She was delighted when appointed Head of Curriculum in 2019. 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 at our school.

Emma Crawshaw**Guidance Officer****ewils209@eq.edu.au**

Emma is excited to be the Guidance Officer at Mango Hill State School. Emma comes from a classroom teaching background and graduated from a Masters of Guidance and Counselling from James Cook University in 2014. Emma is committed to supporting the social and emotional needs of students and families. She enjoys working with families, staff, and outside agencies to ensure students are supported in a way that helps them achieve to the best of their ability. Emma is inspired to work within a school community that values the part that social and emotional wellbeing plays in effective learning.

Jayne Clark**Business Manager****jclar489@eq.edu.au**

Jayne has been working with the Department of Education for 15 years in both primary and high schools and joined the Mango Hill SS team in Semester 2, 2021. She supports the Senior Leadership team, enabling them to concentrate on delivering the best curriculum opportunities for our students. She manages the ever growing facilities of Mango Hill to ensure they are maintained at a very high standard. Jayne is excited to get to know the students, families, staff and wider community and ways she can best support them and their Mango Hill experience to be a positive one. Building capability and ongoing learning for all support staff is a priority for Jayne with the focus of embedding our core values, Excellence, Respect, Innovation, Teamwork and Commitment into their work.

Prep Team

Debra Browning**Prep B****dmbro2@eq.edu.au**

Debra is delighted to be starting her third year at Mango Hill State School teaching in prep. She is a qualified Primary educator having graduating from Australian Catholic University with an Early Childhood and Primary Bachelor of Education in 2014. Debra works to create a classroom atmosphere that is stimulating, encouraging, and adaptive to the varied needs of her students. She has a love of lifelong learning and she encourages all the children she teaches to have this love of learning as well.

Rozanne Louw**Prep L****rxlou2@eq.edu.au**

Roxanne is excited to start her second year at Mango Hill State School. She completed her Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood & Primary) at Australian Catholic College in 2014. Roxanne has taught Prep for 4 years and has a passion for the Early Years.

Karen Reimers**Prep R****kream4@eq.edu.au**

After completing her first year at a metropolitan school, and prior to that spending her entire teaching career in regional Queensland, Karen is thrilled to be given the opportunity to continue her role as a Prep teacher within the innovative and supportive MHSS community. Karen has a lifelong love of learning, enabling her to continually improve her pedagogy and practice, allowing her to strive for the best possible outcomes for her students. She is committed to ensuring every child achieves to their fullest potential. Karen is particularly interested in teaching students to grow in emotional intelligence and independence, and building positive home/school partnerships through clear, open and regular lines of communication. In her downtime, Karen enjoys reading, hiking, bike riding, gardening and watching the sun rise.

Reena Singh**Prep E****rsing94@eq.edu.au**

Reena is delighted to join the prep team at Mango Hill State School in 2021. She has a Bachelor of Education from the University of the South Pacific and a Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Early Years) from the Queensland University of Technology. Reena has been teaching for over 15 years and has been an Early Years classroom teacher for the past nine years. She has a passion for teaching early years and has successfully performed her role as a Prep Team Leader at her previous school. She endeavours to individualise learning for her students by supporting their social, emotional and academic well-being through an inclusive, supportive and safe setting. Reena values parent support and strong partnership in providing children with valuable learning environments.

Maddy MacDonald**Prep M****mjmac1@eq.edu.au**

Maddy is thrilled to start her sixth year as a classroom teacher within Education Queensland. She completed her Bachelor of Education (Primary) at Australian Catholic University in 2015 and has had the pleasure of working at Mango Hill State School since 2016. Maddy enjoys building a positive classroom culture and a safe and supportive learning environment for her students. She is passionate about delivering learning experiences that excite and engage the students in her class. Maddy finds working in the Early Years very rewarding, as she loves seeing her students thrive, develop essential skills and foster a love of learning. She is looking forward to teaching on the fantastic Prep team again in 2021.

Jo Bulger**Prep J****jbulg2@eq.edu.au**

Jo is very excited to be teaching prep again this year. She believes positive experiences in the early years lays the foundation for a love of life-long learning. Jo completed her Bachelor Teaching (Early Childhood) and Bachelor Education (Early Childhood) at University of New England and has worked as a principal and in Early Years classrooms for many years. Jo encourages the children 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.

Brendan Shields**Prep S****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.

Sarah Watson**Prep W****slwat0@eq.edu.au**

Sarah has been part of the teaching team at Mango Hill SS for four years and is looking forward to joining the Prep teaching team this year. She has experience teaching across all primary ages and has made the junior year levels her specialty. Sarah has strengths in language and literacy development and identifying next steps for learning. This year she is looking forward to explicitly teaching foundation concepts and providing engaging learning activities that are fun and effective. Sarah and her husband have three delightful boys of their own and enjoy experiences with them including fishing, biking, skating, kayaking, rugby and camping. To relax from her busy schedule she enjoys the outdoors and gardening.

Danielle O'Brien**Prep O****dxobr0@eq.edu.au**

Danielle is thrilled to be teaching Prep in 2021. This will be her third year at Mango Hill State School, previously teaching for four years at Yarrabah State School in Far North Queensland. Danielle is committed to providing dynamic, flexible and innovative educational environments. With experience in teaching both early and upper year levels, Danielle is looking forward to inspiring minds, creating opportunities and providing an education required for her students to reach their highest potential.

Amanda Kunne**Prep O (Wed) & Prep J (Thurs & Fri)****axkun0@eq.edu.au**

Amanda is delighted to be joining the Prep team at Mango Hill in 2021. Having completed a Bachelor of Education (Primary) at QUT, she has worked in a variety of roles within the Primary years. Amanda has a passion for the Early Years and is focused on helping children to become confident life-long learners. Amanda is looking forward to sharing her enthusiasm and love for learning with her students and their families.

Vicki Gardner**Prep G****vgard1@eq.edu.au**

Vicki is very excited to be working alongside the wonderful Prep team and to play a big part in student's foundation year. She completed her Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood) at Queensland University of Technology and has worked in the Early Years for the past 18 years. Vicki loves watching children become confident, independent thinkers who care for their peers. Vicki enjoys nothing more than witnessing the 'aha' moment when her students reach their personal and learning goals! This makes it so rewarding to see her students grow and flourish throughout their Prep year.

Year One Team

Shay Bright**1/2B****sbrig8@eq.edu.au**

Shay is excited to be entering her 9th year of teaching at Mango Hill State School where she will be teaching Year 1 and 2. Having taught in the early years for over 10 years, she is looking forward to providing rich, engaging learning experiences for all students. She is passionate about the early years and supporting children in following their own learning interests.

Steph Jeston**1J****srjes0@eq.edu.au**

Stephanie joined the Mango Hill SS team in 2020 and is excited to continue working with the Mango Hill staff, students and families. Stephanie completed her Master's in Primary Teaching at Griffith University. Prior to completing her Master's degree, she trained and worked as a Lawyer. Stephanie 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 this is why she decided to pursue a career in education. Stephanie is looking forward to fostering this passion for learning in her students.

Emma Northover**1N****emnor0@eq.edu.au**

Emma is thrilled to be teaching with the incredible year 1 team in 2021. This will be her third year teaching year 1 at Mango Hill State School. Before that, she taught prep and prep/1 multi-age classes for 3 years in Gladstone. Emma completed her Bachelor of Primary Education at the University of the Sunshine Coast, the same town where she was born and raised. 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 students can achieve and feel valued in her classroom.

Shaun Pollock**1P****spoll77@eq.edu.au**

Shaun is excited to have an opportunity to begin his teaching career at Mango Hill State School. Originally from New Zealand, Shaun moved to Australia in 2008 where he now calls Brisbane home. Shaun has recently graduated from the Australian Catholic University with a Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood and Primary). Throughout Shaun's final year of study, he has worked as a kindergarten teacher with children aged between four and five years old. Shaun strives to instil a love for learning within his students in hopes for them to 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.

Sally O'Keefe**1O****seoke0@eq.edu.au**

Sally is beyond excited to be teaching Year 1 at Mango Hill State School for another year. This will be her third year teaching Year 1. Sally joined Mango Hill State School in 2019 and is looking forward to another year working with the Mango Hill staff, students and community. Sally graduated from Queensland University of Technology with a Bachelor of Education (Primary). Sally has a strong passion for students recognising their own successes and celebrating each students achievements. She enjoys watching the students develop socially and academically throughout the year. Sally shows her love and passion for learning through interactive, engaging, hands-on and age-appropriate lessons which maximises student engagement within her classroom. Sally is delighted to be working with such an amazing, supportive school community.

Daneka Walters**1W (Mon-Wed)****dwalt75@eq.edu.au**

Daneka is excited to be joining the Mango Hill State School team and teaching Year 1 in 2020. She graduated from the University of Southern Queensland with a Graduate Diploma in Learning and Teaching (Primary). Daneka has been teaching in Townsville for 8 years and has taught lower, middle and upper primary year levels. She strives to create and maintain a safe and supportive learning environment to allow her students to reach their full potential. Daneka is eager to inspire a love of learning for her students.

Tamara Wills**1W (Thurs & Fri)****tseun9@eq.edu.au**

Tamara is delighted to be teaching Year 1. 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. Tamara has taught across a range of year levels, however, it is early primary where students begin their learning journey that she finds truly rewarding.

Tanya Skewes**1S****tskew5@eq.edu.au**

Tanya is entering her thirteenth year as a classroom teacher with Education Queensland. Since completing her Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood) degree with the Queensland University of Technology, Tanya has taught in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms. She is passionate about working in Early Years classrooms and highly values building a safe and supportive classroom culture. In this environment students are able to 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.

Claire Morell**1M (Mon)****clmor0@eq.edu.au**

Claire has been in her role as a specialist Music and Performing Arts Teacher at Mango Hill State School since 2019. She has also been a Class Teacher and is excited to be continuing in a role across the Arts subjects in 2021. She completed her Music degree and teaching qualifications in the UK and has taught for 19 years in a number of schools. She has a breadth of experience across the age range and enjoys delivering the arts curriculum in the classroom. She believes that exploration and participation in the arts is an important part of a student's development and overall wellbeing. She is looking forward to seeing familiar faces next year and to making new connections across the school community. Claire will be teaching 1M in partnership with Darlene McColl.

Darlene McColl**1M (Tues-Fri)****drmcc0@eq.edu.au**

After working in the early childhood sector for over 16 years, Darlene graduated from QUT with a Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood in 2013. Darlene joined Mango Hill State School in 2014 and since then has worked in a partnership teaching role in Prep and Year 1 classrooms. Darlene loves working with children in their first years of schooling, creating diverse and engaging lessons where children get to unpack the curriculum content and learn from real life situations. Darlene is passionate about ensuring all children reach for their true potential and works hard to ensure this occurs for each child in her class. Darlene is proud to be a part of the school community at Mango Hill State School.

Jade Bastian**1A****jxbas1@eq.edu.au**

Jade is beyond excited to join the Year 1 team at Mango Hill State School in 2021. She completed her Bachelor of Education at Queensland University of Technology. This will be her second year of teaching, having previously taught a grade 2 class last year. Jade is passionate about creating a safe and supportive environment where all students are able to succeed. She enjoys building strong relationships with her students and families.

Year Two Team

Renaë Roberts**2R****ralei0@eq.edu.au**

Renaë is looking forward to teaching grade 2 in her fourth year of teaching at Mango Hill State School. This is Renaë's seventh year of teaching. She completed her Bachelor of Education at Central Queensland University in Rockhampton, where she grew up and taught for 3 years in Central Queensland. Renaë is passionate about providing a safe and encouraging space for students to grow and learn. She is creative with her teaching skills and seeks to provide real world and hands on experiences for her students. Renaë is proud to have worked with many students with different backgrounds and loves learning more about the cultures in our school community.

Natasha Hamilton**2L****nlham2@eq.edu.au**

Natasha is eager to begin her first year of teaching following the completion of her Masters in Teaching (Primary) at QUT in 2020. She has previously completed a Bachelor of Psychological Science at ACU, which has provided her with a keen interest in understanding students as unique individuals and facilitating an inclusive learning environment. Natasha prides herself on her supportive and positive demeanour and is enthusiastic about providing equal learning opportunities for all students to reach their full potential.

Rachel Elliott**2E****relli162@eq.edu.au**

Rachel is excited to be beginning her third year at Mango Hill SS. Rachel completed her Master's in Primary Education at Griffith university in the middle of 2019. Prior to her Master's degree she completed a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science and Marine Studies at the University of the Sunshine Coast. Amongst other passions, Rachel is enthusiastic about supporting children to grow and develop new skills in a safe and encouraging environment, which is why she decided to further her studies in education. Rachel is a kind, consistent and fair educator who always encourages her students to be the best they can be!

Teresa Messer**2E (Thurs)****tmess18@eq.edu.au**

Teresa has been a part of the Mango Hill State School community since 2015 and working with Education Queensland as a teacher for over 10 years. She has enjoyed a range of teaching roles and particularly enjoys working in the Early Years sector. She is looking forward to helping each child set and achieve their learning goals in 2021.

Jordan Olsen**2J****jxjen6@eq.edu.au**

Jordan is entering her fifth year of teaching in 2021 and is excited to join the Mango Hill State School community. Jordan graduated from the Australian Catholic University in 2016 with a Bachelor of Education - Early Childhood and Primary. She started her career at Bunkers Hill State School in the Darling Downs, teaching Year 4 and 5. In 2019, she completed her country service at the Northern Peninsula Area State College in Bamaga, teaching Year 4 and Year 2. Jordan's passion is seeing children succeed through challenging and engaging lessons. She is a caring, dedicated and hardworking teacher who values respect, and takes pride in creating a classroom community of students and families, where everyone's voice is heard.

Marissa Powell**2M****mkros4@eq.edu.au**

Marissa is entering her eleventh year of teaching with Education Queensland. This will be her second year at Mango Hill State School and she is excited to be teaching Year 2. 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.

Suzanne Walker**2W****sjwal3@eq.edu.au**

Suzanne is looking forward to working with the year 2 team at Mango Hill State School. She has been teaching since 2005 across lower primary in New Zealand, England and now Australia and is in her third year at Mango Hill. Suzanne enjoys working with the children in her class to extend and challenge them to reach their full potential and to encourage their inquisitive nature and foster their love of learning. She hopes to develop the children's growing independence and self drive across all areas of school. Suzanne works collaboratively with parents to ensure all children are being the best versions of themselves and is looking forward to working with the year 2 team in 2021.

Carolyn Jayawardhana**2P****cjaya5@eq.edu.au**

Carolyn is excited to be joining the year 2 team at Mango Hill State School community. Carolyn graduated Queensland University of Technology with a Bachelor of Education Early Childhood. Carolyn is an experienced senior teacher with over 20 years teaching experience. Carolyn has taught from Prep to year 5. Carolyn started teaching at Russell Island State School, then spent sixteen years at Mount Cotton State School before teaching the last few years at Kingston State School. Carolyn is a creative, caring, organised teacher who is passionate about making a difference in the lives of her students.

Rebekah Stout**2S****rstou4@eq.edu.au**

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 2 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.

Shay Bright

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Shay is excited to be entering her 9th year of teaching at Mango Hill State School where she will be teaching Year 1 and 2. Having taught in the early years for over 10 years, she is looking forward to providing rich, engaging learning experiences for all students. She is passionate about the early years and supporting children in following their own learning interests.

Year Three Team

Steph Curran

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Steph is excited to be entering her fourth year of teaching at Mango Hill State School. She is grateful for the opportunity to be a part of such a wonderful and supportive school and its community. Steph graduated from The University of Queensland in 2013 with a Bachelor of Education. She spent four years teaching in rural Queensland and has seven years of upper primary teaching experience. Steph is passionate about being able to provide students with the opportunity to become enthusiastic lifelong learners. She believes it is essential to embrace a positive classroom environment where each student feels safe and supported in their learning journey.

Kristie Henry

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Kristie is looking forward to an amazing start on Year 3 in 2021! She has completed her Bachelor of Education (Primary). Since graduating in 1999, Kristie has taught across a range of year levels. The daily excitement and enthusiasm of her students makes her want to be the best teacher she can be. Seeing the growth of students in their year within her classroom makes teaching the most amazing and worthwhile career.

Ashley Jones

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Ashley is looking forward to her first year at Mango Hill. She graduated from the University of Southern Queensland in 2018 and began her teaching journey out in Dalby. Ashley is excited to be teaching grade 3 this year after teaching grade 4 in 2020 and grade 3 in 2019. She understands the importance of bringing fun and creativity into the learning environment, allowing all students the ability to do their best. As well as teaching, Ashley has been involved as a leader within the scouting movement for the past 11 years. Ashley looks forward to building positive relationships with staff, students and parents and to set students up for success to achieve their best outcomes.

Caitlyn Turnbull

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Caitlyn is delighted to be teaching year 3 at Mango Hill for another year. She completed a Bachelor of Primary Education at the Queensland University of Technology in 2018 and had the pleasure of starting teaching at Mango Hill in 2019. Caitlyn is enthusiastic about providing students with engaging and hands on learning experiences. She prides herself on creating a positive learning environment where all students feel safe, supported and have a genuine feeling of belonging. This year Caitlyn is excited about teaching and hopes to inspire students and give them the confidence to achieve their goals.

Tammy Keefe**3F****trker0@eq.edu.au**

Tammy is excited to be joining the Mango Hill State School team as the Reach Teacher for 3F! She studied a Bachelor of Laws and practiced as a lawyer for 6 years, before undertaking a Graduate Diploma in Learning and Teaching; then a Graduate Certificate in Middle Years Schooling. Tammy has taught a range of year levels in North Queensland (Ravenshoe) and Central Queensland (Gladstone) and has been teaching for just over 7 years. She prides herself on forming positive relationships with students, parents and colleagues; and endeavours to encourage students beyond their perceived limitations. Tammy looks forward to working with and inspiring students to think creatively, through independent and collaborative learning goals.

Jenna Langman**3L****jllan0@eq.edu.au**

Jenna is humbled to be starting her fourth year of teaching at Mango Hill SS. Jenna is appreciative and grateful for the supportive and encouraging environment which Mango Hill State School provides for all students, teachers and caregivers of the community. She is committed and delighted to be teaching such an extensive curriculum to such young, mouldable minds. Amongst other passions, Jenna is enthusiastic about supporting and motivating children to achieve holistic greatness. She is a consistent, fair and loving educator who is passionate about her career path and purpose in education. Some of the extracurricular activities of which Jenna enjoys include spending quality time with loved ones, playing many different sports like tennis and mountain biking, and finding fulfilment serving coffee at her local church, Hillsong Downtown.

Sharna Reade**3R****sread46@eq.edu.au**

Sharna is delighted to join the year 3 team and support the learning journey for her students. She will be entering her 11th year of teaching, and could not be happier to be at Mango Hill State School for another year. Sharna 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 and happy, and can achieve their goals!

Mel Edwards**3M****mbark100@eq.edu.au**

Melissa is excited to join the Year 3 team in 2021 at Mango Hill State School. She graduated in mid 2020 and has had the opportunity to teach numerous year levels within our school and meet our families. Melissa is enthusiastic about implementing quality experiences to students to support their wellbeing, academic growth and development in a highly engaging, safe environment. She is committed to building positive relationships with student and working collaboratively with their families and her colleagues. Melissa is passionate about ensuring that each student has the opportunity to reach their individual potential in an encouraging space where her students feel valued and always try their best.

Emma Hutton**3E****ekhut0@eq.edu.au**

Emma is delighted to be teaching Year Three this year after starting at Mango Hill in 2018. She is a qualified Primary educator after graduating from Australian Catholic University with a Bachelor of Education. With five years teaching experience, Emma creates an inclusive learning environment where each student is able to reach their full potential. Her classroom is a place for each student to grow and learn in a collaborative and creative setting. Emma is very excited to start her fourth year at Mango Hill in Year 5.

Justin Wong

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Justin is very excited about commencing his first year at Mango Hill with Year 3. He has spent a majority of his teaching career in the Torres Strait, New Zealand, Darling Downs and the Moreton Bay Region. Justin values culture diversity and is committed to developing positive relationships with students, families and his colleagues based on mutual trust and respect. Justin believes every student can experience academic success at school. He endeavors to create a safe and supportive classroom underpinned by evidence-based practices that improve student performance, deliver authentic curriculum and manage student behavior in a positive and professional way. Justin encourages students to take risks with their education by stepping out of their comfort zone to problem solve and think critically about their learning. He is really looking forward to meeting and learning all about the Mango Hill school community this year. Justin is very passionate about the Collingwood Magpies AFL football team.

Year Four Team

Steph Drummond

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Steph is excited to be teaching at Mango Hill State School for her sixth year. She completed her Bachelor of Education in 2011 with minors in Children's Literature and Media Studies at QUT. This year Steph is looking forward to re-joining the Year 4 team and promoting positivity and critical and creative thinking within the classroom. She implements inquiry-based learning experiences for the students, encouraging them to explore and question the world around them. Steph is committed to giving students challenging and engaging curriculum activities to help all achieve their goals.

Morgan Sheehan

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Morgan is looking forward to her second year of teaching at Mango Hill in Year 4. She graduated from a Masters of Teaching (Primary) in 2019, after completing a Bachelor of Fine Arts (Dance) in 2017. Morgan enjoys creating an inclusive, engaging classroom environment and is committed to building and maintaining a supportive and safe learning environment where all students are set up for success to achieve their best outcome.

Mary Cosmo

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Mary is delighted to be teaching year 4 at Mango Hill State School in 2020. After graduating with a Bachelor of Education from Queensland University of Technology in 2017 and spending 3 years in grades 3 and 4, her passion for teaching has further developed in MHSS's supportive and collaborative environment. The school's focus on current, research backed, teaching practices has also provided further motivation for Mary's love of learning. Mary believes that the school's greatest asset is its ability to successfully implement an innovative and engaging curriculum to a diverse and culturally rich community of learners. She is a proud Mum of four caring and super sporty boys. Mary also loves travelling, reading, camping, trekking, and spending time with family and friends.

Anita Baker

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Anita is excited to join the team at Mango Hill. In 2020 she completed a Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood) from QUT with the award for highest academic achievement in her graduating class. Since then, she has had the opportunity to work across all year levels at MHSS 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.

Maddy Black**4B****mblac270@eq.edu.au**

Maddie is looking forward to her second year of teaching at Mango Hill in Year 4. She graduated from a Bachelor of Education (Primary) in 2019 from the University of Queensland. Maddie enjoys creating an inclusive and engaging classroom environment. She is committed to building and maintaining a supportive and safe learning environment to help students achieve their best.

Megan Goodall**4G****mgood180@eq.edu.au**

Megan is thrilled to be staying on at Mango Hill State School for 2021. She is in her tenth year of teaching and has qualifications in Early, Primary and Middle Years education. Megan enjoys building strong relationships with the students and families in her class and is passionate about delivering exciting and engaging learning experiences!

Angela Crase**4A****axsha4@eq.edu.au**

Angela is looking forward to joining the Mango Hill State School team in 2021. Over the past six years she has taught a range of year levels from Prep to Year 5 in the Caboolture area. Angela's goal for 4A is to build a classroom community in which students feel safe to extend themselves, share their experiences and support and encourage each other as they learn and grow. She hopes to accomplish this by creating positive relationships with students and families so they can work together to achieve the very best for all students.

Mark Thomas**4T****mthom941@eq.edu.au**

Mark is delighted to be teaching Year 4 this year at Mango Hill State School. This is his first year teaching here. After completing a Bachelor of Teaching (Hons) at the University of Melbourne he has taught across a range of year levels in state schools in Melbourne and Cairns and in the independent school system over the past 21 years. Mark is passionate about teaching students. He is proactive in providing an environment where his students grow socially, academically and emotionally. He is eager to encourage each student's learning by creating a supportive setting where all are valued and are keen to strive for their personal best. Mark also prioritises the importance of families in the child's learning journey. Some of the things Mark likes doing outside school are spending time with his family, watching movies and bike riding.

Stevie-lee Vos**4V****sxsta5@eq.edu.au**

Stevie-lee is excited to be teaching year 4 at Mango Hill State School in 2021. After graduating with a Bachelor of Education at Sunshine Coast University in 2015, she taught in a small community in Central Queensland before coming to Mango Hill in 2019. Stevie-lee has a passion for mathematics and writing. She is committed to teaching the curriculum in an enriching and engaging way which provides each student with the opportunity to succeed. She also enjoys helping her students ignite a passion for learning and assisting them to explore, discover, learn and grow.

Year Five Team

Sam Dixon

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Sam is delighted to be teaching year 5 this year at Mango Hill State School. After completing a Bachelor of Education at The Queensland University of Technology, she has taught in a range of year levels across rural Queensland, London and Brisbane over the past decade. Sam is passionate about teaching students in the upper primary years to grow both socially, academically and emotionally. She is eager to foster students learning by creating a supportive learning environment where all students are valued, active learners and are keen to strive for their best. Heading in to her eighth year at Mango Hill, Sam is excited to deliver learning experiences that will engage and challenge the students in her class.

Jess Cutcliffe

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Jessica is looking forward to another year of teaching at Mango Hill State School. She graduated from the Queensland University of Technology with a Bachelor of Primary Education in 2010 and has enjoyed teaching 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 2021 will be filled with lots of learning and laughter as the students strive to achieve their goals.

Kristen Roberts

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Kristen is looking forward to teaching grade 5 during her second year of teaching at Mango Hill State School. Kristen's 2020 experience at Mango Hill, was teaching P-6 in STEM, which makes her a familiar face around the school for many of our students. She completed her Bachelor of Education at Queensland University of Technology, specialising in inclusive education. Kristen is very excited to be teaching year 5 and has had experience teaching in this space during her placements at Mango Hill. Kristen is passionate about all children achieving their potential and working with families to help students succeed.

Natalie Bliesner

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Natalie is looking forward to teaching year 5 with the wonderful year 5 team. 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 5. She has worked within the Education Department since 2001. Natalie creates a safe supportive environment where students are encouraged to work towards high achievable goals. In her room the students don't do easy but rather make easy happen through hard work and learning. Students succeeding is what makes her career as an educator so rewarding.

Katrina Duffey

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Katrina is delighted to be teaching Year Five in 2021. She is a Foundation Staff Member who has been an integral contributor to this school community. She is a qualified Primary educator with a Diploma of Childcare and Education and a Bachelor of Primary Education from QUT. Katrina has over 15 years' experience in Education Queensland. Katrina is passionate about delivering learning experiences which excite and engage the students in her class. She implements hands-on learning and inquiry-based teaching, encouraging students to question and explore the world around them.

Pam Penrose

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Pam is thrilled to be teaching Year 5, for her fourth year at Mango Hill SS. Pam is a qualified Primary educator, after graduating from James Cook University with a Bachelor of Education. She has been teaching for 21 years, in schools in the South-East Qld area, teaching across a range of year levels during this time, and is passionate about instilling in children a love of learning. Outside the classroom, Pam values time with her family, enjoying the outdoors, beach and camping.

Kelly Ihde

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Kelly is very excited to be joining the team and teaching Year 5 at Mango Hill State School. She graduated from the Queensland University of Technology in 2020 with a Bachelor of Education (Primary). During this time, she participated in teaching experiences in Hong Kong, South Korea, and in the Brisbane area. Kelly prides herself on creating an inclusive and safe classroom environment that supports all students to become 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.

Joel White

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Joel considers it an absolute privilege to be teaching Year 5 for his 2nd year as part of the Mango Hill Team in 2021. With 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 grades within team teaching, multi-grade and single grade class scenarios 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 look forward to another great year in 2021!

Danielle Stacey

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Danielle is excited to be teaching year 5 at Mango Hill State School in 2021. Danielle enjoys teaching the upper year levels and finds it very rewarding, as she loves seeing her students thrive and develop lifelong skills. Danielle is passionate about teaching the curriculum through a range of collaboration strategies, making the classroom a positive and supportive environment that engages and challenges her students to achieve their full potential.

Year Six Team

Sue Baker

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Sue is excited to be teaching year 6 again at Mango Hill SS. She has been teaching for over twenty-five years, beginning her career in Sydney, NSW, before moving to Brisbane. This will be her seventh year at the school and her fifth year on this grade level. Sue has had the opportunity to experience learning in a wide variety of situations and has worked with students from kindergarten up to year ten. She was also fortunate to be a member of the Behaviour Support Team based at Murrumba Regional Office for five years. Sue returned to the classroom as she missed having her own class and working with students. With an engaging and challenging curriculum, an innovative learning environment and a supportive school community, Sue encourages and supports students to explore and achieve the best they can be.

Jamie Pears**6P****jpear347@eq.edu.au**

Jamie is excited to be entering her seventh year at Mango Hill SS. Jamie appreciates the wonderful opportunity of working in such a supportive school community. This year Jamie is excited to promote creative thinking in the classroom, asking students to be innovative, imaginative and collaborative. As a mother of three children, she understands the important role of partnerships between families and ensuring every child achieves to their potential.

Katie Thomas**6T****kthom491@eq.edu.au**

Katie is delighted to be teaching Year 6, for her seventh year at Mango Hill SS. Katie is a qualified Primary educator, after graduating from Queensland University of Technology with a Bachelor of Education. She has been teaching for 12 years, in schools in rural Queensland and Mango Hill. Katie is passionate about creating a safe and supportive classroom where all students can access quality learning. A strong focus of hers is to create a culture in which all students are expected to learn successfully in their own ways and at their own pace. Outside the classroom, Katie values time with her family, arts and crafts and camping.

Jody Carlsson**6C****jxcar18@eq.edu.au**

Jody is excited to be teaching at Mango Hill State School for another year and thrilled to be joining the Year 6 team. Jody completed her Masters of Teaching (Primary) at Queensland University of Technology in 2019 and taught Year 1 throughout 2020. 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.

Kira Balaam**6K****kbala0@eq.edu.au**

Kira is entering her 6th year here at Mango Hill State School. After enjoying 3 years on grade 3, she made the move to Year 6 in 2019. Kira is passionate about developing strong and productive relationships with her students and their families. She believes that it is these relationships that are vital to ensuring success at school. Not only success through academic excellence but also through social and emotional wellbeing, critical and creative thinking, independence and confidence. All of which are extremely important to develop before the big move to high school. She is looking forward to a wonderful year full of challenging and engaging learning experiences.

Kris Olsen**6O****kolse55@eq.edu.au**

Kris is delighted to be returning to Mango Hill State School in 2021. He started his teacher career at Mango Hill State School in 2017, teaching Year 2 for two years. He then completed his country service in Far North Queensland. During this time, Kris worked as Year 3 and Year 6 classroom teacher along with Head of Learning position at the Northern Peninsula Ara State College in Bamaga. More recently he completed an Acting Principal position at Mount Garnet State School. He is a caring and calm natured teacher with a passion for lifelong learning and ensuring all children reach their potential through engaging learning experiences.

Karen Robinson**6R****kmrob1@eq.edu.au**

Karen is delighted to be teaching Year Six this year. This will be her fourth year at Mango Hill SS, and she is excited to be working with such a professional and dedicated team of educators. Karen believes in fostering a supportive inclusive learning environment where students feel valued and respected. Karen is passionate about delivering learning experiences that not only excite and engage her students, but challenge them to be the best that they can be. Outside of the classroom, Karen enjoys reading, eating out and spending time with her family.

David Vlieg**6V****dvlie1@eq.edu.au**

David is excited to be teaching Year 6 in 2021. He is a foundation staff member and has enjoyed teaching at this wonderful school since 2012. He is committed to providing engaging curriculum in a supportive classroom where he strives to promote a growth mindset and meet all the needs of the students with whom he is fortunate to teach. During his time at MHSS, David has worked with students with different backgrounds and enjoys the diversity of families and cultures in our school community. He enjoys building a positive classroom culture and a safe and supportive learning environment. As well as teaching, David is an active member of the school community who prides himself on his commitment and engagement with the school as well as the wider community. He is very happy that his family also attends MHSS. David is passionate about music and enjoys science fiction in all forms. He believes that a love of music is the key to a happy and fulfilled life.

Inclusive Learning Team

Natalie Gentles**Student Engagement Teacher****ngent9@eq.edu.au**

Natalie is a Senior Teacher that has worked for Education Queensland and The Department of Education and Training Victoria since 2003. She has a Bachelor of Special Education majoring in ASD and specialises in all areas of communication. Natalie is passionate about creating a safe, productive and inclusive learning environment that celebrates students as individuals and supports their academic, social and emotional development. Natalie is very excited to be joining the Inclusive Learning Team this Semester.

Suzie McEvoy**Student Engagement Teacher****swill389@eq.edu.au**

Suzanne is looking forward to another year of teaching at Mango Hill State School. She completed her Bachelor of Education at James Cook University, with her major studies being completed in the areas of Early Childhood. Throughout her years of teaching, Suzanne has taught across a range of year levels from Prep to year 10 in both regional and remote settings. She believes that each child is a unique individual who needs a secure, caring and stimulating atmosphere in which to grow and mature emotionally, intellectually, physically and socially. Suzanne implements hands-on and co-operative learning in an environment that challenges and allows risk-taking. It is these principles that truly make her career as an educator so rewarding.

Cassie Stewart**Prep****cstew245@eq.edu.au**

Cassie is very excited to be a part of the Inclusive Learning team again this year. She has a Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood). 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.

Elissa Chambers**Years 1-2****echam25@eq.edu.au**

Elissa is looking forward to teaching within the outstanding Inclusive Learning Team this year. She is a qualified Primary educator after graduating from Griffith University with a Graduate Diploma in Primary Education. With more than ten years teaching experience, Elissa is passionate about providing meaningful learning experiences, challenging students to be deep thinkers and giving them plenty of opportunities to shine. She is keen to work collaboratively with other staff, students and families to provide quality opportunities and to achieve the best possible outcomes for students.

Kara Rufford Year 1-2 kxruf0@eq.edu.au



This will be Kara's second year as an Inclusive Learning Teacher at Mango Hill State School in Year 1 and 2. She graduated from a Master of Teaching (Primary) in 2019, after completing a Bachelor of Business in 2013. She is currently studying a Master of Education (Inclusion Education Specialisation) at QUT. As an Inclusive Learning Teacher, Kara ensures that all students receive the support they need to belong to the school community, engage purposely in learning and experience academic success. She is looking forward to learning more about your child/ren in 2021 and working in partnership with you to support their needs to achieve success.

Kerrie-Ann Wood Years 3-4 kwood109@eq.edu.au



Kerrie-Ann is an Experienced Senior Teacher who is excited to be entering her sixth year at Mango Hill SS. She completed her Bachelor of Education majoring in Early Childhood and has taught extensively in Prep - Year 4. With just over twenty years of teaching experience with Education Queensland, she is passionate about learning support and is committed to developing, coordinating and implementing quality programs to ensure every student at Mango Hill SS succeeds to their full potential. Seeing students develop a love of reading and learning is what she finds most rewarding in her teaching career.

Jessica Ferguson Years 3-4 jferg230@eq.edu.au



Jess Ferguson is excited to be joining the Inclusive Learning Team at Mango Hill State School. She entered education working as a teacher aide in learning support before supporting a speech pathologist visiting various schools and working in the speech pathology clinic. Jess has taught at various schools in Brisbane since graduating in 2017 with a Bachelor of Education (Primary). She is passionate about learning support and developing her teaching, as such, she is currently undertaking further studies, Master of Special Education. Jess is most looking forward to supporting your child in building their confidence and love for learning.

Angela Ray Years 5-6 aray35@eq.edu.au



Angela joined the Mango Hill State School team in 2017 and has worked across different year levels during this time. This year she is excited to be working with years 5 and 6. Having worked at various schools in Brisbane within classroom teaching, learning support and special education she is very happy to be part of a school where all students benefit academically and socially as they are provided with high quality inclusive education. As well as teaching, Angela enjoys supporting teachers and families with adjustments for students to access, participate and fully engage in the curriculum along with their similar aged peers.

Lee Peno Year 5-6 lpeno1@eq.edu.au



Lee is excited to be joining the Inclusive Learning Team after returning from Maternity Leave. With over 15 years classroom experience, Lee is looking forward to applying her knowledge and experience to support staff and students in her new role. Lee is passionate about differentiation, engaging learners and supporting each student to be the best they can be.

Ann Stewart EAL/D Teacher astew20@eq.edu.au



Ann Stewart is an EAL/D teacher at Mango Hill SS. She has worked in the North Coast Region for over thirty years. She works with those students for whom English is a second language. This is her field of expertise and is her passion. Ann is thoroughly delighted to be working at Mango Hill SS, in such a vibrant, friendly and professional environment. She enjoys reading, cooking, spending time with friends and travelling the world when the opportunity arises. Ann is blessed with a wonderful family. She is the grandmother of five adorable grandchildren.

Specialists Teachers

Sarah Hills

STEM Teacher

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Sarah is very excited to join the STEM team this year. Sarah has a Bachelor of Education (Primary) and has taught in Brisbane and Central Queensland for the last 12 years. Sarah is committed to the development and achievement of all students at Mango Hill both socially and academically. Sarah loves meeting new families and is very excited to work closely with the school community in 2021 to ensure the best possible outcomes for our children.

Theresa Verster

STEM Teacher

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Theresa is excited to be part of the STEM team once again. She strives to engage all the children she teaches across the school and aims to instil a love for learning. Theresa hopes to build strong relationships with the children and parents by working together to mould strong and independent learners. She highly values the important role she plays in a child's development. Seeing children grow into confident and happy individuals is what makes this occupation so worthwhile. She is enthusiastic to start 2021 and looks forward to meeting you all.

Kelly Koch

STEM Teacher

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Kelly is a Senior Teacher with 17 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 SS for 6 years. Her teaching career has been primarily in grades 4 – 6 on class and in Learning Support. 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. Kelly loves engaging students in STEM, and is excited to ignite Science and Technology in students across the school.

Hannah Benzie

STEM Teacher

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Hannah is looking forward to working in the STEM curriculum this year, and working with the wonderful staff, students and families. She is passionate about all children achieving their potential and working with families to help students succeed. In her downtime, Hannah enjoys spending time with her family and friends, reading and just chilling out!

Michelle Burris

STEM Teacher

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

Chloe Langham**STEM Teacher****cleut5@eq.edu.au**

For the past six years, Chloe has taught at The School of Distance Education, Charters Towers, and she is very excited to be returning to Brisbane and teaching at Mango Hill State School next year. It is her 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. She enjoys spending time with her two sons and husband and is looking forward to returning to Brisbane and being able to spend time with family. She is very excited to begin her teaching journey at Mango Hill SS, and is looking forward to building relationships with all her students in 2021.

Connie Lammertsma**Italian Teacher****clamm17@eq.edu.au**

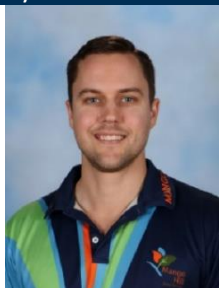
Connie is anticipating 2021 with enthusiasm as a teacher of the Italian language with the Mango Hill State School team. With over 25 years' experience teaching, she is passionate about sharing the language and culture of Italy and most importantly a love for learning languages. Connie has worked in schools across Brisbane in mainstream education and languages education. Professionally she is proactive and welcomes collaboration and innovation for the best possible outcomes for students. Connie enjoys organising cultural days and giving students opportunities to excel in their learning.

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

Shona is looking forward to another exciting year working with the students of Mango Hill State School. She has had over 19 years of teaching experience, in a range of roles from Prep to year 6. Shona graduated from QUT with a Bachelor of Primary Education with a major in PE. She has enjoyed working in primary schools in Brisbane, in western Queensland and overseas. Shona is passionate about creating a positive learning environment that is fun and engaging for all of the students in her classes. Shona is proud to be part of the school community at Mango Hill State School.

Nick Hills**PE Teacher****nhill96@eq.edu.au**

Nick will be teaching P.E. at MHSS for his 8th year in 2021. 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 10 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 MHSS which include P.E. lessons, Cross Country, Athletics Carnival, Swimming Carnival, Gala Days, Sporting Schools Program as well as many other interschool sports competition.

Tyson Newell**PE Teacher****tnewe20@eq.edu.au**

Tyson is excited to be returning to teach PE for his third 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 nine years of teaching, 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.

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

Glenda is thrilled to be teaching dance and drama to every student at Mango Hill State School. She began teaching in 1994 and over the years, she has been a class teacher and a performing arts specialist. She has directed many award winning teams for events such as the Magical Minerals Rock Eisteddfod, JRock, Wakakirri and dance eisteddfods. In 2018, the Mango Hill S.S Wakakirri team won nationally out of 240 schools! Glenda also loves being able to give extra opportunities to every student by providing lunchtime dance clubs, electives and concert performances. She believes that performing arts helps all students to develop physically, emotionally, socially and cognitively. She hopes that all the students have fun in her programs and they create wonderful memories that last forever.

Janet Almond**Music Teacher****jmalm0@eq.edu.au**

Janet is excited to continue being part of the Mango Hill team in 2021 teaching Music. She has over 20 years teaching experience in a variety of roles including 8 years in London, 4 years in Melbourne and 3 years as the music teacher for Dayboro State School. Janet has just completed her first year at Mango Hill SS and looking forward to 2021. Janet's passion is making music fun and enjoyable for her students and choirs by encouraging active participation and providing a supportive environment for every student to flourish.

Claire Morrell**Music Teacher****clmor0@eq.edu.au**

Claire has been in her role as a specialist Music and Performing Arts Teacher at Mango Hill State School since 2019. She has also been a Class Teacher and is excited to be continuing in a role across the Arts subjects in 2021. She completed her Music degree and teaching qualifications in the UK and has taught for 19 years in a number of schools. She has a breadth of experience across the age range and enjoys delivering the arts curriculum in the classroom. She believes that exploration and participation in the arts is an important part of a student's development and overall wellbeing. She is looking forward to seeing familiar faces next year and to making new connections across the school community.

Malcolm James**Instrumental Teacher****mjame38@eq.edu.au**

Malcolm completed his training in music and education at The University of Queensland in 1999 and has been an instrumental music teacher with Education Queensland ever since. He's had a variety of teaching experiences including coordinating, teaching and conducting, what was at the time, the only School of Distance Education Concert Band in Australia. The Cairns School of Distance concert band were State Finalists in "Showcase – Awards for Education Excellence" and Malcolm won the Australasian Distance Education Schools Achievement Award for that program. The Cairns SDE Concert Band performed for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on her 2002 Visit to Australia. In 2018 Malcolm accepted a position as Instrumental Music Coordinator at North Lakes State College. When not at work, Malcolm likes to support community music. He is the principal Euphonium player with "Queensland Wind and Brass" and the Musical Director of the "Second Wind Community Concert Band". As a Mango Hill local for 12 years, Malcolm can often be seen riding his bicycle around the many roads and bike tracks in the Mango Hill and surrounding areas.

Alena Bogdan**Instrumental Teacher****axbog1@eq.edu.au**

Alena Bogdan has studied and performed extensively in her home country Belarus and also throughout 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. When not at work she enjoys gardening, reading and traveling. She likes to spend her spare time with her husband and two children. Her daughter is playing violin and alto saxophone and her son is learning piano and clarinet.

Geoff Barnett**Local Relieving Teacher (LRT)****gjbar3@eq.edu.au**

Geoff is looking forward to another year of teaching at Mango Hill State School, in his new LRT role. After graduating university Geoff began teaching in New South Wales, gaining experience in a range of specialist and general classroom teaching positions from Prep to Year 6. He strongly believes that a child achieves their best when parents, students and teachers work in partnership to create an atmosphere of growth and positivity.



Brooke is looking forward to another year of teaching at Mango Hill State School. She completed her Bachelor of Primary Education in 2013 and her Master of Education in Leadership and Management in 2019. Throughout her years of teaching, Brooke has taught grade 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Creating a safe and supportive learning environment is a priority for Brooke and she takes joy in creating a positive learning environment.