



Introducing Our Teaching Staff for 2020

Leadership Team

Tracy Egan

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Tracy is delighted to be the Principal of Mango Hill SS. With almost 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 a 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.

Ellaine Warner

Deputy Principal – Inclusion

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Ellaine is excited to be Deputy Principal (Inclusive Education) at Mango Hill State School. In her career with Education Queensland, she has worked as a Classroom Teacher, Support Teacher (Literacy and Numeracy), Guidance Officer and Deputy Principal. Ellaine has a lifelong love for learning and believes in its power and positive impact on individual lives and collectively all of our lives. As Deputy Principal at MHSS, she is committed to all of our students' optimal growth, achievement and wellbeing as learners. Ellaine and her family enjoy sport and love to attend sporting events. She loves to travel too.

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.

Michelle Alcorn Deputy Principal – Year 3-4 malco14@eq.edu.au



Michelle Alcorn is exceptionally excited to continue at Mango Hill State School as the Deputy Principal in for Years 3 and 4 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.

Gabrielle Douglas Deputy Principal – Year 1 & 2 gdoug7@eq.edu.au



Gabrielle is passionate about setting children up for success in their early years of schooling. While having over twenty years of experience in education, Gabrielle has worked in various roles for the Department of Education: Deputy Principal, Head of Support Services, Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy, Classroom Teacher and Behaviour Support Teacher. She has been at Mango Hill State School since its second year, 2013, working as Deputy Principal of the Early Years for the last three years. Gabrielle works intensively with students, teachers and parents to ensure that their child has access to a quality education and is supported to develop their own special talents. She zealously believes that every child can reach for the stars and succeed and takes great pride in working with the teachers in her sector to provide the quality education necessary to achieve this goal. Gabrielle understands how important the early years are in forming the children’s attitudes towards learning; her own two boys have now graduated from school and are embarking on their post school educational journey.

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



Melinda loved her first year at Mango Hill and in 2020, is looking forward to welcoming a new cohort of Preppies to our Mango Hill family. 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 nine 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 Curriculum sho10@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!

Ben Mills Head of Curriculum (STEM) bxmil3@eq.edu.au



Ben was a classroom teacher at Mango Hill State School between 2016 and 2018, teaching Years 5 and 6. In 2019, he moved into the role as HOC (Maths/STEM) and STEM teacher. He enjoys working with a range of students, focussing on the teaching and learning in Maths and STEM. Ben is passionate about providing learning opportunities for students that are engaging and challenge students to think ‘outside the box’.

Jessica Rivett

Head of Curriculum (STEM)

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Jessica is excited to be entering her fifth 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 in her classes.

Ros Coomber

Business Manager

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Ros has been working with Department of Education for 20 years in both primary and high schools and has been the Business Manager at Mango Hill since 2014. 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. Ros is passionate about Mango Hill and working with all the staff across all sectors.

Prep Team

Debra Browning

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Debra is delighted to be starting her second year at Mango Hill State School teaching in Prep. She graduated 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.

Jo Bulger

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Jo is excited to be joining the Mango Hill teaching team and looks forward to working with the prep students in 2020. She has a Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood) and a Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood) and is passionate about setting up young students to become lifelong learners. Jo has worked as a team leader in the public and private sectors of early childhood education for many years. She completed 'Take The Lead' for Aspiring Small School Principals in 2011 and enjoyed her role as a Teaching Principal in Central Queensland. Jo endeavours to encourage her young students to become socially empathetic, critical thinkers and problem solvers.

Ella Coles

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Ella has enjoyed working in Mango Hill for the past three years. She began her teaching career in Wales, UK and then had the wonderful opportunity of working in Africa, Thailand and New York before moving to Australia eight years ago. She has completed her postgraduate degree in Early Years after finding a real passion in the Early Years setting, loving their enthusiasm and excitement for learning. Her goal is to provide an engaging, enjoyable and positive learning environment where all students feel safe and supported to allow them to reach their full potential. As a mother of three, she understands how important it is to build a strong relationship between school and home, and is looking forward to a fantastic year ahead.

Kara Gough**Prep G****kdixo51@eq.edu.au**

Kara is enthusiastic to lead the Prep team in her 3rd year at Mango Hill SS. She graduated in 2006 from University of Technology in Sydney. Kara has taught the Early Years for 14 years now and is looking forward to another fun filled year of learning. She is grateful to be working as part of a wonderful Prep team. Kara believes that parents and teacher relationships are so important to transition children into their first year of school. She encourages her students to be the best they can be.

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

Roxanne is excited to join the Prep team 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 three years and has a passion for the Early Years.

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

Maddy is thrilled to start her fifth 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 in 2020.

Karen Reimers**Prep R****kreim4@eq.edu.au**

Karen is thrilled to be joining the Mango Hill State School team. Karen is an Experienced Senior Teacher who has spent her 30+ years career, exclusively as a classroom teacher, specialising in the Early Years realm, in small school communities in regional Queensland, mostly teaching composite classes. She is incredibly excited to have the opportunity to work collaboratively with such an extensive staff, enhancing her passion for and advocacy of lifelong learning. Her other passion is literacy, in particular the teaching of reading. Nothing pleases her more than promoting the love of reading to her students through fun and humour. Her most rewarding achievement has been motherhood, which has now been replaced with hobbies of reading, hiking, cycling, gardening and travelling.

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.

Vicki Gardner

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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 17 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

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Shay is excited to be entering her 8th year of teaching at Mango Hill State School where she will be teaching the Year 1 Reach class. 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.

Elissa Chambers

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Elissa is excited to be teaching with the wonderful Year 1 team for another year. She graduated from Griffith University with a Graduate Diploma in Primary Education. With 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. Elissa joined Mango Hill State School in 2018 is looking forward to another year of teaching within the outstanding Year 1 team.

Claire Linedale

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Claire is feeling excited and privileged to be starting her teaching career in Year 1 at Mango Hill State School after graduating with an MTeach (Primary) in 2019. Originally from the UK, Claire has previously worked as a midwife, and more recently as an educator at a busy OSHC service Claire likes getting to know children and their families and is interested in how this knowledge can be used to engage children in their studies and improve learning outcomes. Claire enjoys the collaborative nature of teaching and is looking forward to working with her new colleagues. Claire enjoys learning and is enthusiastic to bring this love into the classroom. Claire is keen to promote the school's values to make it a safe and happy environment for all.

Emma Northover

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Emma is delighted to be teaching Year 1 at Mango Hill SS for another year. She taught Prep and Prep/1 multi-age classes for three years in Gladstone, before she joined the Mango Hill team in 2019. 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.

Sally O'Keefe

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Sally is beyond excited to be teaching Year 1 at Mango Hill State School for another year. 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 student's 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 joining such an amazing, supportive school community.

Michelle Hodges

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Michelle is very excited to be joining the Year 1 team this year. Michelle graduated in 2016 with a bachelor of primary education, specialising in physical education. Over the past four years, Michelle has taught in Rockhampton, Sarina and London where she has enjoyed learning new skills at each school.

Michelle is passionate in teaching all areas of the curriculum and exploring many different teaching strategies. She enjoys making a creative and supportive classroom environment where children can feel safe and can work towards achieving their goals.

Michelle is looking forward to continuing the learning journey with 1R.

Sarah Hills

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Sarah is very excited to join the Year 1 team this year. Sarah has a Bachelor of Education (Primary) and has taught in Brisbane and Central Queensland for the last 11 years. Sarah is committed to the development and achievement of all students at Mango Hill both socially and academically. Sarah joined the Mango Hill family in 2014 teaching Year 1 and is excited to be back. Sarah loves meeting new families and is very excited to work closely with the school community in 2020 to ensure the best possible outcomes for our children.

Erin Stacey

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Jody is excited to join the Year One Team at Mango Hill State School this year after completing 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.

Darlene McColl

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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 role with Kylie Vaughan working 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.

Kylie Vaughan**1VM****kvaug3@eq.edu.au**

Kylie has been a classroom teacher with Education Queensland for over fifteen years and is now recognised by the Department as an Experienced Senior Teacher. After completing her Bachelor of Education (Primary) degree with the Queensland University of Technology, Kylie's experience has been exclusively in the early years, working in Prep to year three classrooms in Brisbane and in Central Queensland. Kylie finds working with young children in their first years of school to be very rewarding and is dedicated to getting the best possible outcomes for the children in her class. She started working at Mango Hill as a foundation staff member and now works in a part time capacity alongside Darlene McColl. Kylie feels a strong connection to the school and the community having watched it grow from the ground up.

Year Two Team

Bethany Brazier**2B****bbraz15@eq.edu.au**

Bethany is looking forward to another year of teaching at Mango Hill State School. She completed her Bachelor of Primary Education with her major studies completed in the areas of Early Childhood. Throughout her years of teaching, Bethany has taught Year 1 and Year 2. The pleasure of seeing the building blocks of learning, develop and grow through quality learning experiences, is truly the essence that makes her career as an educator, so rewarding.

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

Rachel is excited to be beginning her second 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!

Geoff Barnett**2G****gjbar3@eq.edu.au**

Geoff is looking forward to the prospect of bringing more than twenty years of educational development and experience to the Year 2 team in 2020. Graduating from university in Sydney, Geoff has recently moved from NSW with his family and is excited about embarking on the next chapter of his teaching journey. Geoff works hard to ensure that the individual needs of students are met in an innovative and caring way. He believes that creating opportunities for success and students feeling excited about each school day is vital to maximising learning outcomes. A cornerstone of Geoff's philosophy is that collaborative interaction between teachers, students and parents is key to a successful education.

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

Marissa is entering her tenth year of teaching with Education Queensland. This will be her first year at Mango Hill State School and she is excited to be teaching Year 2. Marissa transferred from Narangba Valley State School and she 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.

Natalie Bliesner**2N****nblie1@eq.edu.au**

Natalie is looking forward to teaching Year 2 with the wonderful Year 2 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.

Danielle O'Brien**2O****dxobr0@eq.edu.au**

Danielle is thrilled to be teaching Year 2 again in 2020. This will be her second 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. As well as teaching, Danielle enjoys living a healthy and active lifestyle and has always had a passion for music.

Brooke Pearce**2P****bcupi11@eq.edu.au**

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 Year 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.

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

Rebekah is looking forward to another year of teaching within the outstanding Year 2 team. She completed her Bachelor of Teaching and Bachelor of Education at University of Southern Queensland, with her major studies completed in the areas of Expressive Arts. Throughout her 11 years of teaching, Rebekah has taught across a range of year levels. Rebekah is excited to be working with Year 2 students again in 2020 and seeing them grow over the year in their learning and confidence.

Tanya Skewes**2T****tskew5@eq.edu.au**

Tanya is entering her twelfth 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.

Year Three Team

Jenni Black

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Jenni is excited to be entering her fifth year at Mango Hill State School. During her time at MHSS, Jenni has been fortunate enough to work in both the junior school and the middle school. She has enjoyed watching the same students emerge, develop and thrive over the years. Jenni values the importance of school and home relationships and works to build a positive classroom culture and supportive learning environment. She understands that communication between teachers and families produces trust and respect, and supports student growth and learning.

Tim Gregory

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Tim begins his fourth year as a classroom teacher with Education Queensland and his first with us at Mango Hill S.S. After completing his Bachelor of Education (Primary) degree with the Australian Catholic University in 2016, Tim has worked locally in the North Lakes region teaching Year 2, 3 and 4 classrooms. He is passionate about building respectful, supportive learning environments, both inside and out of the classroom. Tim has four great loves in his life that he absolutely adores; his wife Tori, his two young boys Elia and Charlie, and the Carlton football club.

Kristie Henry

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Kristie is excited to be teaching Year 3 in 2020. Kristie has been teaching since 2000, mostly working in lower school classrooms. Kristie's passion lies in early years and has taught Prep to Year 3 exclusively for the last 14 years. Kristie strives to create and maintain a supportive classroom environment where all students are able to work to the best of their ability. Kristie encourages parents to regularly touch base throughout the year and hopes to create an open and honest line of communication with all families.

Jenna Langman

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Jenna is humbled to be starting her third 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.

Maddison Black

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Maddison is looking forward to her first year of teaching at Mango Hill with Year 3. She has recently graduated from the University of Queensland with a Bachelor of Primary Education in 2019. Maddison has worked in a primary school for the past four years after living overseas for 12 months and is excited to begin her teaching journey. Maddison is committed to building positive relationships with students, their families and her colleagues. She is passionate about creating a learning environment where students feel valued and are challenged to their best ability.

Jamie Pears

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Jamie is excited to be entering her fifth 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.

Rena Roberts

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Rena is looking forward to her third year of teaching Year 3 at Mango Hill State School. This is Rena's sixth year of teaching after having taught for three years in Central Queensland. She completed her Bachelor of Education at Central Queensland University in Rockhampton, where she grew up. Rena is very experienced with the Year 3 curriculum and has a particular interest in mathematics. Rena 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. Rena is proud to have worked with many students with different backgrounds and loves learning more about the cultures in our school community.

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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.

Year Four Team

Steph Curran

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Steph is excited to be entering her third 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 six 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.

Jessica Cutcliffe

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Jessica is thrilled to be continuing her teaching journey at Mango Hill State School as part of the dynamic Year 4 teaching team. Jessica is a qualified Primary educator after graduating from Queensland University of Technology with a Bachelor of Education (Primary). She feels very privileged to have found a school which has the same beliefs as her own. Jessica believes that being a teacher is an incredible career and gives her the ability to help shape the future by creating students who not only enjoy school and learning, but love every aspect of it and strive to achieve more. Jessica's previous teaching experience has given her an exceptional understanding of the development and pedagogy for all year levels. She has developed teaching and learning programs, which have been built and adapted to suit her students' strengths, goals and learning needs. Addressing their cognitive, affective, physical, social and aesthetic needs, creating an environment where they can learn and have fun while they are doing so. Prior to coming to Mango Hill State School, Jessica was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to work at Sheldon College, with Education Queensland on the Sunshine Coast and in Far North Queensland and took up the opportunity to teach in Melbourne in 2015. Jessica is looking forward to working once again with the amazing teaching team at Mango Hill State School who share her love and passion for teaching and knows that 2020 will be filled with lots of love, laughter and learning with many memories that will be cherished.

Suzanne McEvoy

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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.

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 two years on Year 3, 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.

Sharna Reade

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Sharna is excited to begin teaching Year 4 at Mango Hill State School where she will commence her tenth year as a classroom teacher. Since completing a Graduate Diploma in Primary Education with the Queensland University of Technology, Sharna has taught in lower, middle and upper primary. She is passionate about facilitating rich and meaningful learning experiences, encouraging students to become deep thinkers and fostering a love of learning. Sharna is looking forward to building positive relationships with staff, students and families to enable the best possible outcomes for each student.

Morgan Sheehan

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Morgan is looking forward to beginning her first year of teaching at Mango Hill in Year 4. She has recently graduated from a Masters of Teaching (Primary) in 2019, after completing a Bachelor of Fine Arts (Dance) in 2017. Morgan has been working as a dance teacher for seven years and is thrilled to be transitioning her passion for teaching from the dance studio into the classroom. She is very excited to be working in the school community again, after completing a university professional experience at Mango Hill in Year 1. 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.

Megan Goodall

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Megan is thrilled to be joining the team at Mango Hill SS this year. She is in her ninth 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!

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 nine years. 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 seventh year at Mango Hill, Sam is excited to deliver learning experiences that will engage and challenge the students in her class.

Emma Hutton

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Emma is delighted to be teaching Year Five again 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 four 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 third year at Mango Hill in Year 5.

Katie Thomas

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Katie is delighted to be back from Maternity Leave to teach Year 5 at Mango Hill State School in 2020. Katie has taught in and led the Year 5 cohort for four years and is looking forward to returning to the year level part time. Katie and Mrs Kelly Linnane will work closely together to ensure consistency in our approach to creating a safe and supportive learning environment. One of Katie's teaching aims is to maintain a strong focus on quality learning by creating a culture in which all students are expected to learn successfully in their own ways and at their own pace.

Kelly Linnane

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Kelly is excited to return to Mango Hill State School after Maternity Leave. This will be Kelly's ninth year of teaching and third year at Mango Hill. As a teacher, Kelly strives to create a supportive learning environment where all children are happy, engaged and challenged at an optimal level for them. Kelly feels it is important to foster self-confidence, cooperative skills and continue the journey towards independence. Kelly's aim is to create an environment where children are active learners and will strive to do their best. Kelly believes learning is a lifelong practice and education is about building the skills and mindset that children need to be able to access whatever opportunities may come their way throughout the course of their lives.

Lee Peno**5L****lpeno1@eq.edu.au**

Lee is excited to be teaching Year Five this year as she enters into her sixth year at Mango Hill. She has over fifteen years of experience with the department as a classroom teacher having taught all year levels and also as a Gifted and Talented Coordinator and Technology, Music and HPE specialist. Lee is passionate about teaching the range of learners in her class, delivering a variety of learning experiences based on the multiple intelligences, which excite and engage the students. She is committed to providing all of whom she has the fortune to teach an innovative, engaging and challenging curriculum. Lee prides herself on her ability to teach the whole child, build relationships with her students and families and promote a positive and supportive learning environment.

Pam Penrose**5P****ppenr1@eq.edu.au**

Pam is thrilled to be teaching Year 5, for her third 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 19 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.

Danielle Stacey**5S****dmsta0@eq.edu.au**

Danielle is thrilled to be teaching Year 5 this year at Mango Hill State School. After three years with Year 6, she is excited to be with a new team of teachers and engage with new students and their families. Danielle enjoys building a positive and supportive classroom environment and is excited to create engaging and challenging lessons to help her students achieve their potential. Danielle enjoys teaching the upper year levels and finds it very rewarding, as she loves seeing her students thrive and develop lifelong skills.

Stevie-Lee Vos**5V****sxsta5@eq.edu.au**

Stevie-lee is excited to be teaching Year 5 again this year at Mango Hill State School. After completing a Bachelor of Education at Sunshine Coast University, she taught in a small community in Central Queensland for three years. Stevie-lee has 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.

Joel White**5W****jawhi4@eq.edu.au**

Joel White is looking forward to teaching Year 5 at Mango Hill State School in 2020. He has been an educator for almost 20 years working in various roles across city-suburban and outback rural schools. He has taught all primary year levels, in team teaching, multi-grade and single grade class scenarios, as well as being a teaching principal, P.E teacher and middle management Primary Sports Coordinator. As an educator, he is passionate about creating a positive, differentiated learning environment with learning experiences to equip all students with the social, emotional and academic skills and knowledge needed to have lifelong success.

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 sixth year at the school and her fourth 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.

Elyse Towle

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Elyse is excited to be back at Mango Hill SS teaching Year 6 again. After taking a year off classroom teaching to travel, she is motivated to get back into the classroom and inspire students to dream big. This will be Elyse's 8th year teaching, having started in NSW before moving to QLD mid-2013. She has taught all year levels from Prep to Year 8 and feels confident in preparing students for their high school transition. Elyse is very active outside of the classroom enjoying playing soccer, touch, running, boot camps and hiking. She believes that students should not only grow academically but athletically, socially and emotionally as well. Elyse is looking forward to a terrific 2020.

Katrina Duffey

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Katrina is delighted to be teaching Year 6 again in 2019. She is a Foundation Staff Member who has been an integral contributor within 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 of 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.

Hannah Benzie

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Hannah is looking forward to working with Year 6 again this year, in her second year at Mango Hill State School, 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 in their Year 6 journey towards high school. In her downtime, Hannah enjoys spending time with her family and friends, reading and just chilling out!

Kira Balaam

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Kira is excited to be teaching Year 6 again in 2020, her 5th year here at Mango Hill State School. 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.

Steph O’Gorman

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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 6 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.

David Vlieg

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David is excited to be teaching Year 6 in 2020. He is a foundation staff member and has enjoyed teaching at this wonderful school since 2012. David 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

Cassie Stewart

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Cassie is very excited to be joining the Inclusive Learning team 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.

Sarah Watson

Years 1-2

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Sarah has been part of the Inclusive learning Team at Mango Hill SS for three years and is looking forward to continuing in this role this year. She has experience teaching across all primary ages and has made the junior year levels her specialty. Sarah has strengths in breaking down concepts into teachable chunks and providing engaging learning activities. This year she is looking forward to boosting children’s academic progress with creative use of IT and clear sequences of learning. 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 mountain-biking and gardening

Kara Rufford

Years 1-2

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Kara joined the Mango Hill team in 2019. Kara has worked at various schools across different sectors since graduating from the Central Queensland University mid-2018 with a Master of Teaching (Primary). This year Kara is working with the Year 1 and 2 cohorts as an Inclusive Learning Teacher. In this role, Kara ensures that all students receive the support they need to belong to the school community, engage purposely in learning and experience academic success. Kara is passionate about teaching and working with children. In particular, influencing students’ lives and making a positive impact on society. She is looking forward to learning more about your child/ren in 2020 and working in partnership with you to support their needs to achieve success.

Kerrie-Ann Wood

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Kerrie-Ann is an Experienced Senior Teacher who is excited to be entering her fifth year at Mango Hill SS. She completed her Bachelor of Education majoring in Early Childhood and has taught extensively in Prep - Year 4. With 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.

Angela Ray

Years 3-4

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Angela is pleased to be entering her fourth year at Mango Hill State School working with years 3 and 4 for 2020. 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 with reasonable adjustments for students to access, participate and fully engage in the curriculum along with their similar aged peers.

Lisa Davey

Years 5-6

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Lisa joined the Mango Hill team in 2017 and she is so excited to be working again with the amazing Year 5 and 6 teams in 2020. In her twenty years working in education, Lisa has enjoyed working with students from pre-Prep (in Early Childhood intervention), through the primary school years and up to Year 12. Having been a classroom teacher as well as working in support, Lisa feels she really understands the complex and sometimes challenging experiences students encounter. She is passionate about equity in education and addressing social/emotional as well as academic needs for each individual. As an Inclusive Learning Teacher Lisa works closely with families, students and class teachers to ensure the most productive and supportive learning environment possible.

Kelly Koch

Years 5-6

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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.

Peta Fishburn

Engagement Teacher

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Peta is enthusiastic about working as the Engagement Teacher in 2020 at Mango Hill SS. With over 15 years of experience as class teacher, and sector support roles in schools, Peta is keen to use her knowledge and experience to support both staff and students in this new role. She is committed to support students to be engaged in their academic and social learning.

Ellie Goodwin

Guidance Officer

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Ellie is excited to join Mango Hill SS this year as the Guidance Officer. She has worked in Guidance with Education Queensland, most recently at Murrumba SSC and prior to this with an international school in China. She has a commitment to supporting connectedness, inclusion and positive relationships for our young people and is fortunate to be a part of a larger network of teachers, Guidance Officers, support staff and outside agencies that work together to foster a sense of belonging and success for families and young people. Ellie enjoys running, camping and all types of travel and looks forward to getting to know the Mango Hill SS community in 2020.

Ann Stewart

EAL/D Teacher



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 two adorable grandchildren with three more on the way in 2020.

Specialists Teachers

Michelle Burris

STEM Teacher

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Michelle is excited to be teaching STEM again this year. With 23 years teaching experience, Michelle is still avid about learning and hope to provide experiences that 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. This year Michelle is excited to promote creative thinking in the classroom, asking students to be innovative, imaginative and collaborative.

Jessica Rivett

STEM Teacher

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Jessica is excited to be entering her fifth 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 in her classes.

Ben Mills

STEM Teacher

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Ben was a classroom teacher at Mango Hill State School between 2016 and 2018, teaching Years 5 and 6. In 2019, he moved into the role of HOC (Maths/STEM) and STEM teacher. He enjoys working with a range of students, focussing on the teaching and learning in Maths and STEM. Ben is passionate about providing learning opportunities for students that are engaging and challenge students to think 'outside the box'.

Simon Jockel

STEM Teacher

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Simon graduated from QUT with a Grad Dip in Education (Middle Years) in 2007. He joined Mango Hill State School in Term 1 2020 and since then has been working with the STEM team in years Prep, 3 and 6. Simon has had 12 years of teaching mostly in upper primary but has had a broad range of experience across all age groups. He is passionate about delivering lessons to students that engage their interest and make the content relevant to their everyday lives. Simon works hard to ensure all students have the opportunity to learn and do their best. He is proud to be part of the professional teaching staff and thriving school community at Mango Hill State School.

Kristin Roberts**STEM Teacher****krobe408@eq.edu.au**

Kristen is a 2019 Graduate who is joining our Mango Hill State School STEM team in 2020. Kristen completed her Bachelor of Education at Queensland University of Technology and is very passionate about Science, Technology and Mathematics. Over the last four years, Kristen has completed an exchange program in Canada where she spent time at the BioGeo Science Institute focusing on science, research and education in the Canadian Rockies. Additionally, Kristen spent time at the Open Minds Zoo School in Calgary where she engaged students in environmental issues and the importance of conservation and taking action. Kristen is beyond excited to create hands on, creative and engaging lessons that foster curiosity and encourage students to explore and ask questions about the ever-changing world we live in

Anita Fitzpartick**STEM Teacher****axfit2@eq.edu.au**

Anita is delighted to be joining the teaching team at Mango Hill State School in 2020. She has been teaching for six years in both the state and private systems. She studied a Bachelor of Education degree at QUT Kelvin Grove. Her first teaching positions were at Taigum State School and Mareeba State School teaching lower primary. Anita has spent her most recent years at Sheldon College teaching Year 2. She is passionate about using digital technologies in the classroom as a tool to enhance learning experiences and excite the students. ICTs are a fantastic tool to provide students with open-ended opportunities and allow everyone to have success. As a teacher, she believes that every student should feel safe, happy and engaged in their learning environment.

Kelly Koch**STEM Teacher****kkoch4@eq.edu.au**

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 four 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 six years. Her teaching career has been primarily in Years 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.

Theresa Verster**STEM Teacher****txver0@eq.edu.au**

Theresa thoroughly enjoyed stepping into the new role of STEM teacher in 2019 and is excited to be part of the STEM team again in 2020. 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 is enthusiastic to start 2020 and looks forward to meeting you all next year.

Shona McEvoy**Italian 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 18 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.

Connie Lammertsma**Italian Teacher**

Connie is anticipating 2020 with enthusiasm as she joins the Mango Hill State School team as a teacher of the Italian language. 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.

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

Nick will be teaching PE at MHSS for his 7th year in 2020. 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 eight years teaching experience in physical education, previously teaching at the indigenous school of Woorabinda in Central QLD for three years before calling Mango Hill home. Nick is excited to continue coordinating the sporting opportunities for students at MHSS, which include PE lessons, Cross Countries, Athletics Days, Swimming Carnivals, Gala Days, and Sporting Schools Programs.

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

Tyson is excited to be staying on at Mango Hill SS in 2020. 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 seven 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 all students.

Glenda Kostoglou**Performing Arts 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 be joining the Mango Hill team in 2020 teaching Music. She has over 20 years teaching experience and has taught in a variety of roles including eight years in London, four years in Melbourne and the last three years as the music teacher for Dayboro State School. 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**The Arts Teacher****Clmor0@eq.edu.au**

Claire started teaching Music at Mango Hill State School in 2019 and is excited to be continuing in the Arts subjects in 2020. 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.

Erin Stacey**Release Teacher****estac12@eq.edu.au**

Erin is excited to be teaching at Mango Hill State School as a Release Teacher. This year will mark her 8th year teaching at Mango Hill, as she is a foundation staff member. She completed her Bachelor of Early Childhood at QUT in 2009 and has 11 years teaching experience. Throughout her teaching career, Erin has taught across a range of year levels as well as taking on a PE role. She enjoys building a positive classroom culture and a safe and supportive learning environment. As a mother of two children herself, she understands the important role of relationship building between herself and families. Erin sets her goal to ensure all students achieve to their full potential and this is done through great relationships with her students and their families

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 during this time 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. For the past 12 years Malcolm has worked in the Bramble Bay cluster of schools and has been based at Bracken Ridge SHS. 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". Malcolm likes to spend his time with his wife and two daughters. 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. Alena has a wide range of orchestral experience including the Sydney Sinfonietta, Wesley International Chamber Orchestra, East-West Philharmonic Orchestra and ICEJ International Orchestra in Jerusalem. When not at work she enjoys gardening, reading and traveling. She likes to spend her spare time with her husband and two children. Her daughter is playing violin and alto saxophone and her son is learning piano and clarinet.