



HURLSTONE

AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

It is such an honour to have been chosen to lead Hurlstone Agricultural High School as your Principal. As an educational leader I am motivated by genuine interest, care and commitment in the development of young people, and in building an environment where quality teaching and learning are paramount and student outcomes are maximised, ensuring student wellbeing and personal achievement is at the heart of every decision that is made.

During my educational journey from a classroom teacher to Deputy Principal, Boarding at Hurlstone Agricultural High School, including time spent as relieving Principal, I have facilitated reviews and remodelling of many systems across three selective school environments and differentiated the opportunities in each of these schools in order to maximise the learning potential for our gifted and talented learners. As an expert practitioner of successful programs specialising in gifted and talented education I have been sought out for keynote speaking and presenting evidence of student success to colleagues across the DoE in, ACARA, Technology Educators Association and leading Art and Technology facilities in NSW and QLD.

In 2011 my leadership capabilities were recognised by my then Principal at St George Girls High School, and I was awarded the Sydney Region Award for Excellent Service to Public Education in the area of leadership and following that honour I was awarded the Director General's Award for Excellent Service to Public Education in leading educational communities. In 2015 I was awarded a Principals' celebration certificate in recognition of outstanding resilience, growth, success and impact in supporting the school's vision exemplified through leadership of HAHS's Boarding School. I believe that one of my greatest strengths lies in my ability to build positive relationships crucial to the role of the Principal.

I am looking forward to creating strong and effective partnerships within our community. Please find attached a copy of our school plan 2018 – 2020. Later this afternoon we will send a newsletter.

Kind regards,

Christine Castle
Principal

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Deputy Principal, Ann Young

I have worked at HAHS as teacher, HT English and am now deputy principal. I know that my experience and understanding of our context will support our school and students to continue achieving great things.

I am passionate about reading and writing. I also know that they are the means to improve personal and community education. That is why I became an English teacher. In my 25 years of teaching, I have always encouraged my students to view literacy as the means to unlock their potential to understand and engage with a range of ideas across many disciplines. I am always happy to hear what our students think and to support them to reach for success beyond an HSC or ATAR. I want them to become well informed young Australians who are not afraid to question and challenge entrenched ways of thinking for the empowerment of others.

In my down time, I read (of course), write, bicycle, and enjoy classical music concerts, theatre and travel. All these pursuits help me to engage with ideas which enrich my knowledge to better enable me to encourage creative thinking in our young people. I love my job and I am looking forward to working with Christine and all members of our community.

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Deputy Principal Relieving, Sailash Krishan

I welcome the opportunity to introduce myself to the Hurlstone community.

Letting you know that the last 6 months I have spent relieving in the capacity of Deputy Principal for both boarding school and day school operations has been a wonderful journey for me. Being an ex-boarder myself, I understand the experiences your child is going through and am able to empathise with them.

Please take time to remind your children that it is imperative they understand that we here at Hurlstone are like a small family and that we need to take care of one another. We want to foster an appreciation of the opportunities your children have at their disposal, respecting and valuing each other's property, and while doing so, having fun, making lifelong friends, completing their education successfully and growing into fine young individuals.

I am renowned for my organisational and administrative skills, in strategic planning in the area of professional development and in the invaluable area of relationships with staff, students and the community.

I am a passionate educator who firmly believes in affording all students a positive, supportive and encouraging learning environment to ensure success. I have gained a reputation as a fair and effective communicator, engaging the support of students, staff, parents and the community in the creation of positive learning relationships that meet the needs of individual learners.

Furthermore, together with Ms Castle and the senior executives, we will endeavour to relay messages back and forth where necessary to keep you updated on events surrounding our Hurlstone boarder and day school community.

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Deputy Principal Relieving, Mai Ni Pham

Although once an aspiring lawyer, interior designer, business development manager and other work detours, I know I am in one of the most amazing professions where no two days are the same. In short, I do not suffer from boredom. Two years ago, I returned to Sydney to lead the HSIE faculty at Hurlstone Agricultural High School. While I miss the rural regional lifestyle, every day here at Hurlstone provides a strong link to the country and reminds me of the wonderful opportunities teaching offers. For instance, the chance to collaborate with teachers and parents to develop students to be creative and critical contributors to society. I also get to hear the delightful squeals of pigs and the moos of cattle punctuated in my lessons.

Whether as the Head of a faculty or as the relieving Deputy Principal, I love to learn about the past, present and future and imagine endless possibilities. I believe families that encourage students to pursue their dreams and take unconventional paths will discover the biggest rewards in education and life. As I learn about myself and my impact as an educator, I am privileged to share this journey with so many like-minded colleagues.

Kind regards,

Mai Ni Pham

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