

## Vale Lynne Goodwin

25 April 1948 – 16 January 2017

Principal, Arthur Phillip High School (1997 – January 2017)

*Editor's note: If you'd like to read Lynne's obituary from the Sydney Morning Herald please [click here](#).*

Lynne Goodwin lost her battle with cancer on the 16th January 2017. Lynne had been on extended sick leave since her initial diagnosis in mid Feb 2016. Prior to that confronting diagnosis Lynne was rarely sick and had a limitless amount of energy and drive.



It was wonderful to see so many friends and public education colleagues at the celebration of her life and achievements on the 23rd January 2017. She would have been thrilled to know that former DG Dr Ken Boston and former Assistant DG Dr Lesley Lynch attended. Lynne worked closely with both of them in the mid-1990s on quite a variety secondary education initiatives before her appointment as Principal at Arthur Phillip High School in 1997.

Lynne's passions for public education and for creating opportunities for success for disadvantaged and vulnerable young Australians were very infectious. Her many friends and colleagues will remember lively discussions about integrating technology in learning, support programs for refugee students and different ways schools could enhance HSC results for those same students seeking access to university. Her ready wit and sharp detection apparatus for political and bureaucratic double speak entertained her colleagues and friends at Professional Learning days, in the SPC Technology in Learning Reference Group, at SPC conferences and meetings and in friendship groups.

Some of us were fortunate over the years to have travelled with her to Canada, to New York, San Francisco or to the UK so we could witness first hand and benefit from Lynne's passion for shopping and locating great bargains.

In 2019 Arthur Phillip will become a showcase School of the Future for the NSW Department of Education and for the NSW Government. The 14 storey skyscraper is currently being built on part of the APHS site right in the heart of downtown Parramatta. Lynne was so excited about the prospect of leading such a showcase futuristic school in our public system but sadly she will not have that opportunity. Lynne spoke of a high rise solution for APHS over ten years ago so it took a while for the government planners to catch up.

We have all lost a dynamic friend and colleague but her influences are everywhere at APHS and in the schools and teachers she has influenced by her willingness to share ideas about best practice in teaching and learning and technology over the last twenty years.

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