

I graduated from the Tasmanian Conservatorium of Music in 1996 (B.Mus.Ed (Hons) + A.Mus.A 1992) & have since been employed as a Music Specialist Teacher in various primary schools around Hobart. I have also taught piano from beginner - A.Mus.A level for 27 years. In 2000, I participated in an Australia-Korea Teacher Exchange Program with the Asia Education Foundation & in 2007 received a National Award for Excellence in School Music Education (the Award's inaugural year) & used the scholarship attached to attend the International Summer Course at the Orff Institut in Salzburg—two of my career highlights. I have been conductor/director of the Combined Primary Schools Concert Choir (involving southern Tasmanian schools) for the past four years. I am an active member of the Tasmanian Orff Schulwerk Association (T.O.S.A) & have presented locally many times. My passion is working with Choirs & Marimba groups.

In 2015 I published my first book - *Join in the Fun* - which includes pieces for students from Prep/Foundation - Year 7/8. Several of the pieces contained in this book have been used in Hobart's annual Marimba Mania - a Marimba/Xylophone festival which involves approximately twenty schools from around Hobart coming together to perform - all of which have been very well received.

In 2016 I was invited to become part of a team writing resources for the TSO's Education program incorporating their schools concert series. I have been involved in three projects to date.

