

Statement of support for James Parker

James Parker worked with our cluster of schools as the Artist in Residence during 2005. Throughout this experience, I was impressed by James ability to engage and enthuse the students and to bring out the "artist within" each child. James ran workshops for staff and a broad range of students from Reception to year Seven in each of the cluster schools. He also worked extensively with a student management group, which was representative of each of the schools involved. To witness the learning journey that James took these students on was inspiring and deepened my appreciation for not only his artistic talents, but also his ability to facilitate, guide, teach and challenge the worldviews of the students. James used multi sensory approaches to engage their hearts and minds as they explored a range of arts medium and began to look at the world through an "arts lens", something that was entirely new to them. James introduced the students to a vocabulary that enabled them to more aptly describe what they were seeing, experiencing and wondering about.

James was highly regarded by the students. They appreciate his warmth, sense of humour and fun and his deep commitment to arts education.

We were extremely fortunate to have worked with James and the lives of all those who shared time with him have been enriched as a result of this experience.

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