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Ipswich Teacher Aide Awarded Grant on Teacher Aide Day

Leanne Wheeler a teacher aide at Ipswich East State School was today awarded a \$1000 grant for professional development in recognition of the support she provides to teachers and students.

Mrs Wheeler was one of 33 teacher aides across the state awarded Professional Learning Grants for Teacher Aides to recognise their outstanding work.

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan MP said Teacher Aide Day was an ideal time to acknowledge our most talented teacher aides by providing professional development grants of up to \$1000.

Ms Nolan congratulated Mrs Wheeler for her involvement in a variety of school activities ranging from tutoring students who have English as a second language to making costumes and props for school musicals.

“Mrs Wheeler will use the grant to undertake a Certificate IV in Education Support,” Ms Nolan said.

“Teacher aides provide an invaluable service to the school by easing teachers’ workloads and providing personal support to students, particularly those with special needs.

“There are about 13 000 teacher aides currently working in state schools who perform a variety of tasks from providing administrative support to coordinating work placement programs,” she said.

Professional Learning Grants for Teacher Aides are part of the New Professionalism program.