

Karen Warren

2017 Education Assistant of the Year

After working in banking for 21 years and being confronted by 3 armed hold-ups in 6 months, Karen decided to revisit her childhood dream of working in education. Her personal circumstances meant that teaching wasn't an option, so she enrolled at TAFE and went on to become a Special Needs Education Assistant, where she has become a strong advocate of students with additional learning needs and works tirelessly to implement strategies and programs to help them succeed. While never far from the classroom, as an EA team leader and learning support coordinator, Karen works closely with students and teachers to deliver individual learning programs, mentors her peers and provides professional learning to staff. She won the 2017 Education Assistant of the Year award for the development of the STRIVE program and her varied roles across her school.