

Testimonial for David Lindsay and Rowena Bragg  
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As International Baccalaureate Diploma Coordinator at St Paul's Grammar School, one of the oldest, largest and most experienced International Baccalaureate schools in Australia it was my privilege to work with Rowena Bragg and David Lindsay. Rowena was International Baccalaureate Creativity, Action and Service (CAS) Coordinator and David was the Head of Senior School up until the end of 2010.

Together David and Rowena developed and built the concept of service learning from a theory to an every-day practical part of the St Paul's Grammar School Community. Part of this involved the development of a project that entirely supported a school of nearly three hundred students in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (paying for staff wages, student food, clothing and classrooms). This project was directly linked to activities within the St Paul's School community that enabled it to become a deep part of student learning and leadership. This was a truly inspirational project. This project and its many outcomes was reported internationally in the International Baccalaureate publication, *IB World*, May 2010, also available online at <http://www.ibo.org/ibworld/may2010/powerofthree.cfm> accessed April 19, 2011.

David and Rowena led trips to Tanzania annually for senior St Paul's students for several years that allowed these students to personally experience aid work in Africa in what has become a defining part of many of their lives, inspiring them to future career paths that seek to allow them to use their gifts and opportunities to help those with less opportunity. These trips were meticulously organised to provide a balance between aid work and the opportunity to enjoy some of Tanzania's natural beauty as well as the opportunity to sensitively share in experiences of Africa's more recent dark past as it emerges from the impact of European colonialism.

David and Rowena have a deep personal commitment to a philosophy that working with young people can and does make a positive difference in today's world. This has been demonstrated not only through many physical achievements, but through the testimony of the many who have journeyed with them.

I strongly commend David and Rowena to those who wish to have such experiences developed in their own communities.



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