

David Harris M.P.

David Harris was born in Greenacre, in 1966 but his parents have since moved to the Central Coast.

Having missed the opportunity to take the test for P.E. teachers intake, David trained as a Primary School teacher, teaching at Woy Woy High for his induction year, as a reading support teacher, and then transferring to Primary education with an emphasis on literacy.



David was then offered a post at Griffith Public school, which was a permanent post. However, initially there was no pay, and the school had no air conditioning, a shock to someone straight from the cooler Coast!

At this, then challenging school, David learnt the hard way about diversion therapy, and helping student to leave their home issues behind during school.

After a trip to the UK, David was asked to take up the Teacher in charge post at Merriwagga, north of Griffith.

As Teacher in Charge, David only had a secretary, Janet, whose job included clearing the playground of snakes before morning break!

After 4 years David moved to Hilston School as Principal, where he met his wife Sherelle. David and his family then moved to Dooralong on the Central Coast. David moved from this small school, to several larger schools before finally becoming Principal at Kariong Public School.

David then decided to go into politics, and represented Wyong for four years, being ousted in 2011. David then went back to teaching at Point Clare as the new Principal, standing again and being elected in 2015.

David's career has given him sharp insight to the needs of students from challenging backgrounds. David is an ambassador for Top Blokes, a social intervention programme in schools and clubs, and which Terrigal Rotary Club particularly supports.

David is a patrol member at Soldiers Beach SLC.