

FOR A SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION
TO THE EDUCATION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

AN EDUCATION AWARD

Dragica Sinikoski came to Australia from Macedonia when she was 9. At the time her parents thought the pinnacle for a woman was to be a secretary. Dragica however had different ideas.

She is now the TAFE OUTREACH Co-ordinator at St. George College in Kogarah, where she has been teaching for 25 years, running WORK OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN (WOW) classes, which offer training in a supportive women-only environment, innovative pilot programmes such as WOMEN IN ENGINEERING, WOMEN IN BUILDING and WORK WISE WOMEN (Information Technology); she is currently working to get girls interested in Electrical Trades.

Many disadvantaged women come to OUTREACH and Dragica has opened their eyes to new possibilities. The confidence they get from encountering an empowering leader like Dragica is life-changing.

Although *not* a secretary, Dragica Sinikoski's parents would be proud to see her today – a strong working mother and grandmother who makes a real feminist difference in her community.



DRAGICA SINIKOSKI

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