



JOHN TONKIN COLLEGE
EDUCATION SUPPORT CENTRE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am pleased to be able to recommend Tim Keevil as a resident artist working with young adults with special needs. Tim was contracted to John Tonkin College ESC as a resident artist from mid July to the end of October 2017 to work with our art students to create a collective sculpture from recycled materials. I was the teacher in charge of the project.

Throughout the project Tim conducted himself in a professional manner. He maintained effective lines of communication between the relevant stakeholders and ensured all parties were aware of what was needed and expected. He was able to use the initial discussions with the teacher to create a workable plan that was within the school requirements and budget. The project was quite large and challenging, however, Tim ensured our deadlines were met and we achieved our goal within the given timeframe.

I was impressed by the way Tim quickly developed a rapport with all the students and attended to each one based on their individual needs. He ensured that each student had hands on participation for each session that suited their individual needs and ability level. They were engaged with every aspect of the process, from initial research to installing the sculpture on the beach at Rockingham. He even found a way to engage our non sighted student with the project. Within the parameters of the project, Tim made sure the students had creative control while using his artistic expertise and quiet, but engaging presence to help them make their ideas become reality.

The project was a huge success, educationally and socially for our students. I have no hesitation in recommending Tim for work of this nature. His experience and knowledge about creating large scale sculptures and his ability to engage young adults with special needs was fundamental to the outstanding success of the project.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Laura Tolomei'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Laura' being more prominent than the last name 'Tolomei'.

Laura Tolomei
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