

Success Story

Ponciano A—St. Justin's Catholic Primary School

Ponciano is one of the happiest participants you'll ever come across with. With his light demeanour and easy smile, it is not hard to pick what Ponciano likes doing: he likes to be around kids, and to be more specific, he would like to teach arts to kids. Ponciano is an accomplished artist himself but since his migration to Australia in the 1990's, he had to sacrifice his love for arts in favour of getting a paid job in order to survive. Not easy for someone with polio, whose fondest memory as a grade school kid was being carried over the back of his brother's shoulder in order to get to school.

With a background in Literacy Support and Library work, we were able to find a suitable place for Ponciano to work. At St. Justin's Catholic Primary School, he found his place in the sun together with the smiles of kids surrounding him. He has become a "star" attraction since riding his BMW (actually his scooter, but this is how he calls it) in the school sometime March 2015 and was actually offered the job on his birthday!

He is now very active in the library and you can find some of his art (of course together with the kids) displayed in the library. And what else, he teaches arts very well!

