



## Government Teachers Awarded Top Marks

NEiTA (National Excellence in Teaching Awards) and the Australian Scholarships Group have announced the names of the 60 Australian teachers to receive NEiTA 2009 ASG Inspirational Teaching State and Territory Awards. Of these 60 teachers, 80 per cent teach within government early childhood centres or schools, 12 per cent within independent, and eight per cent teach within Catholic education environments.

NEiTA's Chairman, Mr Terry O'Connell congratulated all the award recipients who were nominated for the awards by the real consumers of education – parents, schools and early childhood communities.

"These teachers have made a vital contribution to their communities through their teaching. They often give much of their personal time to help ensure their students receive every opportunity to experience the gift of learning and knowledge in stimulating and welcoming environments," Mr O'Connell said.

"Of particular note in this year's awards, is the high level of teachers from government education settings who have received recognition through the awards. Increasingly, governments are acknowledging the importance of a quality education to Australia's children and the nation as a whole. Inspirational teachers play a key role in a child's learning and are receiving their rightful recognition.

"The NEiTA teaching awards program offers communities a way of showing their heart-felt thanks and appreciation for those special teachers who make a profound impact on their students, parents, wider communities, and their profession," Mr O'Connell explained.

Of the 60 NEiTA ASG Inspirational Teaching State and Territory Award recipients, 10 teach in early childhood, 30 in primary, and 20 in secondary school education. This year, 33 per cent of the award recipients are school principals or early education centre directors, while 67 per cent are teachers. In addition, the recipients' teaching experience spans between two and 47 years.

The breakdown by state, includes:

- ❑ Australian Capital Territory – two teachers (one - early childhood; one – primary; and both from government education environments)
- ❑ New South Wales – 14 teachers (one – early childhood; eight – primary; five – secondary; and 10 – government; two – Catholic; two – independent)
- ❑ Northern Territory – two teachers (one – early childhood; one – primary; and both from government education environments)
- ❑ Queensland – 13 teachers (two – early childhood; eight – primary; three – secondary; and 11 – government; one – Catholic; one – independent)
- ❑ South Australia – six teachers (one – early childhood; two – primary; three – secondary; and five from government and one from independent education environments)
- ❑ Tasmania – three teachers (one – early childhood; one – primary; one – secondary; and all from government education environments)
- ❑ Victoria – 12 teachers (two – early childhood; six – primary; four – secondary; and 10 – government; two – independent education environments)
- ❑ Western Australia – eight teachers (one – early childhood; three – primary; four – secondary; and 10 – government; two – Catholic; two – independent education environments)

(Please note: A list of the teachers recognised through NEiTA's 2009 ASG Inspirational Teaching State and Territory Awards is below. Further information, including individual profiles for each teacher can be found at: [www.neita.com/2009STAWards.htm](http://www.neita.com/2009STAWards.htm))

The awards showcase the diversity of Australia's teaching profession. Examples of the inspirational teachers' work includes: taking their students and subjects into the wider community, participating in special education and community events, assisting those with special needs, contributing to their students' understanding of their communities and the environment, re-engaging students, presenting real life learning experiences in the classroom, and connecting students to technological learning experiences.

"Teachers are among a child's most important role models, second only to a child's parents, so recognising and rewarding our most effective teachers is crucial," Mr O'Connell said.

The NEiTA teaching awards program was established in 1994. It has helped pioneer teacher recognition and appreciation. This year, NEiTA received more than 1200 nominations for teachers across Australia.

Events to present the NEiTA 2009 ASG Inspirational Teaching State and Territory Award recipients with their certificates and award plaques will be held in the teachers' local communities. *(Please contact the NEiTA Secretariat for more details by phone on (03) 9276 7768 or 1800 624 487 or by email: [neita@asg.com.au](mailto:neita@asg.com.au))*

The NEiTA 2009 ASG Inspirational Teaching State and Territory Award recipients will now be eligible to progress through to the next phase of the awards at the national level. Selected from the NEiTA ASG Inspirational Teaching State and Territory Awards recipients, 10 teachers will receive National Awards commemorated with a specially crafted NEiTA crystal apple award and a professional or project development grant of \$5,000. National Awards will be granted across three categories: Leadership and Development, Innovation, and Community Engagement. One National awardee will be selected as Australia's Inspirational Teacher to participate in the International Space Camp held in Alabama, USA, in July 2010.

### NEiTA 2009 ASG Inspirational Teaching State and Territory Awards Recipients

<b>Australian Capital Territory</b>					
State	Postcode	School	Teacher	Principal/Director	School Phone
ACT	2540	Jervis Bay Preschool, Jervis Bay	Vicki Fortescue	Robert Pastor	02 44421002
ACT	2913	Palmerston District Primary School, Palmerston	Tricia Meier	Melissa Travers	02 62057241
<b>New South Wales</b>					
State	Postcode	School	Teacher	Principal/Director	School Phone
NSW	2093	Balgowlah North Public School, North Balgowlah	Sarah Daley	Vicki Treble	02 99494499
NSW	2093	Balgowlah North Public School, North Balgowlah	Vicki Treble	Vicki Treble	02 99494499
NSW	2100	Oxford Falls Grammar School, Oxford Falls	Brad Fuller	Gabi Korocz	02 89780500
NSW	2110	Marist Sisters' College, Woolwich	Emma Marshall	Sr Fidelis McTeigue	02 98162041
NSW	2230	Cronulla Public School, Cronulla	Diane Yates	Peter Banks	02 95235098
NSW	2250	Gosford High School, Gosford	Dr Mark Butler	Lynne Searle	02 43252048
NSW	2290	Callaghan College - Wallsend Campus, Wallsend	Bree Harvey	Paul Tracey	02 49511811
NSW	2298	Callaghan College - Waratah Technology Campus, Waratah	Peter Jones	Dana Fuller	02 49681939
NSW	2340	Westdale Public School, Tamworth	Sarah Briggs	Karen Doyle	02 67607219
NSW	2619	Jerrabomberra Public School, Jerrabomberra	Susan Goodwin	Chris Hunter	02 62998860
NSW	2623	Captains Flat Public School, Captains Flat	Peter Cox	Peter Cox	02 62366253
NSW	2760	Lifestart Nepean, St Marys	Carolyn Galbraith	Deb Emelhain	02 96232100
NSW	2790	Zig Zag Public School, Lithgow	Vicki O'Rourke	Vicki O'Rourke	02 63512352
NSW	2865	St Josephs Primary School, Manildra	Jocelyn Farr	Jocelyn Farr	02 63645177
<b>Northern Territory</b>					
State	Postcode	School	Teacher	Principal/Director	School Phone
NT	0831	Bakewell Primary School, Palmerston	Gabriella James	June Wessels	08 89310487
NT	0831	Karama Primary School, Sanderson	Jane McQueen	Margaret Fenbury	08 89203600

<b>Queensland</b>					
State	Postcode	School	Teacher	Principal/Director	School Phone
QLD	4011	Eagle Junction State School, Clayfield	Anne-Louise Gilbert	Ken Falvey	07 37371111
QLD	4061	Runcorn State School, Sunnybank South	Rita Mechielsen	Greg Gosling	07 33238777
QLD	4105	Moorooka State School, Moorooka	Jennifer Lukowski	Lyn Jokic	07 34265333
QLD	4127	Springwood Community Kindergarten, Springwood	Sue Southey	Sue Southey	07 32086987
QLD	4132	St Francis College, Crestmead	Toni Waters	Mark Fogarty	07 34894800
QLD	4213	Clover Hill State School, Mudgeeraba	Regan Gant	Gayle Alessio	07 55594111
QLD	4221	Elanora State High School, Elanora	Debra Harrison	Fran Jones	07 55339299
QLD	4341	Laidley District State School, Laidley	Brad McLennan	Dan Nielsen	07 54668222
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QLD	4356	Pittsworth State High School, Pittsworth	Kristy Thomson	Tony Kennedy	07 46198111
QLD	4551	Caloundra State High School, Caloundra	Helen Anderson	Peter Kelly	07 54368444
QLD	4740	Beaconsfield State School, Beaconsfield	Paul Richardson	Paul Richardson	07 49692222
QLD	4886	Millaa Millaa State School, Millaa Millaa	Stephen Fresta	Stephen Fresta	07 40972167
<b>South Australia</b>					
State	Postcode	School	Teacher	Principal/Director	School Phone
SA	5064	Seymour College, Glen Osmond	Ann Murray	Belinda Provis	08 83039000
SA	5127	Keithcot Farm School, Wynn Vale	Stephen Measday	Stephen Measday	08 82891133
SA	5161	Reynella East Pre School, Reynella East (Currently teaching at Chandlers Hill Kindergarten, Happy Valley)	Gordon Combes	Gordon Combes	08 83817493
SA	5169	Seaford 6-12 School, Seaford	Jeff Mogg	Mary Asikas	08 83272222
SA	5277	Penola High School, Penola	Winsley Wighton	Kirsty Amos	08 87372382
SA	5580	Curramulka Primary School, Curramulka	Jennifer Hansen	Nick Goudge	08 88542102
<b>Tasmania</b>					
State	Postcode	School	Teacher	Principal/Director	School Phone
TAS	7008	Lenah Valley Primary School, Lenah Valley	Laura Eiszele	Paul Blackaby	03 62280311
TAS	7140	New Norfolk Primary School, New Norfolk	Chanté Ling	Anker Fuglsang	03 62612488
TAS	7302	Cressy District High School, Cressy	Annette Hollingsworth	Annette Hollingsworth	03 63976281
<b>Victoria</b>					
State	Postcode	School	Teacher	Principal/Director	School Phone
VIC	3047	Isik College, Upfield	Mahir Kara	Deniz Erdogan	03 93592411
VIC	3096	Strathewen Primary School, Wattle Glen	Jane Hayward	Jane Hayward	03 97148278
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<b>Victoria continued</b>					
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VIC	3097	Kangaroo Ground Pre-school, Kangaroo Ground	Joanne Greaves	Joanne Greaves	03 97120297
VIC	3133	Vermont Primary School, Vermont	Dr Robin Stickland	Dr Robin Stickland	03 98742511
VIC	3191	Olive Phillips Kindergarten, Beaumaris	Angela Barr	Angela Barr	03 95893300
VIC	3672	Benalla Primary School, Benalla	Heather Leary	Heather Leary	03 57622600
VIC	3816	Longwarry Primary School, Longwarry	Peter McKay	Peter McKay	03 56299376
VIC	3818	Chairo Christian School, Drouin	Merrick Brewer	Rob Bray	03 56254600
VIC	3825	Willow Grove Primary School, Willow Grove	Ann Hogan	Ann Hogan	03 56352271
VIC	3892	Mallacoota P-12 College, Mallacoota	Tony Roberts	Tony Roberts	03 51580254
VIC	3977	Lyndhurst Secondary College, Cranbourne	Nicola Forrest	Warren Wills	03 59960144
<b>Western Australia</b>					
State	Postcode	School	Teacher	Principal/Director	School Phone
WA	6008	Perth Modern School, Subiaco	Philip Allen	Dr Robyn White	08 93800555
WA	6025	Prendiville Catholic College, Hillarys	Chris Wallace	John Aldous	08 93072000
WA	6059	St. Andrew's Greek Orthodox Grammar School, Dianella	Dr Angela Evangelinou- Yiannakis	Craig D'Cruz	08 93765850
WA	6076	Gooseberry Hill Primary School, Gooseberry Hill	Lynda Smyth	Patrick Bourke	08 92932777
WA	6109	Orange Grove Primary School, Orange Grove	Paul Fuller	Pat Nottle	08 94593601
WA	6160	John Curtin College of the Arts, Fremantle	Julie Boston	Mitch Mackay	08 94337200
WA	6210	Dawesville Catholic Primary School, Dawesville	Steve Dowie	Steve Dowie	08 95832500
WA	6230	South Bunbury Primary School, Bunbury	Fiona Farren	Ian Harvey	08 97213299

Further information regarding NEiTA's 2009 ASG Inspirational Teaching State and Territory Award recipients and program is available by contacting NEiTA by phone on (03) 9276 7768 or 1800 624 487 or by email: [neita@asg.com.au](mailto:neita@asg.com.au) or by visiting the NEiTA website: [www.neita.com.au](http://www.neita.com.au)

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