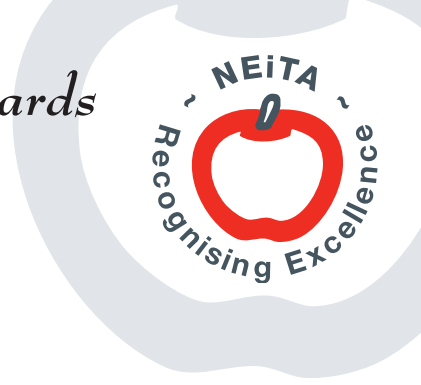


# NEiTA 2009 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards

## State and Territory Award Recipient



## Dianne Yates

Teacher's Certificate (Primary Education)  
**Cronulla Public School**, Cronulla, New South Wales  
Nominated by: Parents and Citizens' Association

*Position: Class teacher • Category: Primary • Responsibilities: School music, technology, drama, public speaking, student welfare • Level taught: Year 1 • Years teaching: 32 years • Years at this school: 18 years • School type: Government • Town/Suburb: Cronulla • State: New South Wales • Postcode: 2230*

### Why teaching?

A fantastic high school teacher inspired me to pursue my childhood dream (since the age of 5), of becoming a teacher.

My enthusiasm is maintained through embracing new initiatives, recognising and respecting student potential and responding to the individuality of each student. I value this unique opportunity to make a difference in young people's lives.

### Providing a solid base upon which to build educational journeys

Teaching classes from kindergarten to year 2 at Cronulla Public School, Dianne Yates provides students with a solid educational foundation on which to build their future learning paths. Dianne recognises and respects student potential and responds to the individuality of each child.

In addition to her classroom teaching, Dianne is also music coordinator for the school. She provides musical accompaniment for all school performances, and she trains the junior choir, instrumental groups, and has prepared the dance troupes for 14 years. In 2007, Cronulla Public School won the Director General's School Achievement Award for Outstanding Service to Public Education and Training through Excellence in the Creative and Performing Arts.

Dianne has also initiated the Playground Behaviour Level Awards that encourage students to exhibit good playground behaviour through positive reinforcement and recognition.

Dianne participated in a pilot program called *Cineliteracy* that encourages critical analysis of the moving image. Students increase their literacy and technology skills through writing and producing short films. Dianne was co-presenter at the NSW K-4 Conference for Cineliteracy and has trained the school staff in this area. This year, a film made by Dianne's year 1 class won the Primary School Film Competition at the Sutherland Shire Police Officer of the Year Awards.

Technology is another area that Dianne is passionate about. She runs the school's information and communication technology program that has recently introduced interactive whiteboards into the classrooms. Dianne has also obtained a grant to enable the school to network the buildings, and provide internet access for all students.

Dianne is a caring teacher who wants the best educational outcomes for all students. She co-wrote the school's student welfare program and strives to create a vibrant, safe and stimulating learning environment for all students. This year, Cronulla Public School won the Department of Education and Training's Outstanding School Award for the Sydney region, recognising the successful outcomes of the welfare program.

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