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## Final Chance to nominate Great Local Teachers

Nominations for the NEiTA 2010 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards are closing soon and time is running out for communities to say a big 'Thank you' to teachers who make a difference. All nominations must be received by **Friday 30 July 2010**.

This year NEiTA – the National Excellence in Teaching Awards – carries the theme '*Great Teachers Lead The Way*' to acknowledge the leadership qualities that inspirational teachers bring to their work and the teaching profession.

NEiTA's Chairman, Mr Terry O'Connell said leadership qualities are vitally important in the make-up of an inspiring teacher.

"*Great Teachers Lead The Way* as they guide and inspire their students in learning, provide support and encouragement to parents and colleagues, and forge community connections and exchange," Mr O'Connell said.

"Too often Australia's leading educators go unrecognised. NEiTA aims to help remedy this and shine the limelight on the host of leadership qualities that inspirational teachers possess.

"Encouragement and appreciation are valuable tools in human development—the teaching profession is no different. Inspirational teachers work throughout the entire education spectrum and the *NEiTA 2010 ASG Inspirational Teaching Award* is a perfect opportunity to honour these outstanding representatives of teaching excellence, and I encourage communities across Australia to nominate now." Mr O'Connell said.

NEiTA is Australia's only national, independent community-centred teaching awards program that gives Australian secondary students, parents, early childhood and school communities the opportunity to formally thank their hard-working, inspirational teachers, principals and directors.

### Who can nominate?

Australian parents, school councils, committees of management, parent associations, secondary student councils, and community organisations.

### Who can be nominated?

Early childhood and school teachers from the entire spectrum of education, and leaders (principals, deputy principals, early childhood centre directors, team leaders, and department heads).

### Why nominate?

To say thank you, to recognise, celebrate and congratulate an inspirational teacher, principal or director.

### How to nominate?

Nominate online or download a nomination form from the NEiTA website – [www.neita.com.au](http://www.neita.com.au) Alternatively, contact NEiTA on free call 1800 624 487 or email [neita@asg.com.au](mailto:neita@asg.com.au) for a form.

### What are the qualities of inspirational teachers?

- Develop in students a strong and long-lasting love of learning
- Inspire students to achieve to the best of their ability
- Encourage student empowerment and self-belief (resiliency)
- Stimulate students' creativity and innovative thinking
- Create innovative teaching environments
- Have a positive influence on colleagues and community

For more information about NEiTA and its awards program, please visit the website: [www.neita.com.au](http://www.neita.com.au)

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