



## Teaching Finalists Help Shape The Future Celebrating World Teachers' Day – 30 October 2009

To coincide with Australia's celebration of World Teachers' Day, NEiTA (National Excellence In Teaching Awards) and the Australian Scholarships Group (ASG) take pleasure in announcing the 569 finalists, selected from more than 1200 national nominations, for the NEiTA 2009 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards.

Sharing complementary themes – NEiTA with the theme of *Teachers Change The Future Today* and World Teachers' Day 2009 with the theme of *Building The Future* – both events seek to celebrate the contribution, value, and impact that great teachers have on the future.

"Teachers play a leading role in shaping the future and ensuring good learning outcomes for students", NEiTA's Chairperson, Mr Terry O'Connell said. "They help give students the knowledge, attitudes, and values that help them understand the world and become future agents of change."

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) recently surveyed more than 90,000 teachers globally and found that teachers believed they did not generally receive recognition for their work. The teachers also believed that if they increased their efforts and effectiveness they would not receive more recognition. [1]

"NEiTA has long recognised that teachers, just like most other people, appreciate recognition for their work," Mr O'Connell said.

"Broad lack of recognition for teachers, or any other professional group, can become a leading cause of drain on morale and lack of teacher retention.

"In acknowledging the need for recognition of teachers, ASG established NEiTA in 1994 with the prime purpose of celebrating the achievements of inspirational and excellent teachers, as well as encouraging community understanding that teachers have an important and direct impact on our entire education system.

"It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the finalists for the 2009 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards, as well as the families, school and early childhood communities who nominated their inspirational teachers," Mr O'Connell said.

### NEiTA 2009 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards Facts:

- NEiTA received more than 1200 nominations for the NEiTA 2009 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards
- 569 finalist teachers – 490 from school communities and 79 from early childhood centres
- Australian Capital Territory – 13 teachers from schools and four early childhood centres
- New South Wales – 95 teachers from schools and 10 early childhood centres
- Northern Territory – seven teachers from schools and two early childhood centres
- Queensland – 196 teachers from schools and 24 early childhood centres
- South Australia – 51 teachers from schools and four early childhood centres
- Tasmania – 20 teachers from schools and two early childhood centres
- Victoria – 54 teachers from schools and 17 early childhood centres
- Western Australia – 54 teachers from schools and 16 early childhood centres

(Please note: A list of the finalist teachers recognised through NEiTA's 2009 ASG Inspirational Teacher Awards can be found at [www.neita.com.au/finalists2009.htm](http://www.neita.com.au/finalists2009.htm). Alternatively, you may wish to check the below list of postcodes by state for award recipients).

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### Reference:

- [1] *Creating Effective Teaching and Learning Environments – Results from Teaching and Learning International Survey (TALIS)*, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), June 2009, page 161.  
[www.oecd.org/dataoecd/17/51/43023606.pdf](http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/17/51/43023606.pdf)

These finalists in the NEiTA 2009 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards are now eligible to progress through to the next phase of the awards, at the state and territory awards level in November 2009 (60 teachers), and then of these, 10 teachers will receive national awards next year.

Teacher award recipients at the national level will receive national awards commemorated with a specially crafted NEiTA crystal apple award and a professional or project grant of \$5,000. 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 sponsored by ASG.

"NEiTA encourages communities – the consumers of education – to recognise the crucial role teachers play. Recognition needs to occur at the very highest level, particularly in our increasingly complex, global, and technological society that multiplies the challenges teachers face today," Mr O'Connell said.

Now in its 16th year, NEiTA continues to celebrate the work of great teachers who inspire their students and their communities. These teachers develop in students a lasting love of learning, encourage creativity and innovation, and nurture students' sense of self-belief and empowerment.

NEiTA's 2009 ASG Inspirational Teaching Award Finalists By Postcode	
<b>Australian Capital Territory</b>	2540, 2600, 2603, 2605, 2607, 2612, 2614, 2615, 2913
<b>New South Wales</b>	2023, 2075, 2077, 2086, 2093, 2100, 2110, 2118, 2122, 2124, 2154, 2159, 2170, 2194, 2196, 2200, 2213, 2218, 2230, 2250, 2261, 2280, 2283, 2284, 2290, 2298, 2299, 2315, 2318, 2324, 2325, 2330, 2337, 2340, 2350, 2357, 2400, 2440, 2486, 2500, 2508, 2518, 2525, 2527, 2530, 2536, 2540, 2541, 2550, 2560, 2569, 2570, 2580, 2586, 2619, 2620, 2623, 2642, 2745, 2756, 2759, 2760, 2774, 2790, 2830, 2842, 2865
<b>Northern Territory</b>	0812, 0820, 0830, 0831
<b>Queensland</b>	4005, 4006, 4011, 4032, 4034, 4036, 4053, 4054, 4055, 4060, 4061, 4068, 4069, 4072, 4075, 4077, 4078, 4101, 4113, 4115, 4120, 4122, 4125, 4127, 4132, 4151, 4152, 4156, 4157, 4159, 4160, 4161, 4163, 4164, 4165, 4170, 4171, 4179, 4205, 4207, 4211, 4213, 4214, 4216, 4217, 4218, 4221, 4226, 4227, 4280, 4301, 4304, 4305, 4306, 4341, 4350, 4352, 4356, 4362, 4370, 4373, 4385, 4390, 4405, 4508, 4519, 4551, 4553, 4558, 4560, 4563, 4566, 4573, 4650, 4655, 4670, 4701, 4703, 4721, 4737, 4740, 4744, 4750, 4800, 4807, 4810, 4814, 4818, 4825, 4850, 4865, 4870, 4873, 4874, 4878, 4886
<b>South Australia</b>	5009, 5020, 5031, 5032, 5041, 5062, 5064, 5067, 5068, 5081, 5085, 5090, 5109, 5114, 5116, 5126, 5127, 5159, 5161, 5162, 5169, 5235, 5245, 5253, 5271, 5277, 5290, 5333, 5341, 5343, 5345, 5422, 5473, 5580
<b>Tasmania</b>	7000, 7004, 7005, 7008, 7015, 7140, 7173, 7250, 7268, 7302, 7315, 7316, 7320, 7322, 7325
<b>Victoria</b>	3016, 3031, 3033, 3034, 3042, 3047, 3083, 3088, 3096, 3097, 3104, 3113, 3125, 3128, 3133, 3136, 3144, 3147, 3156, 3161, 3169, 3172, 3179, 3191, 3194, 3195, 3204, 3228, 3289, 3546, 3556, 3571, 3585, 3672, 3676, 3690, 3722, 3782, 3787, 3805, 3814, 3816, 3818, 3820, 3825, 3892, 3977
<b>Western Australia</b>	6008, 6010, 6019, 6020, 6021, 6025, 6026, 6052, 6053, 6059, 6063, 6065, 6066, 6069, 6071, 6073, 6076, 6104, 6105, 6109, 6123, 6150, 6155, 6160, 6210, 6230, 6231, 6233, 6280, 6390, 6392, 6430, 6442, 6516, 6530, 6562, 6920
<b>For full details, please visit the NEiTA website: <a href="http://www.neita.com.au/finalists2009.htm">www.neita.com.au/finalists2009.htm</a></b>	

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

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