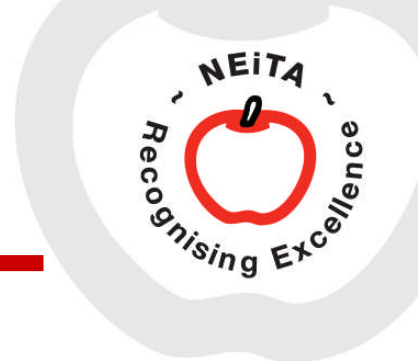


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## All-sorts of inspirational teachers deserve recognition

The NEiTA 2009 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards are now open for nominations for all-sorts of teachers from all-sorts of schools and centres.

NEiTA's Chairman, Terry O'Connell says, "NEiTA is the only national community-centred teaching awards program that gives Australian students, parents, and school communities the opportunity to formally thank their hard-working, inspirational teachers."

NEiTA is a pioneer in teaching awards, and for 16 years NEiTA has worked in partnership with education communities to help raise the profile and recognition of teaching across Australia.

"Every day, great teachers help inspire resilience, success and achievement in the lives of their students," Mr O'Connell said.

"In this sense, inspirational teachers are important to our society because of the positive impact they have in the lives of our future generations. Yet few opportunities arise to recognise the true value of the role they play within the community.

"With the Council of Australian Governments pledging to increase the standard of the teaching profession with new incentives, NEiTA's mission to promote and encourage quality teaching - through its annual ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards - is now even more relevant," Mr O'Connell explained.

All-sorts of inspirational teachers are found throughout the early childhood, primary and secondary education spectrums and it is a real benefit to the teaching profession that the wider community continue to honour these examples.

"By celebrating the important contributions inspirational teachers, principals and early childhood directors make, NEiTA is helping to increase public confidence in the teaching profession," Mr O'Connell said.

"Award recipients also become positive role models for future generations of teaching professionals," he said.

School leaders can now be nominated for a NEiTA award in the new leadership and development category. The new leadership category not only includes principals, deputy principals and centre directors, but also recognises the valuable role played by all forms of school leaders—from team leaders, house leaders to department heads.

Nominations for the 2009 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards close 31 July 2009.

Nomination forms are available to download from the NEiTA website [www.neita.com.au](http://www.neita.com.au) or contact NEiTA on free call 1800 624 487 or email [neita@asg.com.au](mailto:neita@asg.com.au).

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