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## **State and territory teachers one step closer to national awards**

The 60 state and territory award recipients of the 2015 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEiTA) have been announced.

Selected from 120 finalists, the 60 recipients are made up of early childhood, primary and secondary teachers from across Australia.

Now in its 22<sup>nd</sup> year, ASG NEiTA received more than 1100 nominations from parents, grandparents, secondary student councils, school boards/councils, parent associations, committees of management and community organisations for outstanding and inspirational teachers.

ASG NEiTA chairman, Allen Blewitt says the awards, which are the only community based awards in Australia, reflect the inspirational and innovate teaching happening throughout the country and the broader impact on families, community and culture.

“As a professional in the education sector, I understand the importance of supporting teachers and acknowledging the crucial work they do, not just in classrooms, but in our communities, and recognising their contribution through channels such as ASG NEiTA.

“These recipients should be very proud of their achievements and their passion for driving a world class education system in Australia, really shone through in the quality of their submissions. Congratulations and I am sure they will continue to have a positive impact on the communities around them.”

ASG NEiTA chief executive officer, John Velegrinis it is particularly pleasing to award these inspiring teachers in the lead up to World Teachers’ Day in Australia this Friday.

“There truly is widespread support, regard and appreciation for teachers, because receiving a quality education starts with these individuals who encourage and challenge students to stretch themselves beyond what they think is possible.

“From a recent survey we conducted—the ASG Parents Report Card 2015, we know that 89 per cent or nine out of 10 parents believe their children’s teachers are very capable. This support for teachers doesn’t surprise us and further validates the value of teachers in our society.”

The 60 recipients announced today were selected after ASG NEiTA reviewed each teacher’s nomination and submission on their background, experience and accomplishments.

Early next year, ASG NEiTA will announce the national award recipients. Amazing professional development and project grants are available at the national award level, as well as one lucky teacher getting the incredible opportunity to go to Space Camp in the US. One teacher is also



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awarded the Disability Inclusion Grant.

2015 ASG NEiTA facts:

- ASG NEiTA received more than 1100 nominations
- In September, ASG NEiTA announced the 120 finalist teachers
- Breakdown of the 60 state and territory award recipients:
  - Australian Capital Territory – 4 recipients
  - New South Wales – 14 recipients
  - Queensland – 13 recipients
  - South Australia – 4 recipients
  - Tasmania – 5 recipients
  - Victoria – 10 recipients
  - Western Australia – 8 recipients

A full list of the 60 state and territory [ASG NEiTA recipients](#) is available.

View the [teacher profiles](#) by state and territory and find out what makes them exceptional teachers.

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**Editors notes:**

*The Australian Scholarships Group (ASG) is a member owned organisation, helping to create educational opportunities for children. ASG has been helping families and their children for more than 40 years. During this time, more than 520,000 children have been enrolled with ASG and more than \$2.3 billion in education benefits and scholarship payments returned to members.*

*The ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEiTA) started in 1994 in Australia and 1996 in New Zealand. Since inception, more than 30,000 teachers have been nominated by the community in the two countries.*

For more information visit: [www.asg.com.au](http://www.asg.com.au).

