The Educator reveals all the finalists across 22 categories for the second annual Australian Education Awards

Last year’s Australian Education Awards were a tough act to follow... yet the response we got to our callout for 2019 nominations surprised even us.

Once again, the bar has been raised. We’ve received hundreds of submissions from the very best in the business. Whittling down these fantastic nominations to a final shortlist was no easy task – but we managed it, and now we’re thrilled to reveal the stellar finalists who’ll be battling it out for a much-deserved award at the ceremony itself.

There’s a staggering 173 finalists across 22 categories, meaning that the competition is higher than ever before. You can discover who they are in the following pages – and you can cheer on the winners as they collect their awards on Friday 16 August 2019 at Dockside Sydney.

It’s going to be a great evening of celebration and entertainment, hosted by TV stars Natalie Bassingthwaighte and Sandra Sully and featuring live music from funk maestros Gotham City Horns. We hope that you and your colleagues will join us – it just wouldn’t be the same without you! To book a table, please visit educatorawards.com

FRIDAY 16 AUGUST • DOCKSIDE SYDNEY
## SMART TEACHERS
### BEST SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLAN

**FINALISTS**
- Kurri Kurri High School
- Penrith Selective High School
- Saint Stephen’s College
- St Margaret’s and Berwick Grammar School
- St Paul’s School
- The Knox School
- Wahroonga Preparatory School
- Wesley College

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## BEST STEM PROGRAM

### FINALISTS
- Callaghan College
- Cessnock Academy of STEM Excellence
- Ipswich State High School
- Marsden SHS
- St Clare’s College, Waverley
- St Paul’s Anglican Grammar School (Warragul Junior School)
- Strathcona Baptist Girls Grammar
- Taminmin College
- Thuringowa State High School
- Valentine Public School

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## BEST STUDENT WELLBEING PROGRAM

### FINALISTS
- Aquinas College
- Ballarat Grammar
- Briar Road Public School
- Lowther Hall Anglican Grammar School
- Marcellin College
- Marsden State High School
- Mount View High School
- St Martins Catholic Primary School
- St Paul’s School
- Strathcona Baptist Girls Grammar

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## BEST USE OF TECHNOLOGY

### FINALISTS
- Callaghan College
- Coomera Anglican College
- Coomera Rivers State School
- Emmanuel College
- Giovanna Iannicelli
- Maryborough State High School
- Ormiston College
- Saint Stephen’s College

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Winner 2018 Best Use of Technology
Ormiston College
BOARDSCHOOL OF THE YEAR

FINALISTS
- Ballarat Grammar
- Immanuel College
- Snowy Mountains Grammar School
- St Margaret’s Anglican Girls School
- The Rockhampton Grammar School
- The Scots School Albury
- Toorak College
- Wesley College

INNOVATION IN CURRICULUM DESIGN

FINALISTS
- Asquith Girls High School
- Carey Baptist Grammar School
- Marsden SHS
- Northside Christian College
- Ormiston College
- Sheldon College
- Tamborine Mountain State School

INNOVATION IN LEARNING ENVIRONMENT DESIGN

FINALISTS
- Immanuel College
- Luther College, Croydon Hills
- Mentone Grammar School
- Ormiston College
- Redeemer Lutheran School
- Saint Stephen’s College
- Sheldon College
- Trinity Lutheran College
- Wesley College

DEPARTMENT HEAD OF THE YEAR

FINALISTS
- Amanda Bowker, Ormiston College
- Bek Duyckers, Perth College Anglican School for Girls
- Jason Fischer, Haileybury
- Adrienne Jones, Yeronga State High School
- Belinda Jones, Bulli High School
- Claire Leong, Wesley College
- Chris Pacey, St Patrick’s College Townsville
- Tamara Sullivan, Ormiston College
- Iain Taylor, Saint Stephen’s College
- Birgit Verhagen, The Knox School

EDUCATION RISING STAR OF THE YEAR

FINALISTS
- Wilbur Donovan, Bentley Park College
- Benjamin Garnaut, Warwick Senior High School
- Madeleine Jessop, Endeavour Sports High School
- Gary McGovern, Penrith Selective High School
- Chelsea Quirk, Rowville Primary School
- Lisa Scobie, Kurri Kurri High School
- Jordan Stewart, St Patrick’s College Townsville
- Lucy Sturley, The Forest High School

Winner 2018 Boarding School of the Year
St. Paul’s School

Winner 2018 Department Head of the Year
Travis Goulter, Ormiston College

Winner 2018 Education Rising Star of the Year
Lian Davies, Whittlesea Secondary College
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SECONDARY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR - NON-GOVERNMENT

FINALISTS
• Australian International Academy
• Ballarat Clarendon College
• Haileybury
• Immanuel College
• Korowa Anglican Girls’ School
• Ormiston College
• Saint Stephen’s College
• Trinity Grammar School

Finalists
• Ashdale Secondary College
• John Monash Science School
• Liverpool Boys High School
• Mabel Park State High School
• Manea Park State High School
• Templestowe College
• The Pavilion School
• Yeronga State High School

SOUND SCOUTS
PRIMARY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR - GOVERNMENT

FINALISTS
• Beenleigh State School
• Blue Haven Public School
• Granville Public School
• Revesby Public School
• Tamborine Mountain State School

Regional School of the Year

FINALISTS
• Great Southern Grammar
• Kangaroo Island Community Education
• Maryborough State High School
• Snowy Mountains Grammar School
• St Patrick’s College Townsville
• The Rockhampton Grammar School
• The Scots School Albury
• Whitsunday Anglican School, Mackay

Finalists
• Ashdale Secondary College
• Cire Community School
• Giant Steps Australia
• Margaret Jurd College

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SECONDARY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR - GOVERNMENT

FINALISTS
• Ashdale Secondary College
• John Monash Science School
• Liverpool Boys High School
• Mabel Park State High School
• Manea Park State High School
• Templestowe College
• The Pavilion School
• Yeronga State High School

Special Education School of the Year

FINALISTS
• Alesco Senior College
• Cire Community School
• Giant Steps Australia
• Margaret Jurd College
**PRIMARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR - GOVERNMENT**

**FINALISTS**
- Karen Andrews, Jannali Public School
- Paul McDermott, Blue Haven Public School
- Narelle Nies, Revesby Public School
- Anthony Simone, Harvest Home Primary School
- Jason Smith, Tamborine Mountain State School
- Daniel Vella, Barwon Heads Primary School

**PRIMARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR - NON-GOVERNMENT**

**FINALISTS**
- Matthew Boundy, The Scots School Albury
- Darren Cox, St Philip’s Christian College Cessnock
- Angela Drysdale, St Margaret’s Anglican Girls’ School
- Catherine Eyers, Bethania Lutheran School
- Suzanne Floro, Knox Grammar Preparatory School
- Sandra Hawken, St John’s Anglican College
- Sally Ruston, Abbotsleigh

**JB HI-FI SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR - NON-GOVERNMENT**

**FINALISTS**
- Dr Paul Browning, St Paul’s School
- Ros Curtis, St Margaret’s Anglican Girls’ School
- Graeme Irwin, St Philip’s Christian College
- Belinda Provis, All Saints’ College Perth
- Kevin Richardson, Immanuel College
- Derek Scott, Haileybury
- David Shepherd, Ballarat Clarendon College
- Brett Webster, Ormiston College

**SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR - GOVERNMENT**

**FINALISTS**
- Tim Lloyd, Plumpton High School
- Mark Long, Penrith Selective High School
- Peter Marsh, Gymea Technology High School
- Stephen Mayhew, Mount Brown Public School
- Nerida Walker, DET Matraville Sports High School

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**TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

**Winner 2018 Primary School Principal of the Year – Government**
Laverta Fajar, Meadowglen Primary School

**Winner 2018 Primary School Principal of the Year – Non-government**
Brad Coyner, Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School

**Winner 2018 Primary School Principal of the Year – Government**
Loretta Piazza,
Meadowglen Primary School

**Winner 2018 Primary School Principal of the Year – Non-government**
Brad Coyner, Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School

**FINALISTS**
- Richard Black, The Knox School
- Melanie Campbell, Orange High School
- Phil Carew, Toorak College
- Michael Ha, Hillcrest Christian College
- Giovanna Iannicelli, St Mary’s College
- Samantha Reynolds, Saint Stephen’s College
- Ronnelle Sanders, St John’s Anglican College
- Dr Scott Sleap, Maitland High School
- Matthew Tesoriero, Picton High
- Tony Vallance, Lilydale High School
TO BE ANNOUNCED ON THE NIGHT...

This award recognises the most outstanding school principal in Australia, this category is judged on effective leadership and motivation of staff, commitment to professional development and leadership of innovation and change within the school. Finalists in this category are drawn from Primary School Principal of the Year – Government, Primary School Principal of the Year – Non-government, School Principal of the Year – Government and School Principal of the Year – Non-government.

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TO BE ANNOUNCED ON THE NIGHT...

This award aims to celebrate the most outstanding school in Australia. Criteria include consistent high standards of teaching and learning, effective management and commitment to innovation and continuous improvement. Finalists in this category are drawn from the winners of Primary School of the Year – Government, Primary School of the Year – Non-Government, Secondary School of the Year – Government, Secondary School of the Year – Non-Government and Special Education School of the Year.

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