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## Counting Australia's Teacher Finalists

NEiTA (National Excellence in Teaching Awards) and the Australian Scholarships Group (ASG) today revealed the names of the 568 finalists of the NEiTA 2011 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards. These outstanding teachers are finalists from the 1401 Australian nominations received this year.

With the theme 'Teachers Count', the NEiTA 2011 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards called for nominations from Australian communities for inspirational teachers and leaders.

"Teachers count because they play such an important role in encouraging and helping students to reach their education potential," NEiTA's Chairperson, Mr Terry O'Connell said.

"The Federal Government's policy supports the upskilling of Australians, especially our young people, and recognises that great teaching affects our students' effectiveness and how it will increasingly impact on Australia's future prosperity.

"NEiTA's teaching awards program—with the support of ASG—acknowledges the important work of teachers and leaders. The NEiTA program helped pioneer teaching awards almost 20 years ago and has continued to encourage great teachers who really do make a lasting impression on Australia's children—our nation's future leaders," Mr O'Connell said.

"Communities nominated these teachers because they have guided and inspired their students in learning, provided support and encouragement to parents and colleagues, and have forged community connections and exchange," Mr O'Connell said.

"I congratulate the finalists for the NEiTA 2011 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards, as well as the families, schools and early childhood communities who nominated their inspirational teachers," Mr O'Connell said.

### **NEiTA 2011 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards facts:**

- NEiTA received more than 1400 nominations for the NEiTA 2011 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards
- 568 finalist teachers – 476 from school communities and 92 from early childhood centres
- Australian Capital Territory – 11 teachers from schools and early childhood centres
- New South Wales – 120 teachers from schools and early childhood centres
- Northern Territory – six teachers from schools and early childhood centres
- Queensland – 202 teachers from schools and early childhood centres
- South Australia – 62 teachers from schools and early childhood centres
- Tasmania – 21 teachers from schools and early childhood centres
- Victoria – 62 teachers from schools and early childhood centres
- Western Australia – 84 teachers from schools and early childhood centres

(Please note: A list of the finalist teachers recognised through NEiTA's 2011 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards can be found at [www.neita.com.au/finalists2011.htm](http://www.neita.com.au/finalists2011.htm). Alternatively, you may wish to check the below list of postcodes by state for award recipients).

These finalists in the NEiTA 2011 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards are now eligible to progress through to the next phase—the NEiTA 2011 ASG Inspirational State and Territory Teaching Awards, in which 60 teachers will be announced as recipients by November 2011. Of these, NEiTA will select 10 teachers to 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 2012 sponsored by ASG.

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 thank their hard-working, inspirational teachers, principals and directors.

NEiTA continues to celebrate the work of great teachers who have dedicated their careers to helping their students realise their potential. Teachers have nurtured and helped strengthen their students' confidence and sense of self throughout these important formative years of growth and development.

<b>NEiTA's 2011 ASG Inspirational Teaching Award Finalists by Postcode</b>	
<b>Australian Capital Territory</b>	2600, 2601, 2603, 2905
<b>New South Wales</b>	2026, 2041, 2042, 2063, 2070, 2072, 2073, 2087, 2093, 2099, 2118, 2121, 2122, 2131, 2148, 2150, 2151, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2160, 2177, 2190, 2208, 2210, 2211, 2217, 2218, 2227, 2229, 2230, 2232, 2250, 2260, 2280, 2281, 2287, 2290, 2291, 2292, 2315, 2317, 2324, 2330, 2333, 2340, 2343, 2428, 2443, 2480, 2482, 2516, 2518, 2519, 2537, 2541, 2550, 2566, 2577, 2578, 2583, 2620, 2640, 2700, 2710, 2720, 2750, 2763, 2770, 2798, 2799, 2800, 2866, 2868
<b>Northern Territory</b>	0810, 0835, 0850
<b>Queensland</b>	4006, 4007, 4012, 4017, 4019, 4030, 4035, 4053, 4055, 4059, 4060, 4061, 4064, 4065, 4068, 4075, 4077, 4078, 4109, 4113, 4115, 4118, 4122, 4124, 4125, 4127, 4129, 4130, 4151, 4152, 4160, 4163, 4170, 4178, 4179, 4207, 4211, 4215, 4216, 4218, 4223, 4226, 4228, 4272, 4305, 4306, 4310, 4350, 4352, 4361, 4370, 4380, 4387, 4390, 4401, 4413, 4488, 4503, 4504, 4505, 4507, 4510, 4520, 4551, 4555, 4557, 4566, 4570, 4573, 4626, 4650, 4655, 4662, 4670, 4680, 4700, 4701, 4703, 4719, 4740, 4742, 4810, 4817, 4818, 4820, 4822, 4865, 4869, 4870, 4873, 4878, 4880, 4881, 4885
<b>South Australia</b>	5025, 5035, 5043, 5045, 5052, 5061, 5062, 5066, 5073, 5082, 5084, 5093, 5108, 5109, 5114, 5117, 5125, 5126, 5162, 5165, 5171, 5172, 5211, 5255, 5265, 5266, 5280, 5320, 5330, 5333, 5341, 5343, 5345, 5352, 5461, 5522, 5554, 5605, 5641, 5700, 5710, 5725
<b>Tasmania</b>	7004, 7005, 7011, 7018, 7019, 7021, 7030, 7051, 7248, 7250, 7263, 7320
<b>Victoria</b>	3019, 3023, 3040, 3055, 3058, 3060, 3070, 3073, 3074, 3079, 3083, 3088, 3094, 3095, 3101, 3111, 3126, 3127, 3128, 3135, 3139, 3140, 3143, 3145, 3146, 3150, 3152, 3154, 3156, 3162, 3172, 3175, 3180, 3186, 3192, 3194, 3220, 3280, 3281, 3525, 3551, 3564, 3585, 3664, 3685, 3691, 3737, 3756, 3775, 3810, 3941, 3950
<b>Western Australia</b>	6008, 6009, 6010, 6014, 6018, 6022, 6023, 6024, 6025, 6027, 6030, 6052, 6055, 6059, 6060, 6062, 6065, 6066, 6069, 6073, 6105, 6112, 6150, 6151, 6156, 6160, 6162, 6166, 6211, 6220, 6230, 6280, 6285, 6324, 6333, 6415, 6516, 6530, 6558, 6642, 6716
<b>For full details, please visit the NEiTA website: <a href="http://www.neita.com.au/finalists2011.htm">www.neita.com.au/finalists2011.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)

Not-for-profit organisation, the Australian Scholarships Group (ASG) has supported the NEiTA teaching awards program since its inception. ASG offers a proven and proactive way to help parents nurture and fund their children's education. ASG has supported parents to provide education opportunities for their children for almost 40 years. Find out more about ASG and ASG's Education Program™ from [www.asg.com.au](http://www.asg.com.au) or phone 1800 648 945 for more information.

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