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MEDIA RELEASE

National Excellence in Teaching Awards nominations now open

The NEiTA Foundation is encouraging parents, students and schools to nominate extraordinary educators who have displayed remarkable dedication, passion and creativity for a National Excellence in Teaching Award.

For almost three decades, the National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEiTA), supported by Futurity Investment Group, has recognised Australia and New Zealand's most inspirational and deserving educators.

This year, NEiTA wants to recognise the role early childhood, primary and secondary teachers and principals played in student's lives as Australia emerged from the COVID-19 health crisis.

The NEiTA Foundation Chairman, Allen Blewitt said teachers transform futures.

"A NEiTA nomination allows school communities to nominate exceptional educators who are unlocking student potential and powering a lifelong love of learning," Mr Blewitt said.

"There are tens-of-thousands of talented, dedicated and caring teachers in classrooms all over Australia and New Zealand and they deserve to be recognised.

"In total, The NEiTA Foundation will award more than \$100,000 in development grants to Australia's most remarkable teachers and educators.

"By acknowledging outstanding teachers, we elevate those who inspire a sense of achievement, hope and joy from learning."

| Category | Eligibility |
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| Apple Award | To acknowledge outstanding teachers who've gone above and beyond for their students. |
| Seed Award | In recognition of the efforts of preschool teachers and early childhood educators who lay the foundations for lifelong practice and enjoyment of learning. |
| NEiTA Founders' Principals Award for Leadership | In recognition of outstanding stewardship of student education and welfare, and exemplary school community leadership in a year of pandemic. |
| NEiTA Seed Award for Early Childhood Team Excellence | In recognition of a team's outstanding collective contribution to student education and welfare. |
| The Smith Family-NEiTA Award for Powering Potential | In recognition of an outstanding educator for inspiring students experiencing disadvantage to achieve their full potential. |

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| Teacher Mentor Award | In recognition of outstanding peer mentoring and exemplary sharing of professional practice. |
| Terry O'Connell Regional and Remote Teachers' Award | In acknowledgment of the benefits the teacher has brought to students and the wider community through their untiring efforts and community involvement. |
| NEiTA Early Career Teaching Award | In recognition of the teacher's ability to more than meet the specific learning needs of students within a few years of entering the teaching profession. |
| Futurity Parents' Award | In acknowledgment of being adjudged the best teacher nominated by a Futurity member. |

Nominations can be made until 17 July 2022 at www.neita.com

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About NEiTA

The National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEiTA) started in 1994 in Australia and 1996 in New Zealand. Since inception, nearly 40,000 teachers have been nominated. More than 1,100 teachers have received over \$1,200,000 in professional development grants and prizes.

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