

Media Release

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CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

A secondary college improving student engagement through Pasifika cultural performances, a school that teaches science in the Japanese language, and a principal whose leadership prompted strong NAPLAN results are just some of the outstanding winners of the 2024 Victorian Education Excellence Awards.

Minister for Education Ben Carroll congratulated the 13 winners and finalists last night at the annual awards which celebrate the commitment of teachers, leaders and school staff across Victoria.

Cranbourne West Secondary College won the Outstanding Education Support Team Award for its Pese Mai (Samoan for 'sing out') initiative which boosted student wellbeing and engagement through the production of a Pasifika cultural performance that featured in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular.

Glen Eira College's Japanese Immersion Team was acknowledged for empowering students to challenge the monolingual mindset by teaching a range of science topics through the lens of Japanese language and culture.

Churchill Primary School principal Jacquie Burrows was awarded the coveted Lindsay Thompson Award for Excellence in Education 2024 following national recognition for leading her school's approach to learning and wellbeing, which has produced strong NAPLAN results.

The award is named after the late former Premier and Victoria's longest serving Education Minister.

This year's awards coincided with Australia's celebration of World Teachers' Day, which recognises teachers for the work they do to educate, inspire and empower students.

The awards support the continued professional development of staff, with professional learning grants of up to \$25,000 for the winner in each category plus a further \$20,000 for the Lindsay Thompson Award for Excellence in Education 2024 winner.

For more information on the finalists and the winners, visit vic.gov.au/victorian-education-excellence-awards-winners.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Education Ben Carroll

"The Victorian Education Excellence Awards showcase the exceptional teachers, leaders and staff who ensure Victoria's schools continue to inspire students and set them up for success."

"I congratulate all the winners and finalists of this year's awards whose talent and commitment helps make us the Education State."

2024 Victorian Education Excellence Awards Winners

Team award winners

- **Outstanding School Improvement:** Mount Waverley Primary School
- **Outstanding Education Support Team:** Cranbourne West Secondary College
- **Outstanding Inclusive Education:** Docklands Primary School
- **Outstanding Koorie Education:** Cardinia Network Marrung Steering Committee
- **Outstanding Provision for High-Ability Students:** Preston High School
- **Dr Lawrie Shears Outstanding Global Teaching and Learning:** Glen Eira College

Individual award winners

- **Outstanding Primary Principal:** Jacque Burrows, Churchill Primary School
- **Colin Simpson Outstanding Secondary Principal:** Lisa Holt, Rosebud Secondary College
- **Outstanding Primary Teacher:** Felicity Kingsford, Brunswick South West Primary School
- **Outstanding Secondary Teacher:** Wendy Coustley, Rosebud Secondary College
- **Outstanding Early Career Primary Teacher:** Ebony Peters, Bouchier Street Primary School
- **Outstanding Early Career Secondary Teacher:** Anthony Merlino, Richmond High School
- **Outstanding Business Manager:** Juan Hompart, Ringwood Secondary College
- **Lindsay Thompson Award for Excellence in Education 2024:** Jacque Burrows, Churchill Primary School