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Victorian teachers continue to dominate national awards

Eleven outstanding teachers who have made an impact in their local communities throughout Victoria have been honoured with ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEiTA).

They are among 60 state and territory recipients to be awarded the prestigious honour selected from almost 1350 community nominations.

Now in its 22nd year, ASG NEiTA gives parents, grandparents, school boards and councils and committees of management the opportunity to formally thank and recognise outstanding and dedicated teachers, who are passionate about driving a world class education system and encouraging students to reach their full potential.

ASG NEiTA Chief Executive Officer, John Velegrinis says community recognition is very powerful and the 11 ASG NEiTA recipients should be proud of the impact they're making at the grassroots level and beyond.

"Communities are deeply engaged in education matters and in some cases, they can be the richest educational resources, so I congratulate them for really making a difference in their local communities. We say that education is one of the most critical investments that parents, families and communities can make, but we need teachers like our ASG NEiTA recipients to drive this education and really invest in nation building through our young people.

We recently launched the second edition of the ASG Parents Report Card which reveals parents' support for their child's teacher continues to grow, with 91 per cent believing their child's teacher is very capable. This is really encouraging especially when teachers tell us they're bogged down in teaching an overloaded curriculum, whilst managing time constraints and trying to accommodate for the specific needs of each child."

The awards are separated into early childhood, primary and secondary categories.

ASG NEiTA chairman, Allen Blewitt says the awards also highlight the positive relationships which have been built.

"ASG NEiTA is one of the only channels where the community gets to express their gratitude through nominating an inspirational teacher, educator, principal or centre director. These awards go from strength-to-strength because they celebrate outstanding teachers whose positive influence can last a lifetime."

New South Wales had 15 ASG NEiTA recipients, followed by 10 for Western Australia, nine for Queensland (9), South Australia (5), Northern Territory (4), Tasmania (3) and three for the Australian Capital Territory.



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ASG NEiTA will announce the national award recipients in March 2017. Professional development and project grants are available at the national award level, as well as one lucky teacher getting the opportunity to go to Space Camp in the United States.

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.

Victoria			
Teacher	School	Postcode	Category
Nina Belskaya	Alpha Children's Centre	3121	Early childhood
Emma Larsen	Avenel Kindergarten	3664	Early childhood
Sarah Rain	Geelong East Primary School	3219	Primary
Penelope Lang	St John's Parish Primary School	3132	Primary
Georgina Wills	Wangaratta West Primary School	3677	Primary
Carolyn Elliot	Pembroke Primary School	3138	Primary
Helen Eadie	Peranbin Primary College	3666	Primary
Doug Doherty	Lavalla Catholic College	3844	Secondary
Dr Sonia Cheema	Al Siraat College	3076	Secondary
Mark Anderson	Konung Secondary College	3129	Secondary
Anthony Rodaughan	Kurnai College	3840	Secondary

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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.

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