

## Leadership Award for Driving School Improvement

Effective school leaders and leadership teams are crucial to improving teaching and learning outcomes – from strategic planning and clear communication of targets to driving implementation and evaluating impacts, all while continuing to develop a high-performing team of teachers.

## Improving Student Learning and Progress

Every student is capable of successful learning and of making ongoing progress, regardless of their starting point. Skilled educators are committed to making this a reality. They know where individual students are in their learning, what the next steps are, and how to make that long-term growth visible to students.

## Cultivating an Inclusive and Positive Culture

Effective school leaders and educators place a high priority on creating and maintaining a teaching and learning environment in which *all* students, and staff, can thrive and succeed. How do educators in your school go about creating and maintaining a culture of high expectations, mutual trust, and respect?

## Excellence in Staff Collaboration

Individual educators across Australia work hard to make a difference to students in their own school every day, but we also know the power of collaboration – the additional impact that teachers and leaders can have when they share and learn from each other's knowledge, practice, and expertise, and work together improve outcomes.

## Excellence in Curriculum Design and Implementation

Identifying student learning and wellbeing needs is at the heart of successful school improvement (evidence + insight), but the important next steps are in designing and implementing an appropriate whole-school or subject-/project-specific curriculum that meets those needs (action).

## Fostering Strong School-Community Partnerships

Whether it is strong relationships with parents and carers, or working with local business, tertiary institutions, or First Nations elders, tapping into external resources, support, and expertise through successful two-way partnerships can all enhance students' academic achievement and wellbeing.

## Improving Health and Wellbeing

Lifting outcomes is not just about academic achievement. Effective teaching and learning go hand in hand with supporting the health and wellbeing needs of staff and students – from school-wide programs to targeted interventions helping those facing disadvantage.

## Special Contribution Award

This is an opportunity to sing the praises of that special someone in your school community, to say thank you for their positive contribution and why it means so much.

**All categories in the *Teacher Awards 2023* are open to educators working in the K-12 school education community in Australia and recognise achievements of the last 12 months. The Special Contribution Award is also open school staff or teams not involved in teaching and learning.**