



Australian Government

AUSTRALIAN TRAINING AWARDS

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NORTHERN ADELAIDE STATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS' ALLIANCE

2016 SCHOOL PATHWAYS TO VET AWARD

The School Pathways to VET Award recognises eligible organisations including schools, registered training organisations (RTOs), group training organisations, industry bodies and employers that have collaboratively delivered one (or more) excellent vocational education and training (VET) programs to secondary school students.

The Northern Adelaide State Secondary Schools' Alliance (NASSSA), a consortium of 11 public schools in South Australia, was born out of a courageous commitment by a group of principals 16 years ago to improve the delivery of vocational education and training for students in one of Australia's most economically marginal regions. It is NASSSA'S success in emphatically delivering on that promise that won it the School Pathways to VET Award in the 2016 Australian Training Awards.

"The Australian Training Awards are recognition of what has been 16 years of hard work following our predecessors' collective decision to work together for a common cause,"

said Peter McKay, Chair of the Principals' Network. "Since its inception we have established vital partnerships with RTOs, industry and the tertiary sector that have endured and deepened over the years, we are delivering high quality training at a consistent level across 11 schools¹ and partner RTO facilities and we are securing real outcomes for our students."

The NASSSA alliance of public schools operates within one of the most disadvantaged regions in the country. Its key focus is on identifying and supporting educational innovation so that students in Alliance schools successfully transition from school to

employment, training and further education.

"In 2016 we had 823 students a week participating in 62 classes across 42 qualifications," said Heather Bitter, NASSSA Senior Leader, Student Pathways.

"As the first school partnership to win this award we have proved that our model is successful and replicable and we have been approached by other schools who are interested in adopting the model for their context. We know that what we are doing is making a huge difference and will be delighted to share our learnings with others in order to benefit many other young people and the wider society."

¹The Alliance comprises Craigmore High School, Gawler and District College B-12, Kaurna Plains School, Mark Oliphant College, Northern Adelaide Senior College, Para Hills High School, Parafield Gardens High School, Paralowie R-12 School, Playfield International College, Salisbury East High School and Salisbury High School.

ABOUT THE AUSTRALIAN TRAINING AWARDS

Each year, the Australian Training Awards recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements of Australian Apprentices, vocational students, training practitioners, businesses, secondary schools, industry and registered training organisations for their contribution to skilling Australia.

The majority of the awards are the culmination of the state and territory awards programs with winners from each state and territory eligible to compete at the national level in aligned categories.

There are also seven award categories available by entering directly to the Australian Training Awards.

Individual

- Lifetime Achievement Award (**direct entry**)
- National Achievement Award (**direct entry**)
- Excellence in Language, Literacy and Numeracy Practice Award (**direct entry**)
- Australian School-based Apprentice of the Year Award
- Vocational Student of the Year Award
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year Award
- Australian Apprentice (Trainee) of the Year Award
- Australian Apprentice of the Year Award
- VET Teacher/Trainer of the Year Award

Business

- Australian Apprenticeships – Employer Award (**direct entry**)
- Small Employer of the Year Award (**direct entry**)
- Medium Employer of the Year Award
- Large Employer of the Year Award
- Industry Collaboration Award

Registered Training Organisation

- School Pathways to VET Award (**direct entry**)
- International Training Provider of the Year Award (**direct entry**)
- Small Training Provider of the Year Award
- Large Training Provider of the Year Award

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WHY APPLY?

The awards offer participants Australia-wide recognition for exceptional training outcomes and an opportunity to become known as the best-of-the-best, nationally.

For individuals, the awards can open up networks and career opportunities within the business sector and provide you with the opportunity to become a national ambassador for skills to promote the vocational education and training sector at a national level.

For businesses and registered training organisations, the awards can propel you into the national spotlight, positioning you as a front runner in skills and workforce development and leader in best practice. This will set you apart from the competition and make you an employer or registered training organisation of choice.

