The Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE) provides a seriously fun learning environment and is seriously good at what it does. The first specialist game institution at the time of its establishment in 1996, its graduates today work in the top creative studios around the world and contribute to the success of acclaimed games such as Gears of War 4 and movie blockbusters such as Mad Max: Fury Road.

Established as a non-profit organisation to grow the creative digital sector, AIE pioneered the development of specialist game qualifications through industry partnerships and dynamic teaching. As one of the most awarded 3D animation, game design and visual FX educators in the world, the Australian Training Awards’ Small Training Provider of the Year Award is a very welcome accolade for the company in its 20th year of operation.

“When success is often measured by the number of students through the door, we distinguish ourselves by being about quality rather than quantity. AIE’s number one focus is on helping our students to succeed and it is very pleasing to have our student-centric approach rewarded.”

Also validating AIE’s approach is the consistently positive feedback received from student satisfaction surveys, with 91 per cent of students indicating they are satisfied with their training and 93 per cent indicating they would recommend the training to others.

Neil attributes much of AIE’s success to its focus on teacher quality and attracting the best of the best. “The quality of what you do and the outcomes you achieve are only as good as your teachers on the front line. Our teachers are absolutely committed and invested in their students. They are expert, passionate and inspiring.”

“It is really important to value and celebrate the work and achievements of those in the sector and that’s what the Australian Training Awards do so well. For us the award is a stamp of quality which will inspire confidence from the industry, teachers and students.”
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 (Trainee) 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.

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