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Australia's most outstanding school teachers and leaders celebrated

Australia's best teachers and principals were honoured at the Australian Awards for Outstanding Teaching and School Leadership ceremony in Melbourne last night.

Thirty nine state and territory finalists and five national winners were recognised for their expert knowledge, exemplary skills and unwavering commitment to young Australians in five award categories.

- Australian Primary Teacher of the Year
- Australian Secondary Teacher of the Year
- Australian Primary Principal of the Year
- Australian Secondary Principal of the Year
- The Australian Government Minister's Award for Excellence in Teaching or Leadership in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education.

The prestigious national event was hosted by the Hon Peter Garrett AM MP, Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth and attended by State and Territory Education Ministers.

"The Australian Awards for Outstanding Teaching and School Leadership provide an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the nation's most talented, innovative and inspirational school teachers and leaders," said Anthony Mackay, Chair of the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership, which managed the Awards for the Australian Government.

"They shine a light on the outstanding contribution these individuals, and indeed all teachers and school leaders across Australia, make to give the best possible opportunities for all students," said Mr Mackay.

"By identifying and drawing on this expertise from across Australia, the Awards will inspire similar excellence in others," said Mr Mackay. "AITSL is looking forward to engaging with the Award winners and exploring ways to share their expertise to build the quality of teaching and school leadership across the nation."

The national award winners received a national and/or international sabbatical to work with leading educators from around Australia and overseas on an area of professional interest.

Please refer to the accompanying background document on AITSL and the Awards.

For a full list of state and territory finalists and winners visit www.aitsl.edu.au.

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