

WA EDUCATION AWARDS

Statement by Minister for Education and Training

HON SUE ELLERY (South Metropolitan — Minister for Education and Training) [2.02 pm]: I rise to congratulate the teachers, principals, schools and education assistants who were recognised yesterday as nominees and award winners at the eleventh WA Education Awards. The Education Awards, which the Premier and I attended, recognise excellence in public education and the hard work of our school staff.

No doubt the students, staff and school community at Carine Senior High School are still celebrating, after two staff members were announced as winners. Principal Damian Shuttleworth was named WA Secondary Principal of the Year. Mr Shuttleworth has been principal since 2014 and is just the fourth in the school's 44-year history. Science teacher Daniel Hugo was announced as WA Premier's Secondary Teacher of the Year. Having run a successful marine and maritime technology ATAR course for many years, the School Curriculum and Standards Authority engaged Mr Hugo to assist with developing course content.

Anthony Horn from West Beechboro Primary School and Rebecca Bope from Kalgoorlie Primary School picked up the WA Premier's Primary Teacher of the Year and Primary Principal of the Year awards respectively. Barbara Dalgety from Bluff Point Primary School in Geraldton was named WA Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer of the Year, while Warwick Senior High School's Benjamin Garnaut picked up the WA Beginning Teacher of the Year. The WA Education Assistant of the Year was Aspiri Primary School's Tamie Douglas, and the WA School Services Staff Member of the Year was Sally Bradley from Swan View Senior High School.

Wiluna Remote Community School, 966 kilometres north east of Perth, won the WA Premier's Excellence in Aboriginal Education Award. The school's Aboriginal and Islander education officers, together with the elders, local rangers and community members, teach new staff about Aboriginal knowledge and practices and are developing employment opportunities for students with vocational education and training courses. Brookman Primary School in Langford in Perth's south was named WA Primary School of the Year, having become a place where students are excited about attending every day. School staff are helping students develop a longing for and interest in learning as leaders in science, technology, engineering and maths, in addition to languages. Lynwood Senior High School was awarded WA Secondary School of the Year. With a focus on care for every student, the school's Student Wellbeing Committee monitors how all students are faring and organises specific case management, targeted programs and individual academic mentoring for students who need it.

As members know, so many of our best educators go above and beyond to provide our young people with a positive start in life. We are truly lucky to have professionals of their calibre. Congratulations to the winners and nominees. Thank you for the work that you do setting up young people for future success.