



Media Statement

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Nominate now for the 2009 WA Education Awards

Western Australia's best school support staff member in 2008 has urged the community to nominate their favourite public school educator for the 2009 WA Education Awards.

Lynley Juboy, an Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer at Looma Remote Community School, won the WA School Support Staff Member of the Year Award 2008 for her vital liaison work between the school and the local Aboriginal community.

The Derby resident said nominating someone for an award was a touching way to show their work is appreciated.

"School support staff often work behind the scenes but winning this award made me realise that my work has not gone unnoticed," Mrs Juboy said.

"Winning the award gave me more self-confidence - I never thought that anything like this would happen to me.

"It is important to thank those who educate our children."

Nominations for the 2009 WA Education Awards are now open.

The categories and prizes for 2009 are:

- Premier's Teacher of the Year – \$25 000 (50% for professional learning)
- WA Principal of the Year – \$25 000 (50% for professional learning)
- WA School Support Staff Member of the Year – \$25 000 (50% for professional learning)
- WA Literacy School of the Year sponsored by Edith Cowan University – \$15 000
- WA Numeracy School of the Year sponsored by Teachers Credit Union – \$15 000
- WA Science School of the Year sponsored by ExxonMobil – \$15 000.

Department of Education and Training Director General Sharyn O'Neill said the awards recognise Western Australia's best educators.

"Quality teachers, principals, support staff and schools are the basis of a great education," she said.

"The professional learning opportunities created by the awards and the cash prizes to schools benefit the whole school community and teachers are able to engage students in exciting lessons which enhance their learning.

"Give your child's teacher, school or principal the ultimate thank you by nominating them for an award."

Anyone interested in nominating a school or staff member for the WA Education Awards should talk with their school's principal.

Nomination kits are available from all public schools or using det.wa.edu.au/educationawards.

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