



Media Release

PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS' COUNCIL NEW SOUTH WALES
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Celebration of Excellence

Friday 29 October 2021 is World Teachers' Day and the Professional Teachers' Council New South Wales (PTC NSW) joins the media in the recognition and celebration of our teachers across all sectors and systems in NSW and the teaching profession.

World Teachers' Day acknowledges the professionalism and dedication of teachers and their invaluable contribution to the future of our society through their professional teaching associations.

"The best thing about being a teacher is that it matters. The hardest thing about being a teacher is that it matters every day"-Todd Whittaker.

"World Teachers' Day is an opportunity to publicly acknowledge the work of all teachers. It is also a time to express gratitude to the many volunteer teaching associations and show them how much they are valued," said Dr Denis Mootz, President of PTC NSW.

"It is the opportunity for the community to reflect on and acknowledge the vital and challenging work that all teachers do" Dr Mootz said.

In recognition of the outstanding work teachers undertake through their professional teaching associations the Professional Teachers' Council NSW awards the prestigious **Outstanding Professional Service Awards (OPSA)** as an acknowledgment of excellence in the profession.

The **Outstanding Beginning Teacher Award (OBTA)** recognises the outstanding professional contribution by an individual committee member (of a professional teachers' Association) with five or less years teaching experience in education in NSW.

These awards acknowledge the outstanding professional contribution to education made by teachers through Professional Teaching Associations across all sectors and systems of NSW.



The Professional Teachers' Council NSW is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2021 awards.

Outstanding Professional Service Award (OPSA) Recipients

Nominating Association	Full Name
Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation NSW	Veronica Brodgen
Chinese Language Teachers Association NSW	Hang Vivien Dong
Dance Educators Professional Association	Leisa Munns
Economics and Business Educators NSW	Mai Ni Pham
Educators of Deaf Students Association NSW	Dr Robyn Cantle Moore
English Teachers Association NSW	Elizabeth Sofatzis
English Teachers Association NSW	Michelle McDonald
English Teachers Association NSW	Victoria Keech
Geography Teachers Association of NSW & ACT	Catherine Donnelly
ICT Educators	Amanda Hogan
Mathematical Association of NSW Inc	Jennifer Way
Mathematical Association of NSW Inc	Shane Scott
Mathematical Association of NSW Inc	Suzie Berry
Modern Language Teachers Association NSW	Enri Parolin
NSW Association of French Teachers NSW	Annabel Gassmann
Orff Schulwerk Association of NSW	Virginia Esparrage
Society & Culture Association of NSW	Kristy Petrevski
Technology Educators Association of NSW	Allison Beattie
Visual Arts and Design Educators Association	Gemma Baldwin

Outstanding Beginning Teacher Award (OBTA) Recipients

Nominating Association	Full Name
ICT Educators	Carina Gleeson