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WA EDUCATION AWARDS 2014



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A group of young students in blue school uniforms are playing didgeridoos. The focus is on a boy in the foreground, with others visible behind him. A yellow banner is overlaid on the bottom left of the image.

RANGEWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

WA PREMIER'S EXCELLENCE IN ABORIGINAL EDUCATION AWARD

RANGEWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

‘Dream and believe, strive and succeed’ underpins the school’s approach to Aboriginal education. With the community actively involved in the school, Aboriginal culture is honoured and celebrated. Students attend school and achieve well – and the school consistently performs beyond expectations.

FINALISTS



- 1 Hamilton Senior High School**
- 2 Balga Senior High School**
- 3 East Kalgoorlie Primary School**

WA PREMIER’S EXCELLENCE IN ABORIGINAL EDUCATION AWARD SPONSOR



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At BHP Billiton we see education as the foundation for the success of future generations, and we are proud to support a variety of education programs and infrastructure projects.

Our goal is to ensure access to high quality education is available to all in our host communities. Some of the programs we support include the Pilbara Education Partnership with the Department of Education, Graham (Polly) Farmer Foundation, The University of Western Australia, Curtin University, Australian Indigenous Education Foundation, West Coast Eagles, Swan Districts Football Club, the YMCA and Youth Involvement Council.

The WA Education Awards provide an opportunity to recognise all those who play a key part in delivering a high quality education to students across the State. We are proud to again be the Platinum Sponsor. Congratulations to all nominees and finalists.



ANA NAIL

**WA PREMIER'S PRIMARY
TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

ANA NAIL

GEOGRAPHE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Vibrant, dynamic and inspirational, visual arts teacher Ana made an immediate impression when she joined the school in 2005. She embeds visual arts across all learning areas, challenging students and allowing them to explore the arts through community projects and awards.

FINALISTS



- 1 **Sarah Bott** Churchlands Primary School
- 2 **Cheree Shields** Boyup Brook District High School
- 3 **Lisa Whitby** Maidens Park Primary School

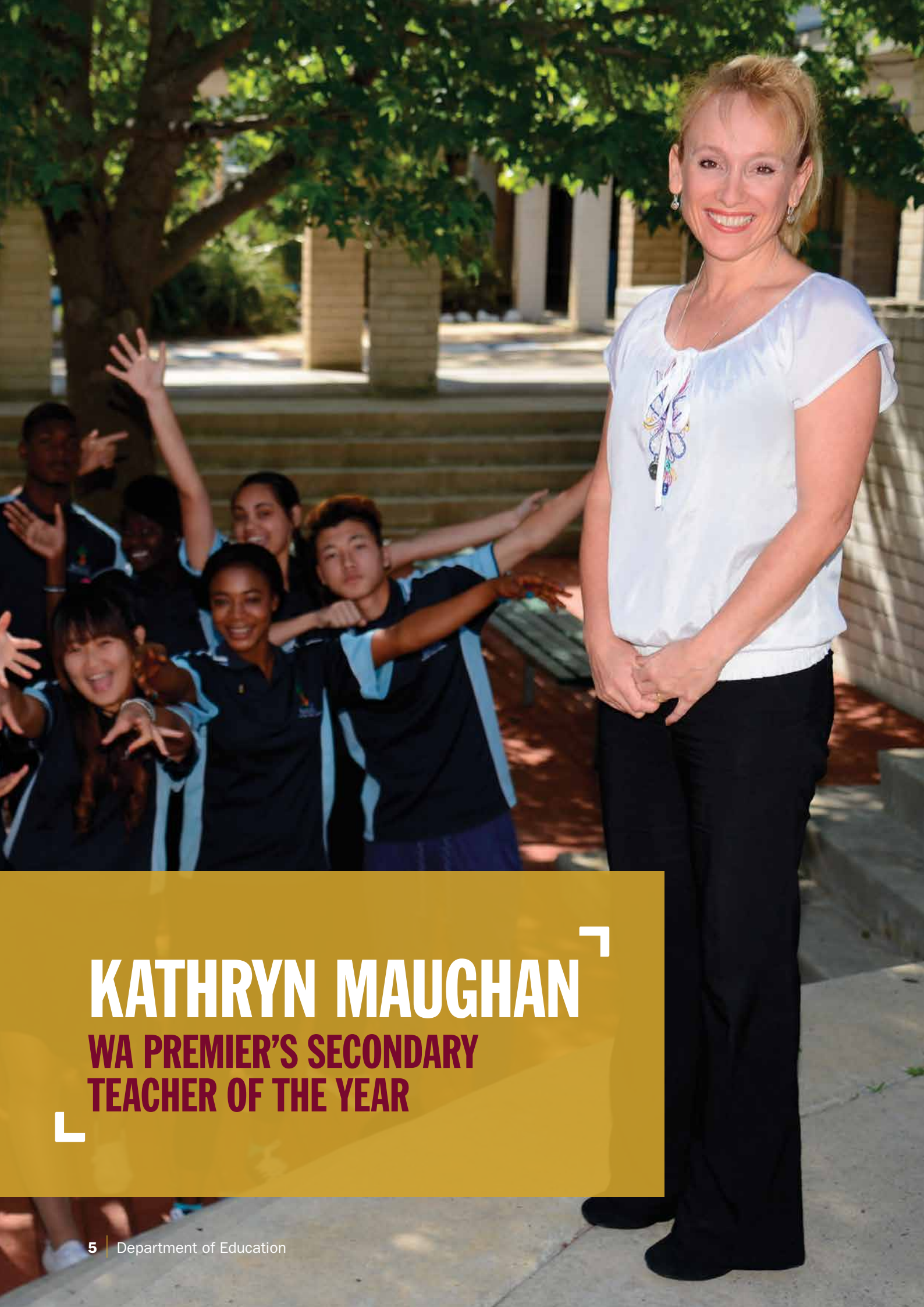


WA PREMIER'S PRIMARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR SPONSOR



“The future of our State is in our classrooms – which is why it is so important to honour and reward the people who work in our schools. Their knowledge, skills and expertise are directly contributing to our vision as a Government and to the aspirations of our community – for every student, at every school across the State, to have the opportunity to achieve their best.”

Colin Barnett MLA Premier of Western Australia



KATHRYN MAUGHAN

**WA PREMIER'S SECONDARY
TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

KATHRYN MAUGHAN

BALGA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Instrumental in establishing education programs specifically for the diverse student population, Kathryn also ensures the broader health and wellbeing of students is considered. She builds a rapport with students and interacts with them as equals to engender a sense of true belonging.

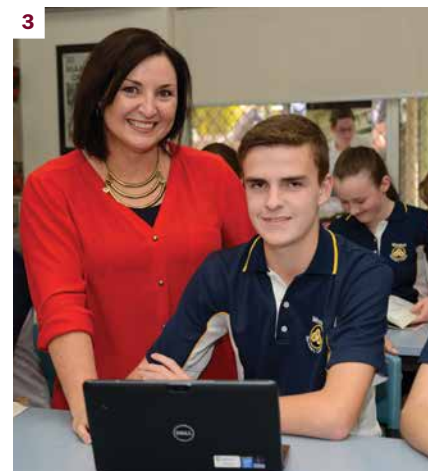
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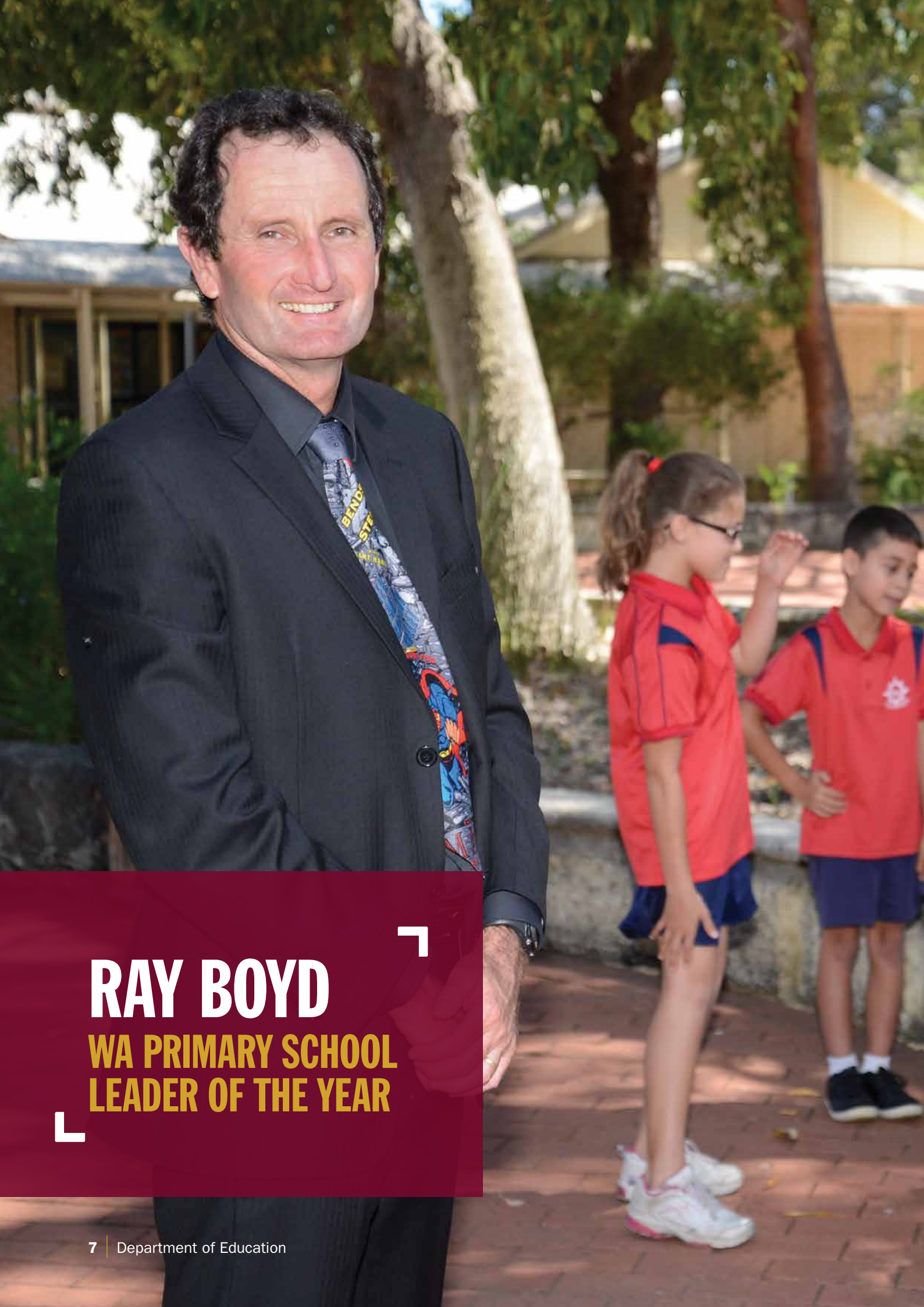
“The awards identify and recognise our inspirational teachers, exceptional leaders and outstanding support staff. They bring to the fore our schools that are adding incredible value to the education of their students. Each person is an ambassador for public education in Western Australia.”

Sharyn O'Neill
Director General

FINALISTS



- 1 Greg McMurdo** John Willcock College
- 2 Janene Wells** Manea Senior College
- 3 Paula Warr** Woodvale Secondary College



RAY BOYD

**WA PRIMARY SCHOOL
LEADER OF THE YEAR**

RAY BOYD

PRINCIPAL

WEST BEECHBORO PRIMARY SCHOOL

With an unwavering passion for education and a belief that demographics do not define the destiny of students, Ray pursues contemporary education practices to maximise student achievement. His transformative approach, in collaboration with staff, has significantly changed the school culture.

FINALISTS



1 Lesley Bell Principal, Inglewood Primary School

2 Dean Finlay Principal, Ocean Road Primary School

3 Geoff Miller Principal, East Hamilton Hill Primary School

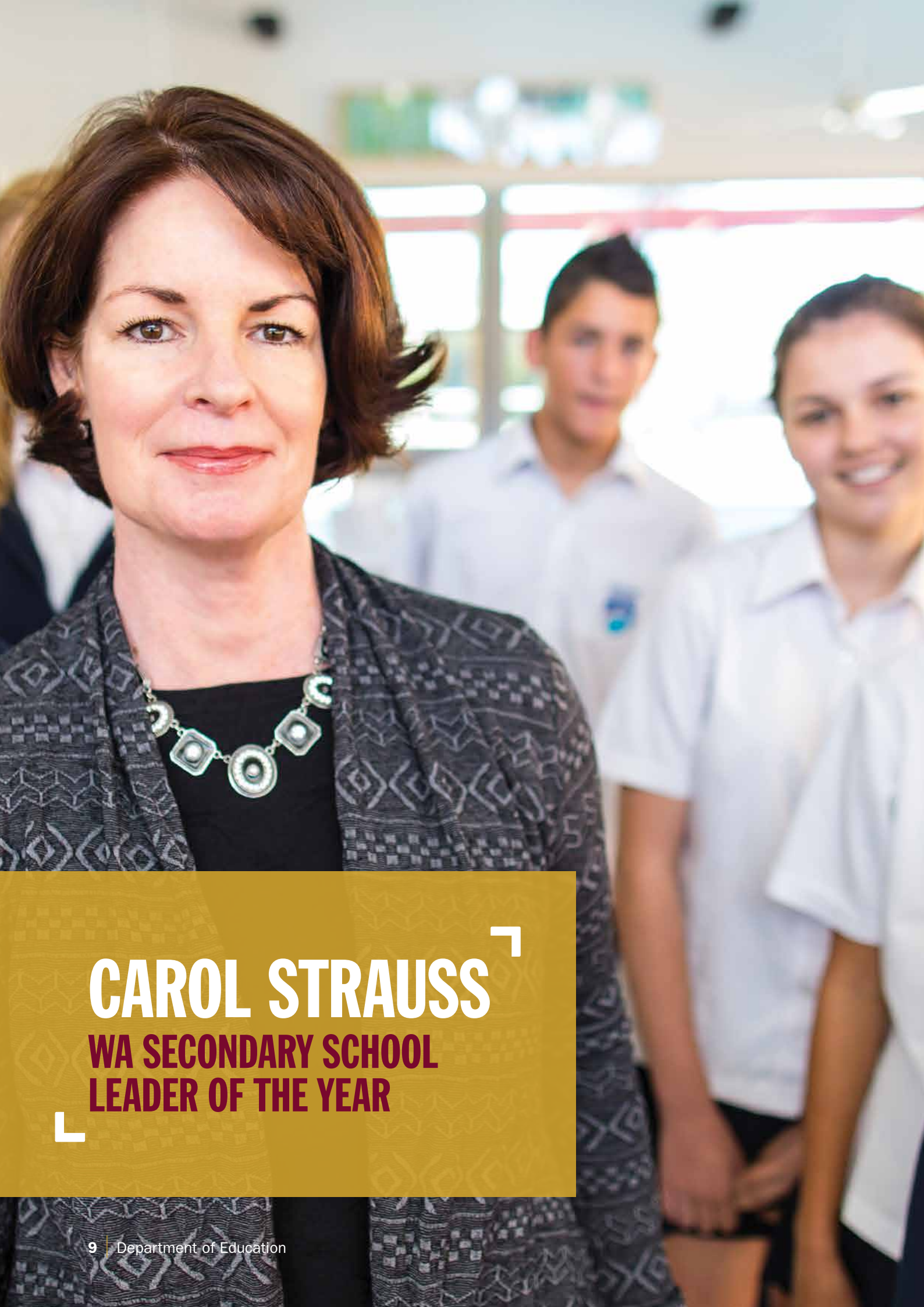
WA PRIMARY SCHOOL LEADER OF THE YEAR SPONSOR



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To strengthen our commitment to teachers and their families, we're proud to sponsor the WA Primary School Leader of the Year Award.



CAROL STRAUSS

**WA SECONDARY SCHOOL
LEADER OF THE YEAR**

CAROL STRAUSS

PRINCIPAL

ASHDALE SECONDARY COLLEGE

As foundation principal, Carol has led the creation of a thriving school community and a world-class learning environment for students. With a commitment to developing and mentoring staff, her focus is on exemplary practice, innovation and creativity.

FINALISTS



- 1 Gary Anderson**
Principal, Lynwood Senior High School
- 2 Bernard Beatty**
Principal, WA College of Agriculture – Cunderdin
- 3 Veronica Sutton**
Deputy Principal, Woodvale Secondary College

WA SECONDARY SCHOOL LEADER OF THE YEAR

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MIA LENNOX

WA BEGINNING TEACHER OF THE YEAR

MIA LENNOX

ASHDALE SECONDARY COLLEGE

From a career in environmental science, Mia's passion for science teaching has seen her take a lead in curriculum development including implementing the new Earth and Environmental Sciences ATAR course at Ashdale Secondary College. Her rich learning experiences challenge students.

FINALISTS

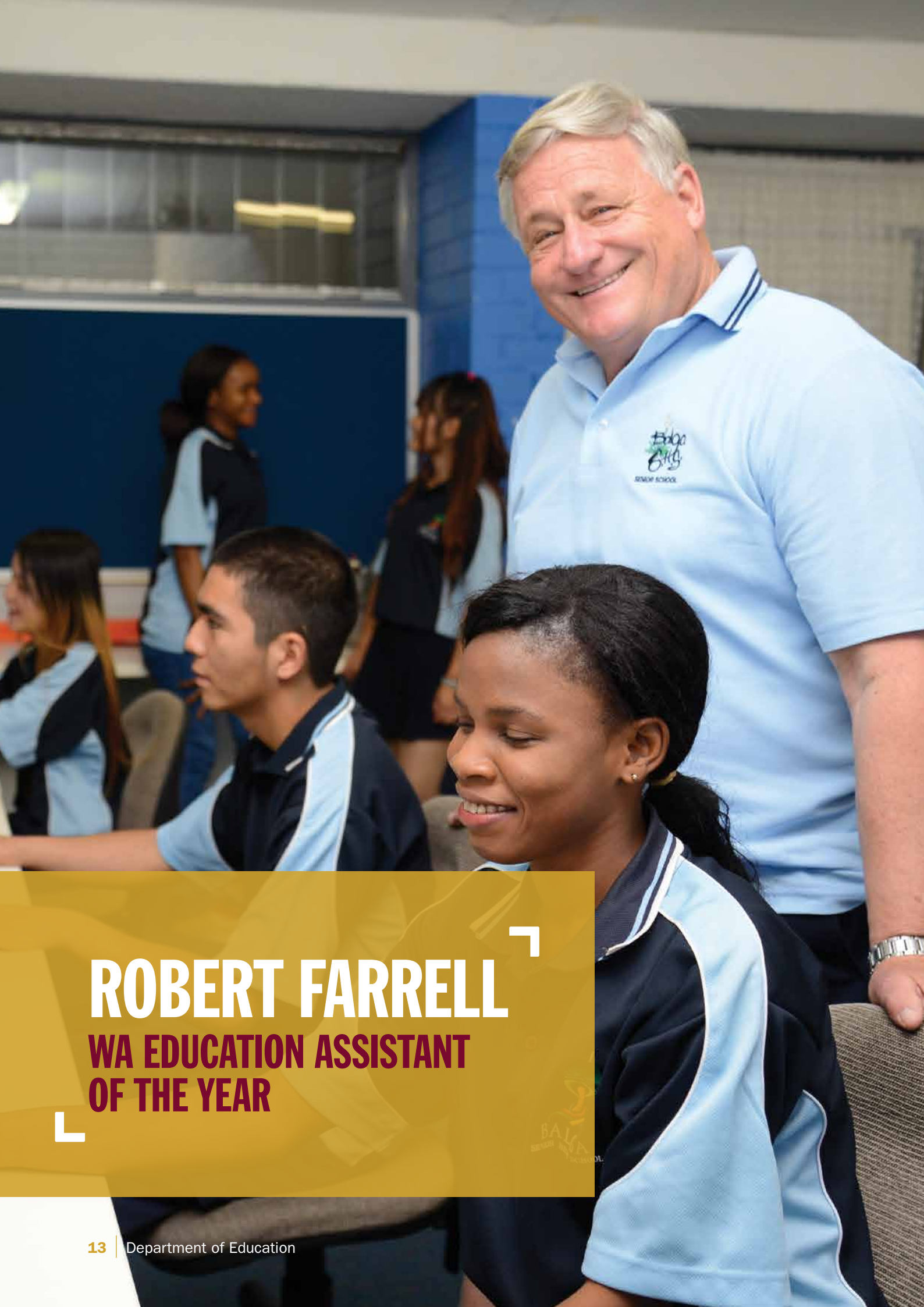


- 1 Andrew Thom**
Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community High School
- 2 Crystal Nullmeyers**
Ashdale Secondary College
- 3 Rachel Martino**
Como Primary School

WA BEGINNING TEACHER OF THE YEAR SPONSOR



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ROBERT FARRELL

WA EDUCATION ASSISTANT OF THE YEAR

ROBERT FARRELL

BALGA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Robert stands out for his versatility, initiative and commitment to help students and their families. Known affectionately as Mr Bob, his contribution to the development and advancement of students who are at educational and social risk has literally changed lives.

WA EDUCATION ASSISTANT OF THE YEAR SPONSOR

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FINALISTS



- 1 Annette Assness** Coolbinia Primary School
- 2 Karen Calway** Applecross Senior High School
- 3 Sophia Mathers** Balga Senior High School



LINDA LITTLE

**WA ABORIGINAL AND
ISLANDER EDUCATION
OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

LINDA LITTLE

CECIL ANDREWS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

For 13 years, Linda has been a driving force behind getting the community involved in improving student attendance, behaviour and achievement. She has been integral in introducing programs and partnerships that support Aboriginal students both academically and socially.

FINALISTS

- 1 Charmaine Thomas**
Hillcrest Primary School
- 2 Sophie Taylor**
Rangeway Primary School
- 3 Leanne Eades**
Katanning Primary School



WA ABORIGINAL AND ISLANDER EDUCATION OFFICER OF THE YEAR SPONSOR



“The stories behind the winners and finalists are as diverse as our communities. They also showcase common themes of commitment, endeavour and achievement. Congratulations to all finalists and winners.”

Peter Collier MLC
Minister for Education



JOHN CARTER

WA SCHOOL SERVICES STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR

JOHN CARTER

GARDENER

COMET BAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Using his expert knowledge, and innovative and sustainable horticulture practices, John has played a key role in the success of projects such as the Stephanie Alexander kitchen garden which gives students experiences in aquaculture and landscaping. A willing listener, students often ask to work with John as a reward for good behaviour.

WA SCHOOL
SERVICES STAFF
MEMBER OF THE
YEAR SPONSOR

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FINALISTS



1 Betty Vlahov
Registrar,
South Ballajura
Primary School

2 Carol-Anne White
Registrar,
Waggrakine
Primary School

3 Jimmy Newton
Gardener,
Armadale Senior
High School



“The Department of Education acknowledges the contribution of the judges who give their expertise and time voluntarily to the awards.”

Sharyn O'Neill
Director General



WATTLE GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WA PRIMARY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

WATTLE GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Inspiring young minds and enriching student learning are the keys to the school's success. The safe, welcoming, inclusive and supportive learning environment sees students flourish. The school leadership program empowers and challenges students.

FINALISTS



- 1 Comet Bay Primary School**
- 2 Bruce Rock District High School**
- 3 Coolbinia Primary School**




WA PRIMARY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR SPONSOR



Edith Cowan University (ECU) congratulates all finalists who have made a significant contribution to student achievement and success. ECU has been at the forefront of teacher education for over 100 years and is Western Australia's oldest, largest and preferred School of Education.

Strong partnerships with schools and early childhood centres support our extensive program of teaching, research and community engagement. Our research is leading significant national and local research programs particularly in the areas of language and literacy, school effectiveness, student academic engagement and participation, especially for Indigenous Australian students.

We believe the foundations for success must start early which is why we're delighted to recognise primary schools that have demonstrated outstanding teaching and strong leadership to create positive learning environments that will serve students well into their futures.



WA COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE — CUNDERDIN

WA SECONDARY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

WA COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE — CUNDERDIN

Excellence, innovation, partnerships and community are the key factors behind the college's outstanding reputation. The working farm, trade training centre and residential facility combine to deliver success for students across both vocational and academic endeavours.

FINALISTS



1 Australind Senior High School

2 Mindarie Senior College

3 Warwick Senior High School

WA SECONDARY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR SPONSOR



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- Money Magazine Best of the Best Awards 2014 – Best Transactor Credit Card – Bank Category, Cheapest Credit Card – Bank Category.
- AB+F Awards Winner 2013 – Best Bank in Socially Responsible Performance.

As part of our ongoing commitment to the education community, Teachers Mutual Bank is pleased to support the WA Education Awards again in 2014.



Ensuring access to a quality education

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BHP Billiton, proudly supporting education in Western Australia.