
Highly Accomplished and Lead Teacher Recognition Ceremony 2025

Friday 22 August 2025

Library Auditorium
State Library of NSW



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Program

4:00pm Welcome to Country – Uncle Allen Madden

4:05pm Introduction – Paul Martin, NESA CEO

4:10pm Keynote address – Greg Warren MP

4:15pm Guest speaker – Jessica Williams

4:25pm Medal ceremony

4:55pm Guest speaker – Kerrie Quee

5:00pm Closing remarks

5:05pm Formalities conclude and light refreshments served

6:00pm Event concludes

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Special guests



Greg Warren MP

Member for Campbelltown
Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier
Parliamentary Secretary for Education and Early Learning
Parliamentary Secretary for Western Sydney



Jessica Williams, Highly Accomplished Teacher, Albion Park High School

Jessica Williams is a proud First Nations Murruwarri woman, living and working on Dharawal Country in the Illawarra. She worked as an English and HSIE classroom teacher for 20 years and has passionately pursued the advancement of Aboriginal Education in all workplace contexts.

As the Senior Executive Officer Level 1 (SEO1) in the Illawarra Southeast Region, Aboriginal Portfolio, Jessica helped create and deliver the mandatory No-Gaps professional development project, and also works with the Southern Stars Aboriginal dance group Yanggaa Garaba. She works with Aboriginal composers to develop and deliver educational resources with authentic Aboriginal perspectives.



Kerrie Quee, Board Member, HALT Association NSW

Kerrie Quee is a Highly Accomplished Teacher (HALT) with 40 years' experience in education. She works with the NSW Department of Education as an EAL/D Education Leader for the Regional South Directorate and teaches Master courses at Western Sydney University.

As a board member of the HALT Association NSW, she is actively engaged in cross-sectoral collaboration and policy influence. Kerrie is known for her leadership in teacher capacity-building through mentorship, resource development and impact on student learning across diverse educational contexts.

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2024 and 2025 Highly Accomplished and Lead Teachers

The following teachers achieved Highly Accomplished or Lead Teacher accreditation within the past year.

Ariana Abeni-Davis	Highly Accomplished	Balmain Public School
Rowane Abourjaily	Highly Accomplished	Kelso Public School
Timothy Bacon	Highly Accomplished	Kildare Catholic College
Allison Baldwin	Highly Accomplished	Moree Secondary College
Christina Baldwinson	Highly Accomplished	Tottenham Central School
Billie-Jo Barry	Highly Accomplished	Merewether High School
Siobhan Betts	Highly Accomplished	St Paul's Catholic College
Samantha Beveridge	Highly Accomplished	St Brendan's Catholic Primary School
Joshua Bowman	Highly Accomplished	Eastwood Public School
Vanessa Brown	Highly Accomplished	Manly West Public School
Corey Bubb	Highly Accomplished	West Wallsend High School
Shabanum Buksh	Highly Accomplished	Al-Faisal College-Campbelltown
Nicholas Cashin	Highly Accomplished	Central Coast Adventist School
Emily Channell	Highly Accomplished	Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic Primary School
Emma Chapman	Highly Accomplished	Cammeraygal High School
Rea Chouman	Highly Accomplished	Yagoona Public School
Jessica Williams	Highly Accomplished	Albion Park High School
Alexis Conn	Highly Accomplished	Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Primary School
Natalie Cooke	Highly Accomplished	Miranda Public School
Rhonda Creasey	Highly Accomplished	Wallsend Public School
Lisa Curran	Highly Accomplished	Warners Bay High School

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Kym Daly	Highly Accomplished	Coniston Public School
Patricia Davidson	Highly Accomplished	Engadine West Public School
Larissa Deleieuен	Highly Accomplished	St Joseph's Primary School
Tonia Dohmen	Highly Accomplished	Engadine West Public School
Alexia Ell	Highly Accomplished	St James Catholic Primary School
Bridget Ellis-Byrne	Highly Accomplished	Casula High School
Bree-Anna Fogliada	Highly Accomplished	St Paul's Catholic Primary School
Anne Forwell	Highly Accomplished	St Joseph's Primary School
Jennifer Franks	Highly Accomplished	Jasper Road Public School
Jennifer Godwin	Highly Accomplished	St Agatha's Catholic Primary School
Rachel Haines	Highly Accomplished	SCECGS Redlands
Nari Hamilton-Foster	Highly Accomplished	Terrigal Public School
Catherine Jones	Highly Accomplished	Manly West Public School
Erin Jordan	Highly Accomplished	Catherine McAuley Catholic College
Christopher Kalodikis	Highly Accomplished	Marist College Kogarah
Rachel Keeling	Highly Accomplished	Balgowlah Heights Public School
Hayley Khan	Highly Accomplished	Granville South Public School
Rachel Khuu	Highly Accomplished	Queanbeyan East Public School
Nicola Kingsley-Jones	Highly Accomplished	Loreto Kirribilli
Frances Lee	Highly Accomplished	Middle Harbour Public School
Jeryee Lee	Highly Accomplished	Hurstville Public School
Megan Lowe	Highly Accomplished	St Ambrose Catholic Primary School
Claire Macdonald	Highly Accomplished	New Lambton Public School
Robert Magner	Highly Accomplished	Loreto Kirribilli

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Mirna Martinez	Highly Accomplished	St Johns Park Public School
Simone McClenaughan	Highly Accomplished	Kyeemagh Public School
Alysha McDonald	Highly Accomplished	Leppington Public School
Melissa McEntee	Highly Accomplished	St John's Catholic Primary School
Kathryn McGreal	Highly Accomplished	Loreto Normanhurst
Elise McRae	Highly Accomplished	Duri Public School
Nicole Moore	Highly Accomplished	Singleton High School
Julie Naughton	Highly Accomplished	St Brigid's Catholic Primary School
Alana Nicholls	Highly Accomplished	Callaghan College Wallsend Campus
Alicia Nugent	Highly Accomplished	Terrigal Public School
Lauren O'Neill	Highly Accomplished	Coolah Central School
Christine Owen	Highly Accomplished	Holy Family Primary School
David Partridge	Highly Accomplished	Armidale Secondary College
Rebecca Partridge	Highly Accomplished	Armidale Secondary College
Allison Passafaro	Highly Accomplished	MacKillop Catholic College
Sophie Pentelow	Highly Accomplished	SCECGS Redlands
Joanne Piccinin	Highly Accomplished	Woodberry Learning Centre
Cathy Pickett	Highly Accomplished	St James Catholic Primary School
Tricia Saunders	Highly Accomplished	Gunnedah High School
Amanda Scott	Highly Accomplished	Office of Diocese of Armidale
Susanna Siu	Highly Accomplished	Chatswood High School
Rebecca Stuart	Highly Accomplished	Northern Beaches Secondary College Manly Campus
James Thom	Highly Accomplished	Mater Maria Catholic College
Amy Tier	Highly Accomplished	Mona Vale Public School

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Timothy Unwin	Highly Accomplished	St Nicholas Primary School
Alexis Versitano	Highly Accomplished	Nuwarra Public School
Claire Walsh	Highly Accomplished	Erina High School
Kate Walton	Highly Accomplished	Manly West Public School
Kelly Way	Highly Accomplished	Engadine West Public School
Ebony Yeadon	Highly Accomplished	Byron Bay High School
Seba Ayache	Lead Teacher	Carramar Public School
Sarah Carter	Lead Teacher	Kooringal High School
Katie Daley	Lead Teacher	St Nicholas Primary School
Natalie Polak	Lead Teacher	Dubbo South Public School
Samuel Small	Lead Teacher	Beechwood Public School
Fiona Tramonte	Lead Teacher	Carlingford Public School
Jemimah Vedamonickam	Lead Teacher	The Hospital School at Westmead
Jacqueline Wait	Lead Teacher	Holy Trinity School
Rochelle Wilkinson	Lead Teacher	Chatswood High School
Jessica Wilson	Lead Teacher	St Ambrose Catholic Primary School

Highly Accomplished and Lead Teachers–pre 2024

The following teacher achieved Highly Accomplished accreditation in 2023 and will be recognised at the 2025 ceremony.

Veronica Dekort	Highly Accomplished	Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus
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