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# Recognition ceremony

for Highly Accomplished  
and Lead Teachers in NSW

Expert Teachers.  
Exemplary Teaching.

Friday 27 October 2023  
Parliament House



# Message from the Deputy Premier of New South Wales

Achieving the highest level of accreditation in NSW is a significant accomplishment, and I'm delighted to recognise the new cohort of Highly Accomplished and Lead Teachers (HALTs).

This month, we've celebrated teachers all across NSW for World Teachers' Day. I've seen many heartwarming messages that illustrate what most of you already know – that teachers like you are at the very heart of our schools, early childhood services and our communities.

That is why this Government has a steadfast commitment to supporting and raising the profile of extraordinary teachers in NSW.

Your talent and commitment to the teaching profession makes you an asset to your classrooms and learning environments, your schools and services and your local communities. We're truly privileged to have you here, working wonders in your roles both as leaders and mentors in NSW education.

The exemplary practice and innovative teaching you all demonstrate strengthens the profession and drives outcomes for our young people across the state.

You provide inspiration to those you teach and your colleagues, who can count on your support and expertise if they follow in your footsteps and pursue higher accreditation too.

The future of NSW education is in good hands with accomplished teachers at the helm. I can't wait to see it flourish even more, thanks to you.



The Hon Prue Car MP

Deputy Premier of New South Wales  
Minister for Education and Early Learning  
Minister for Western Sydney



### **Marlee Silva**

Marlee Silva is a young Aboriginal woman from the Gamilaroi and Dunghutti nations. She is the best-selling author of *My Tidda, My Sister: Stories of strength and resilience from Australia's first women*. She is also a NRL commentator and radio host with ABC Sport.

Starting her career in the non-profit sector, Marlee's path shifted toward a more public profile when she became Co-CEO of Aboriginal education charity AIME Mentoring. In this role, she shadowed AIME's CEO for 12 months and acted as the representative of the organisation in its mission to bridge the educational gap for Indigenous students, inspiring students to pursue further education and employment opportunities.

Marlee is determined to utilise her storytelling skills to inspire people and create change. Marlee sits on the board of both ID. Know Yourself, an Aboriginal founded charity which provides support to Indigenous children living in out of home care, and youth suicide prevention non-profit, Cultural Choice Association, where she developed and delivered a mental health and wellbeing program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students.

Her passionate advocacy for these causes saw her named as a finalist in the Australian Human Rights Commission 'Young People's Human Rights Medal' in 2019.



### **Stefanie Thom**

Assistant Principal – St John the Apostle Catholic School, Narraweena

Stefanie is a member of the NESA HALT Assessor Team and provides support for up-and-coming HALT applicants within her diocese and the NSW HALT Association.

Having achieved her Highly Accomplished Teacher credentials in 2020, Stefanie is currently completing her Lead Teacher accreditation. She has engaged in roles including classroom teacher, ICLT Coordinator, Mathematics Lead Teacher and Collaborative Coach.

Stefanie is passionate about supporting teacher development as witnessed in her role as Assistant Principal and Teacher Coach at her current school. Her participation in the Catholic Schools Broken Bay Expert Teacher Group and constant support of early career teachers, supervisors and mentors shows her talent for developing and challenging those around her, while also making the Teaching Standards part of the profession's everyday language.

Stefanie's passion for education, building learning partnerships and leading to unleash the potential of all is infectious.

# Program

**10.00am** Proceedings commence  
Introduction from NESA CEO Paul Martin  
Welcome to Country delivered by Daniel McDonald

**10.05am** Introduction from MC Marlee Silva

**10.10am** The Hon. Prue Car Deputy Premier and Minister for Education and Early Learning delivers address

**10.20am** Presentation of medals

**10.30am** Student performance by Leo Marland from Northern Beaches Secondary College, Manly Campus and quartet

**10.35am** Guest speaker –Stefanie Thom

**10.45am** Official proceedings conclude  
Group photo  
Morning tea

**12.00pm** Networking lunch

**2.00pm** Event concludes

# Congratulations

NESA would like to thank the schools and school communities that supported these teachers to achieve their higher level of accreditation

Alexandra	Bonello	Highly Accomplished	2022	Northern Beaches Secondary College Cromer Campus
Cherie	Borger	Highly Accomplished	2023	St Pius X High School
Justin	Brayley	Highly Accomplished	2022	Newington College
Teliah	Buckton (in absentia)	Highly Accomplished	2023	Rutherford High School
Samantha	Chenu	Lead Teacher	2023	Wahroonga Public School
Natalie	Colefax	Highly Accomplished	2023	Nangamay Public School
Jamie-Ellen	Corrigan	Highly Accomplished	2023	Vacy Public School
Kristie	Crawford	Highly Accomplished	2022	Northern Beaches Secondary College Manly Campus
Carolyn	Curtin	Highly Accomplished	2023	St Agatha's Catholic Primary School
Lili	D'Cruz	Lead Teacher	2022	Warwick Farm Public School
Melissa	Dullege (in absentia)	Highly Accomplished	2023	Roseville College
Tam	Forsyth	Highly Accomplished	2022	The Rivers Secondary College Lismore High Campus
Dianne	France	Highly Accomplished	2023	Bayanami Public School
Stuart	Galletly-Salisbury (in absentia)	Highly Accomplished	2022	Byron Bay High School
Julie	Garde (in absentia)	Highly Accomplished	2020	Emu Plains Public School
Tracey	Gibbons	Lead Teacher	2023	Bega High School
Rebecca	Goswell	Highly Accomplished	2022	Anzac Park Public School

Vicki	Goward (in absentia)	Highly Accomplished	2022	Tamworth South Public School
Rodney	Henderson	Highly Accomplished	2023	Arden Anglican School
Beth	Hodson	Highly Accomplished	2022	Aurora College
Caroline	Jarvis	Highly Accomplished	2023	Willoughby Girls High School
Natalie	Jeffrey	Highly Accomplished	2023	Roseville College
Miranda	Langford	Highly Accomplished	2022	Oxley Vale Public School
Belinda	Lantry	Highly Accomplished	2022	Rutherford Public School
Allan	Larnach	Highly Accomplished	2023	Edgeworth Heights Public School
Alisha	Leverett	Lead Teacher	2019	Regentville Public School
Jana	Liessmann	Highly Accomplished	2022	Bourke Street Public School
Michelle	Lowe	Highly Accomplished	2023	Byron Bay High School
Janna	Macpherson	Highly Accomplished	2023	Loftus Public School
Jessica	Malu	Lead Teacher	2022	Gosford Public School
Leanne	Maunder	Lead Teacher	2022	Wilberforce Public School
Michelle	McDonald	Highly Accomplished	2022	St Edward's Christian Brothers' College
Kerry	McDonald	Highly Accomplished	2023	Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School
Tracy	McGlashan	Lead Teacher	2023	Gwabegar Public School
Emma	Milne	Highly Accomplished	2022	Rozelle Public School
Patricia	Mitchell	Highly Accomplished	2022	Office of Diocese of Armidale
Nicholas	Mulvihill	Highly Accomplished	2023	Singleton High School

Simone	Museth	Highly Accomplished	2022	Byron Bay High School
Viet Thuy An	Ngo	Highly Accomplished	2023	Lansvale Public School
Kristen	Pollock	Highly Accomplished	2022	Cessnock High School
Mathew	Rhodes	Lead Teacher	2023	Dapto High School
Tracey	Richards (in absentia)	Highly Accomplished	2022	Morisset High School
Denise	Robens (in absentia)	Highly Accomplished	2020	Regentville Public School
Jacqueline	Rogers	Lead Teacher	2023	Menai High School
Aimee	Rosler	Highly Accomplished	2022	Coonabarabran Public School
Adam	Russell	Highly Accomplished	2023	St Pius X High School
Liam	Sharp	Highly Accomplished	2022	Beresford Road Public School
Christine	Shilling	Highly Accomplished	2023	MacKillop Catholic College
Ashlea	Simonetti	Lead Teacher	2022	Avalon Public School
Carolyn	Stephens	Lead Teacher	2022	Beresford Road Public School
Crystal	Tuazon	Highly Accomplished	2022	Homebush West Public School
Kellie	Umback	Highly Accomplished	2023	Tathra Public School
Thomas	Walker	Highly Accomplished	2022	Millers Forest Public School
Catherine	Whitmore	Highly Accomplished	2023	MacKillop Catholic College
Amanda	Wilkinson (in absentia)	Highly Accomplished	2022	Wadalba Community School
Debra	Williams	Lead Teacher	2023	Hillsong Childcare Centre
Yao May	Wong	Lead Teacher	2023	Kincoppal - Rose Bay School of the Sacred Heart

