



2017 NANGA MAI AWARDS Nominations Package

2017 Annual Public Schools NSW *Nanga Mai* Awards

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In this document Aboriginal is inclusive of Torres Strait Islander peoples.

***Nanga Mai* is an Eora (Sydney) word meaning: To Dream.**

PUBLIC SCHOOLS NSW NANGA MAI AWARDS NOMINATIONS OPEN AUGUST 2016

The Department of Education is proud to support the Public Schools NSW *Nanga Mai* awards.

It is time to nominate students, teachers, other departmental staff, schools, community members and external organisations working in partnership with schools for *Nanga Mai* Awards.

ALL NOMINATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO YOUR SERVICE LOCATION BY FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2016

The Annual Public Schools NSW *Nanga Mai* Awards are in their 11th year. The awards recognise and celebrate innovation, excellence and educational achievements in Aboriginal education in New South Wales public schools and their school communities.

The awards are an opportunity for the NSW Department of Education to celebrate and promote the educational achievements of Aboriginal students and Aboriginal education overall.

Awards will be presented to selected Aboriginal students, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal teachers, other Departmental staff, community members, schools and external organisations working in partnership with schools to improve educational achievements in the area of Aboriginal education and community engagement.

The award ceremony will be held in March 2017 at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Sydney.

Award Categories

Student Awards:

- Encouragement award
- Outstanding student engagement award
- Outstanding achievement in sport award
- Outstanding achievement in performing/creative/visual arts award
- Outstanding achievement in public speaking award
- Student leadership award
- Academic excellence award

Award Categories

Staff Awards:

- Award for outstanding contribution to educational achievement by an Aboriginal staff member
- Award for outstanding contribution to educational achievement by a non-Aboriginal staff member
- Award for outstanding leadership in Aboriginal education
- Award for outstanding leadership in Aboriginal languages.

School/Community Awards:

- Award for outstanding contribution to educational achievement by a community member
- Award for outstanding school and community partnership
- Award for outstanding commitment to increasing knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal histories, culture and experiences of Aboriginal peoples.

Selection Criteria - Student Awards

Academic excellence award

This award is presented to Aboriginal students who have demonstrated outstanding academic excellence in any curriculum area in 2016 and who have displayed a positive attitude to school and a commitment to their further education.

Encouragement award

This award is presented to Aboriginal students who have demonstrated excellent attendance, progress in learning, consistent effort and a positive attitude to school.

Outstanding student engagement award

This award is presented to Aboriginal students who have demonstrated a strong commitment to engaging in a range of activities in their school.

Outstanding achievement in sport award

This award is presented to Aboriginal students who have represented their school and or community, demonstrated fairness, integrity and outstanding achievement in their chosen sporting field/s.

Outstanding achievement in performing/creative/visual arts award

This award is presented to Aboriginal students who have demonstrated outstanding talent and application in the performing, creative or visual arts.

Outstanding achievement in public speaking award

This award is presented to an Aboriginal student who has demonstrated exemplary skills in public speaking. The award recognises Aboriginal students' ability to speak clearly and fluently with authority and confidence and the ability to maintain audience interest.

Student leadership award

This award is presented to Aboriginal students who have demonstrated exceptional skills in promoting, encouraging and supporting student participation across their school and in their community. Aboriginal students nominated will have strong communication skills, have contributed to school/community initiatives, be ambassadors to their school and/or community and be positive role models.

Selection Criteria - Staff Awards

Award for outstanding contribution to educational achievement by an Aboriginal staff member

This award is presented to an Aboriginal employee of the NSW Department of Education who has demonstrated a strong commitment to improving educational outcomes for Aboriginal students and to working with Aboriginal students, their families and communities.

Award for outstanding contribution to educational achievement by a non-Aboriginal staff member

This award is presented to a non-Aboriginal employee of the NSW Department of Education who has demonstrated a strong commitment to improving educational outcomes for Aboriginal students and a commitment to working with Aboriginal students, their families and communities.

Award for outstanding leadership in Aboriginal education

This award is presented to a NSW Department of Education employee who has demonstrated strong leadership and capacity building among staff, schools and the school community and an ongoing commitment to improving educational outcomes for Aboriginal students. Nominations must demonstrate how the nominee has led the development of a positive school culture, found new solutions to challenging school issues and provided opportunities to increase the knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal Australia for all students and staff in NSW Public Schools.

Award for outstanding leadership in Aboriginal languages

This award is presented to a NSW Department of Education employee who has demonstrated a strong commitment to improving educational outcomes for Aboriginal students through implementation of a school Aboriginal languages program. Nominations must demonstrate how the nominee has worked in collaboration with the local Aboriginal community, encouraged student participation and promoted the importance of Aboriginal language learning to staff and members of the school community.

Selection Criteria – School/Community Awards

Award for outstanding contribution to educational achievement by an Aboriginal community member

This award is presented to an Aboriginal community member who has contributed significantly to the successful educational achievement of Aboriginal students. Nominees must be able to demonstrate a strong commitment to working in partnership with NSW Department of Education personnel. **(Current NSW Department of Education employees cannot be nominated for this award as the award is for an Aboriginal community member)**

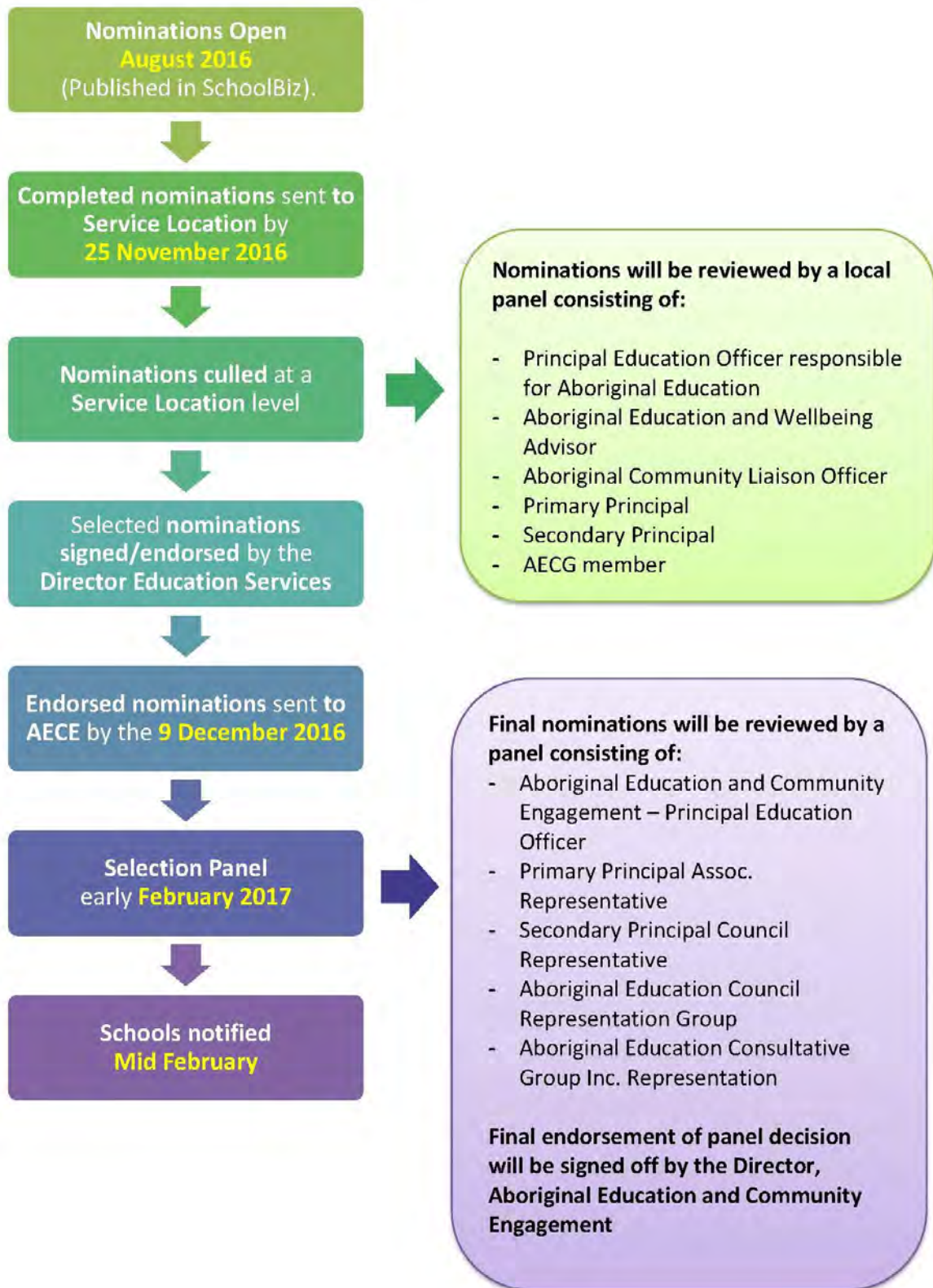
Award for outstanding school and community partnership

This award is presented to a school that has developed and maintained strong, respectful and productive partnerships with students, staff, parents and their local Aboriginal communities. Nominations must demonstrate the nominee has worked collaboratively to engage Aboriginal parents and community and provide opportunities for involvement in local decision making, including school planning and practices aimed at achieving positive outcomes for Aboriginal students.

Award for outstanding commitment to increasing knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal histories, culture and experiences of Aboriginal peoples

This award is presented to a school or a community of schools that have demonstrated a commitment to cultivating a culture of respect, caring and inclusive teaching practices which recognise and value the diverse needs of Aboriginal students. School nominations must demonstrate that staff consistently encourages Aboriginal student's sense of identity and pride in their cultural background.

Process for Nominations



NOMINATION FORM
2017 STUDENT NANGA MAI AWARD

NOMINATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2016

AWARD (Please tick one box)

- Encouragement award
- Outstanding student engagement award
- Outstanding achievement in sport award
- Outstanding performing/creative/visual arts award
- Outstanding achievement in public speaking award
- Student leadership award
- Academic excellence award

Details of nominee: (Please print clearly)

Name: _____

School: _____

Home Address: _____

Home telephone/mobile: _____

Age: _____ Year Group: _____

Reasons for nomination – this section **MUST be completed**

Outline the reasons for selecting this nominee and provide evidence to support the nomination.

You can attach any type of information to the nomination form to support the nomination – maximum of 2 x A4 pages.

Nominator details – this section **MUST be completed**

Name: _____

School: _____

Address: _____

Telephone/mobile: _____

Email: _____

Your relationship to student: _____

(eg Principal, parent, teacher, community member, etc)

School Principal's Signature: _____

Local AECG President's Signature: _____

Director Educational Services Signature: _____

(Successful nominations to be signed prior to forwarding to Aboriginal Education and Community Engagement)

NOMINATION FORM

2017 STAFF NANGA MAI AWARD

NOMINATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2016

AWARD (Please tick one box)

- Award for outstanding contribution to educational achievement by an Aboriginal staff member
- Award for outstanding contribution to educational achievement by a non-Aboriginal staff member
- Award for outstanding leadership in Aboriginal education
- Award for outstanding leadership in Aboriginal languages

Details of nominee: (Please print clearly)

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home telephone/mobile: _____

Email Address: _____

School/Other: _____

Reasons for nomination – this section **MUST be completed**

Outline the reasons for selecting this nominee and provide evidence to support the nomination.

You can attach any type of information to the nomination form to support the nomination – maximum of 2 x A4 pages.

Nominator details – this section **MUST be completed**

Name: _____

School/Office: _____

Address: _____

Telephone/mobile: _____

Email: _____

Your relationship to nominee: _____

(Eg. Principal, colleague, community member, etc.)

Principal or Supervisor's Signature: _____

Local AECG President's Signature: _____

Educational Services Director Signature: _____

(Successful nominations to be signed prior to forwarding to Aboriginal Education and Community Engagement)

NOMINATION FORM

2017 SCHOOL/COMMUNITY NANGA MAI AWARD

NOMINATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2016

AWARD (Please tick one box)

Award for Outstanding Contribution to educational achievement by an Aboriginal community member

(Current NSW Department of Education employees cannot be nominated for this award - Must be endorsed by local AECG President)

Award for outstanding school and community partnership

(Must be endorsed by local AECG President)

Award for outstanding commitment to increasing knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal histories, culture and experiences of Aboriginal peoples.

(Must be endorsed by local AECG President)

Details of school/community nominee: (Please print clearly)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone/mobile: _____

Email address: _____

Network of Schools _____

Reasons for school/community nomination – this section **MUST be completed**

Outline the reasons for selecting this nominee and provide evidence to support the nomination.

You can attach any type of information to the nomination form to support the nomination – maximum of 2 x A4 pages.

Nominator details – this section **MUST be completed**

Name: _____

School/Office: _____

Address: _____

Telephone/mobile: _____

Email: _____

Your relationship to nominee: _____

(eg. Principal, parent, teacher, community member, etc)

Local AECG President's Signature: _____

Educational Services Director Signature: _____

(Successful nominations to be signed prior to forwarding to Aboriginal Education and Community Engagement)

Service location addresses

Completed nomination forms should be sent to:

Nominations to be returned titled '*Nanga Mai Awards*' by post to the Aboriginal Education and Wellbeing Advisor (SEO2) below.

For general enquiries, contact Aboriginal Education and Communities on 02 9244 5393.

Aboriginal Education and Wellbeing Advisor	Operational Directorate Address
Jenni Tillett	NSW Department of Education - Warilla Office 30 Oldfield Street or PO Box 118 WARILLA NSW 2528
Renette Burgess	NSW Department of Education - Gosford Office Level 3, 40 Mann St GOSFORD NSW 2250
Wayne Anderson	NSW Department of Education - Port Macquarie Office Findlay Ave PORT MACQUARIE NSW 2444
Thelmerie Rudd	NSW Department of Education – Wagga Wagga Office Level 2, 76 Morgan St WAGGA WAGGA NSW 2650
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