2017 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.
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

Nominations Open
August 2016
(Published in SchoolBiz).

Completed nominations sent to Service Location by 11 December 2015

Nominations culled at a Service Location level

Selected nominations signed/endorsed by the Director Education Services

Endorsed nominations sent to AECE by the 9 December 2016

Selection Panel early February 2017

Schools notified Mid February

Nominations will be reviewed by a local panel consisting of:
- Principal Education Officer responsible for Aboriginal Education
- Aboriginal Education and Wellbeing Advisor
- Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer
- Primary Principal
- Secondary Principal
- AECG member

Final nominations will be reviewed by a panel consisting of:
- Aboriginal Education and Community Engagement – Principal Education Officer
- Primary Principal Assoc. Representative
- Secondary Principal Council Representative
- Aboriginal Education Council Representation Group
- Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc. Representation

Final endorsement of panel decision will be signed off by the Director, Aboriginal Education and Community Engagement
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.

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