

Media Release

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FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR VICTORIAN EARLY YEARS AWARDS

Twenty early childhood educators have been announced as finalists for the Victorian Early Years Awards which recognise the work they do helping to shape the minds of our youngest learners.

Minister for Early Childhood Ingrid Stitt today announced the 20 finalists for the awards which is now in its 15th year.

The finalists have been named across seven categories which focus on improving engagement in learning, supporting parents, building collaborative community partnerships, improving health and wellbeing, exemplary practice in early childhood education, leadership, and significant service improvement.

The awards showcase and celebrate the outstanding achievements of both individuals and organisations in the early childhood sector, creating positive opportunities and educational outcomes for children.

The prestigious awards include the Early Childhood Teacher of the Year and a separate 2020 Minister's Award.

The finalists were shortlisted from 115 nominations received in 2020.

This year's winners will be announced on November 25 online, consistent with the coronavirus pandemic restrictions.

Winners of each category will receive a grant of up to \$15,000 for professional development or to support their nominated initiative.

For the full list of finalists, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/veya

Quotes attributable to Minister for Early Childhood Ingrid Stitt

"Congratulations to every finalist in the Victorian Early Years Awards for their contribution to our children's education."

"These awards showcase the hard work and dedication in the early childhood sector to provide the best opportunities and educational outcomes for children, even during a global pandemic."