

MEDIA RELEASE
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LOCAL TEACHER AWARDED FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Mrs Leanne Randolph has received national recognition and a share in over \$1 million in prize money at the 2008 Australian Government National Awards for Quality Schooling.

Mrs Randolph of Forestdale is a teacher at the Forest Lake State High School. She was highly commended in the Excellence in Teacher Leadership category. Mrs Randolph, Head of Senior Schooling has significantly increased the number of students enrolled in workplace training and apprenticeships.

Her exceptional leadership ability enabled students to select from a variety of career pathways. She initiated and led a wide range of vocational programs that cater for students' interests and needs, and established links with local employers, industry, training organisations and universities. She successfully trained colleagues to effectively lead vocational programs in the school.

Mrs Randolph's commitment and passion have made a real difference to opportunities for young people resulting in an increasing number of students gaining worthwhile vocational experience.

"The Australian Government is committed to building a world-class education system, and awards like this build a better understanding of the work done in Australian schools by showcasing these important achievements," said Mr Craig Emerson Member for Rankin.

The Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, today awarded 59 schools, teachers, principals and school support staff at a ceremony in Parliament House, Canberra.

"Our local winner has made an outstanding contribution to our community by demonstrating the enthusiasm, passion and dedication that builds a positive schooling experience for our students," Mr Emerson said.

"I am delighted to see Mrs Randolph receive the recognition so richly deserved, and I join with the community in celebrating this great achievement.

"A quality education is crucial not only for ensuring our national prosperity, but also for providing equality of opportunity and overcoming social disadvantage in our community.

"I warmly congratulate our local winner and encourage our schools to keep up their excellent work."



Leanne Randolph is congratulated by Craig Emerson, Member for Rankin at the award ceremony held in Parliament House, Canberra