



School Sport Unit Awards Ceremony

The School Sport Unit (SSU) provides carefully planned, adaptable and enjoyable physical activity opportunities for all students in NSW public schools. As a leader in sport education, the SSU promotes equity, wellbeing and excellence in a variety of settings. We acknowledge that our programs are delivered by highly skilled, motivated volunteer teachers who positively shape young people's lives. The opportunities provided would not be possible without the support of caring principals across the state.

In recognition of the outstanding work that occurs week in week out in NSW, we will host the inaugural School Sport Unit Awards Ceremony on Thursday 9 December 2021.

The aim of the ceremony is to identify and recognise teachers, principals and schools from all areas of NSW who consistently support and deliver programs that allow students to achieve their best through sport and physical activity.

Once all nominations are received an independent panel will review and make determinations regarding the applications.

We invite you to support this initiative by nominating teachers for the categories outlined below.

What are the award categories?

Representative school sport pathway

- **School Sporting Association award** - Each of the 10 school sporting association executive councils will nominate two teachers who have made outstanding contribution to representative sport. Each nominee will be invited to the Awards Ceremony. One winner will be selected by the panel, which will be announced at the ceremony.
- **Primary School Sport Association award** - One teacher will be nominated by the PSSA Executive. The award recipient will be considered based on innovation in sport, length of service to the PSSA, and/or their contribution as a role model to other teachers.
- **Combined High School Sport Association award** - One teacher will be nominated by the CHSSA Executive. The award recipient will be considered based on innovation in sport, length of service to the CHSSA, and/or their contribution as a role model to other teachers.

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NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge

- **Excellence through implementation of the Premier's Sporting Challenge** - The PSC team will nominate a school to recognise excellence of implementation of the 10 week Challenge and/or Race Around Australia.
- **The 'More active, more often' award** - Nominations are invited for teachers who have implemented an exemplary school based physical activity program. One recipient will be selected by the panel.
- **Excellent service to school based sport programs** - Nominations are invited for teachers who have demonstrated outstanding service with an ongoing commitment to the implementation of school based sporting programs. One recipient will be selected by the panel.

Disability and participation

- **Exceptional promotion and delivery of sport and physical activity for students with disability** - Nominations are invited for teachers who have demonstrated exceptional promotion and delivery of sport and physical activity for students with disability. One recipient will be selected by the panel.
- **Leading change in sport and physical activity for students with disability** - The School Sport Unit will nominate two recipients (one metro and one regional recipient).

Teacher professional learning

- **Outstanding commitment to support and/or deliver professional learning in school sport** - Nominations are invited for teachers who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to supporting and/or delivering professional learning in school sport and/or physical activity programs. Two recipients will receive an award (one metro and one regional recipient).

School Swimming and Water Safety Program

- **Outstanding commitment to providing the School Swimming and Water Safety program** - SSWS team to nominate two recipients (one metro and one regional recipient).

Additional awards

- **Early career teacher award** - Nominations are invited for teachers who have shown outstanding commitment by an early career teacher (7 years or less) to ensure enhanced opportunities for students in sport and/or physical activity. Schools are invited to nominate teachers. Two recipients will be selected by the panel (one metro and one regional recipient).
- **Outstanding contribution to the promotion and development of sport for First Nation Australians** - Nominations are invited for teachers outstanding contribution to the promotion and development of

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opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Two recipients will be selected by the panel (one metro and one regional recipient).

- **Supporting sport and physical activity while learning from home** - Nominations are invited for teachers who show commitment to ensuring continued opportunities and physical activity for students who are learning from home. One recipient will be selected by the panel.
- **Leadership in female sporting initiatives** - Nominations are invited for teachers who demonstrate outstanding contribution to sport education opportunities aimed at increasing participation of females. This could be through program development or as a role model. One recipient will be selected by the panel.
- **Leadership in male sporting initiatives** - Nominations are invited for teachers who demonstrate outstanding contribution to sport education opportunities aimed at increasing participation of males. This could be through program development or as a role model. One recipient will be selected by the panel.
- **Innovation in school sport** - Nominations are invited for teachers who show outstanding innovation in school sporting organisation, administration and/or opportunities to promote inclusivity by meeting the diverse needs of students. One recipient will be selected by the panel.
- **Innovation in multicultural programs and initiatives** - Nominations are invited for teachers who have made outstanding contribution through innovation to provide opportunities for students from disadvantaged or refugee background to participate in sport. One recipient will be selected by the panel.

Who can be nominated?

Teachers in NSW public schools, primary, secondary, central, community and schools for special purposes (SSPs) are eligible to be nominated.

Who can nominate a teacher?

A teacher must be nominated by another teacher, principal or school community member. Nominations cannot be made by students. All nominations must be endorsed by the nominated teacher's Principal or Director Educational Leadership.

How to nominate?

Nominations can now be made online by completing this [Microsoft Form](#).

Nominations will **close 5pm Friday 15 October 2021**. No late nominations will be considered.

Prior to completing the online form, the nominator is encouraged to gather the necessary information ready to submit:

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- Nominee and school details (including role/position and email)
- Nominator's statement supporting the teacher's achievements and contributions recommended length less than 300 words (completed online – not as an attachment)

Please note no additional attachments will be considered during nomination reviews by the selection panel.

Who selects the recipients?

An independent selection panel will be formed, including representatives from the NSW Department of Education and within the School Sport Unit. All applicants will be reviewed according to the award criteria based on the information provided.

For further information

Call the School Sport Unit on **02 9508 5500** or email us at schoolsportunit@det.nsw.edu.au. We also encourage you to visit our website <https://app.education.nsw.gov.au/sport/>.

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