

AUSTRALIAN TEACHER AIDE OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2026

Nomination Eligibility

AUSTRALIAN TEACHER AIDE OF THE YEAR

- Nominations must be made by a teacher or other member of staff with direct experience of the nominee's work and include the name of a school leader (e.g Principal or Assistant Principal).
- Individual nominees must be employed at the school at the time of nomination.
- Open to individual teacher aides who have been in the profession 3+ years.
- Nominations must respond to, and provide evidence against all criteria laid out in the 'Guide to writing a winning nomination' -

C1: Positive impact on student learning and wellbeing

C2: Commitment to professional growth

C3: Collaboration with colleagues to support learning and teaching

AUSTRALIAN TEACHER AIDE TEAM OF THE YEAR

- Nominations must be made by a teacher or other member of staff with direct experience of the nominees' work and include the name of a school leader (e.g Principal or Assistant Principal).
- All members of the team must be employed by the same school at the time of nomination.
- Open to all teacher aide teams
- Nominations must respond to, and provide evidence against all criteria laid out in the 'Guide to writing a winning nomination' -

C1: Positive impact on student learning and wellbeing

C2: Commitment to professional growth

C3: Collaboration with colleagues to support learning and teaching

EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR EARLY CAREER TA

- Nominations must be made by a teacher or other member of staff with direct experience of the nominee's work and include the name of a school leader (e.g Principal or Assistant Principal).
- Individual nominees must be employed at the school at the time of nomination.
- Open to individual teacher aides who are working in the first 3 years of their career.
- Nominations must respond to, and provide evidence against all criteria laid out in the 'Guide to writing a winning nomination' -

C1: Positive impact on student learning and wellbeing

C2: Commitment to professional growth

C3: Collaboration with colleagues to support learning and teaching



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Terms and Conditions

- The nominations will be judged by a selection panel, who are representative of Government, Independent and Catholic schools, and Australian Teacher Aide.
- Panelists are not eligible to make a nomination.
- The decision of the panel will be final.
- Photos of Finalists and Highly Commended nominees will be required.
- Successful nominations will be published on the Australian Teacher Aide (ATA) website, in TA Talk, the ATA newsletter, and on social media.
- ATA may use nomination information, including nominee photos, on the Australian Teacher Aide website and in other media for promotional purposes.
- By submitting a nomination in the Australian Teacher Aide of the Year Awards you agree to be subscribed to Australian Teacher Aide for the purpose of communicating about the awards, and will automatically receive regular email updates. You can unsubscribe at any time.
- The prize packages for the winners and finalists of the Australian Teacher Aide of the Year, Australian Teacher Aide Team of the Year and the Excellence Award for Early Career Teacher Aide are outlined on our website.

