

# 2011 National Awards for Excellence in School Music Education



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## Aims

The Awards Project aims to:

- raise the status of music education in Australian schools;
- Recognise individual teachers and school leaders who have made an outstanding contribution to the provision of music education in Australian schools; and
- Provide opportunities for award recipients to further their professional learning related to music education.

## Description of Awards

Up to thirteen awards for excellence and leadership in school music education will be awarded to teachers and school leaders each year. The awards will recognise the recipients' exceptional contribution to enhancing the status and quality of music education in their schools.

Up to eleven teachers will receive an **Excellence by a Teacher** award for their:

- success as teachers in enabling the development of new musical understandings that build on and enrich students' knowledge and skill in music;
- ability to use a range of approaches to learning and to use creative and innovative ways to arouse curiosity, challenge students' thinking and engage them actively in learning; and
- ability to articulate a vision for their school music programme including proposed future directions.

Up to two school leaders will receive an **Excellence by a School Leader** award for their explicit support for music education, demonstrated through:

- the schools' policy, curriculum documents and practices;
- their role in valuing, sharing and celebrating music with the school community; and
- their ability to articulate a vision for their school music programme including proposed future directions.

Each recipient will receive a certificate and a cheque for \$5,000, which is intended to be used to further their professional learning related to music education. This may include activities such as attendance at conferences, study tours, or a chosen project in the recipient's school or wider community. One recipient from each category will receive a 'Highly Commended' award and be invited to attend a presentation event at the ASME XVIII National Conference at the Gold Coast, Queensland in early July 2011.

Nominators and intending nominees should refer to the Guidelines for Nomination and Nomination Form on the Awards website: [musicawards.asme.edu.au](http://musicawards.asme.edu.au)

**Nominations close Friday 1st April, 2011.**

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