Growing Tall Poppies Science Partnership Program

Teacher Awards

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THE AWARD

The Teacher Tall Poppies Award recognises outstanding secondary teachers who have been innovative in their school to enhance student outcomes in science and mathematics.

GOAL

To recognise and support the development of ‘science-champions’ in secondary schools through curriculum development and partnerships with scientists.

INITIATIVE

Growing Tall Poppies Science Partnership Program has implemented this state-wide awards system to promote the efforts of teachers and students who are advancing the cause of science and mathematics education. Our aim is to develop partnerships between school and science communities through recognising the leaders and champions in the secondary school system.

VISION

Secondary school students will be encouraged to choose the sciences to Year 12 through providing structured partnerships between secondary school teachers and scientists. This will increase the number of students who can pursue opportunities and a wide range of careers in and beyond science, technology, engineering and mathematics.
APPLICATION CRITERIA

Teacher nominee must be teaching science or mathematics as no less than half their teaching load.
Teacher nominee needs to demonstrate they have implemented innovations that have improved student outcomes in science or mathematics.
Teacher nomination needs to be endorsed by a lead teacher or principal.

OUTCOMES AND BENEFITS FOR TEACHERS

Winning a Teacher Tall Poppies Science & Mathematics Award carries benefits in addition to the certificate/trophy:

1. Involvement with cutting edge science
2. Mentorship of a scientist or mathematician in the associated winner’s school
3. Prestige and peer recognition
4. Opportunity to join and enjoy the Growing Tall Poppies Program alumni network of workshops and public events to remain connected with the science community
5. Develop new innovations in teaching by using the network of scientists and mathematicians

OUTCOMES AND BENEFITS FOR SCHOOLS

1. Collaborate with teachers and leaders to promote science and mathematics in their school
2. Have science/mathematics teacher recognised for outstanding professional practice
3. Collaboration and mentor-ship from a scientist or mathematician
4. Encourage sciences as a career, a study path or to increase science/maths literacy for good citizenship
5. Opportunity to improve best-practice and innovation in the school

AWARD WINNERS WILL RECEIVE

1. Award Ceremony - to accept the award
2. Leadership Development Workshop - to develop new learning-programs and modes of implementation
3. Subscription to Growing Tall Poppies in Science Conference
4. Access to a network of scientist and science and maths programs to support your school.
5. Check website for extra prizes specific for this year.

HOW TO NOMINATE

Go to www.growingtallpoppies.com for further information and nomination forms and procedures.

KEY DATES

Check the website for dates regarding:

1. Close of nomination
2. Announcement of winners
3. Leadership Workshop

For any queries regarding your nomination please contact: inquiries@growingtallpoppies.com