



## Media Release

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PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS' COUNCIL NEW SOUTH WALES  
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### Celebration of Excellence

Friday 30 October 2020 is World Teachers' Day and the Professional Teachers' Council New South Wales (PTC NSW) joins the media in the recognition and celebration of our teachers across all sectors and systems in NSW and the teaching profession.

World Teachers' Day acknowledges the professionalism and dedication of teachers and their invaluable contribution to the future of our society through their professional teaching associations.

*"The best thing about being a teacher is that it matters. The hardest thing about being a teacher is that it matters every day"* -Todd Whittaker.

*"World Teachers' Day is an opportunity to publicly acknowledge the work of all teachers. It is also a time to express gratitude to the many volunteer teaching associations and show them how much they are valued,"* said Dr Denis Mootz, President of PTC NSW.

*"It is the opportunity for the community to reflect on and acknowledge the vital and challenging work that all teachers do"* Dr Mootz said.

In recognition of the outstanding work teachers undertake through their professional teaching associations the Professional Teachers' Council NSW awards the prestigious **Outstanding Professional Service Awards (OPSA)** as an acknowledgment of excellence in the profession.

The **Outstanding Beginning Teacher Award (OBTA)** recognises the outstanding professional contribution by an individual committee member (of a professional teachers' Association) with five or less years teaching experience in education in NSW.

These awards acknowledge the outstanding professional contribution to education made by teachers through Professional Teaching Associations across all sectors and systems of NSW.



The Professional Teachers' Council NSW is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2020 awards.

### Outstanding Professional Service Award (OPSA) Recipients

| <b>Nominating Association</b>  | <b>Full Name</b>        |
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| Association for Studies of Religion                                  | Catherine Roebuck       |
| Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation NSW | Luke Adams              |
| Australian Society for Music Education (Inc) NSW Chapter             | Thomas Fienburg         |
| Chinese Language Teachers Association NSW                            | Yaru Wang               |
| Classical Languages Teachers Association                             | Dr Neil Peters          |
| Economics and Business Educators NSW                                 | Cheryl Brennan          |
| Economics and Business Educators NSW                                 | Andrew Athavle          |
| English Teachers Association NSW                                     | David Martin            |
| Geography Teachers Association of NSW & ACT                          | Dr Paul Batten          |
| History Teachers Association of NSW                                  | Catherine Bavell        |
| Legal Studies Association of NSW                                     | Natasha Isbel           |
| Legal Studies Association of NSW                                     | Erin Carney             |
| Marine Teachers Association of NSW                                   | Warren Bridge           |
| Mathematical Association of NSW Inc                                  | Maria Quigley           |
| Mathematical Association of NSW Inc                                  | Nordin Zuber            |
| Modern Language Teachers Association NSW                             | Katiuska Varela Batista |
| Orff Schulwerk Association of NSW                                    | Joyce Kojevnikov        |
| Science Teachers Association of NSW Inc                              | Susan Filan             |
| Science Teachers Association of NSW Inc                              | Oriana Miano            |
| Society and Culture Association of NSW                               | Julian Floriano         |
| Visual Arts and Design Educators Association                         | Brian Shand             |
| Visual Arts and Design Educators Association                         | Lisa Allison            |

### Outstanding Beginning Teacher Award (OBTA) Recipients

| <b>Nominating Association</b>                      | <b>Full Name</b> |
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| Australian Society for Music Education NSW Chapter | Tyler Barnes     |
| English Teachers Association NSW                   | James Bannerman  |
| Legal Studies Association of NSW                   | Wendy Campbell   |
| Science Teachers Association of NSW                | Ashley Hanning   |