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PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS' COUNCIL NEW SOUTH WALES

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PTC NSW Congratulates Recipients of 2025 Board Nominated Awards

The Professional Teachers' Council NSW (PTC NSW) is pleased to congratulate the recipients of the 2025 PTC NSW Board Nominated Awards, recognising outstanding service, leadership, and advocacy for the teaching profession across New South Wales.

These prestigious awards acknowledge individuals whose sustained commitment has strengthened professional teaching associations, advanced the voice of educators, and contributed to a more effective and supportive education system across all sectors.

James Sturgiss Exceptional Service Award

The James Sturgiss Exceptional Service Award is presented to PTC NSW Board members and others for their exceptional service over a significant period of time to PTC NSW, member professional associations and educators across all sectors in NSW.

Recipients

Bronwyn Hession – Catholic Schools NSW

Jenine Smith – Careers Advisers Association NSW & ACT Inc

Excellence in Leadership and Advocacy for the Teaching Profession

This award is made by the Professional Teachers' Council NSW Board to recognise an individual who has continued to provide leadership and advocacy for the teaching profession.

Recipient

Dr Denis Mootz – History Teachers Association NSW

The Professor Dame Marie Bashir Medal

The prestigious award, in honour of the Professional Teachers' Council NSW patron Professor The Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO, was presented for the first time in 2016. The medal is awarded to a member of the teaching profession who has shown outstanding leadership in the field of education in NSW.

Recipient

Annette Guterres OAM – The Professional Association for Learning Support Inc.

The awards will be formally presented at the PTC NSW IELA Annual Awards evening on Wednesday 25 February 2026 at Waterview, Bicentennial Drive, Sydney Olympic Park.