2014
8TH NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Note: “Aboriginal” when used in this package is inclusive of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Nanga Mai is an Eora (Sydney) word meaning: Dream

NSW Schools Nanga Mai Awards – 2014
Now is the time to nominate your students, teachers, schools, other departmental staff and community members for a Nanga Mai Award!

The Department of Education and Communities is proud to support the NSW Schools Nanga Mai Awards. The Award ceremony will be held in early April 2014 in Sydney.

What are the Nanga Mai Awards?

The Annual NSW Schools Nanga Mai Awards celebrate and recognise innovation, excellence and achievement in Aboriginal education in New South Wales public schools, and their school communities.

Awards will be presented to selected high-achieving Aboriginal students, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal teachers, Departmental staff, community members, and schools.

The awards extend from the key principle underpinning the current NSW Aboriginal Education and Training Policy ‘to promote the educational achievements of Aboriginal students’.
Award Categories

Student Awards:

- Encouragement Award (x2)
- Award for Outstanding Student Participation (x2)
- Award for Outstanding Achievement in Sport (x2)
- Award for Outstanding Achievement in Performing/Creative/Visual Arts (x2)
- Award for Outstanding Achievement in Public Speaking (x2)
- Student Leadership Award (x2)
- Academic Excellence Award – Higher School Certificate (x2)
- Highest score for an Aboriginal student in the Higher School Certificate (x1)*

* PLEASE NOTE: The highest score for an Aboriginal student in the Higher School Certificate category is based on information provided to the Department by the Board of Studies. Therefore NO NOMINATION is required for this award.
**Staff Awards:**

- Award for Outstanding Contribution to Educational Achievement by an Aboriginal Staff Member (x1)
- Award for Outstanding Contribution to Educational Achievement by a Non-Aboriginal Staff Member (x1)
- Recognition of Service to Aboriginal Student Achievement in Public Education Award (x1)

**Community Awards:**

- Award for Outstanding Contribution to Educational Achievement by a Community Member (x1)
- Award for Outstanding Educational Leadership (x1)
- School Community Partnership Award (x1)
- Award for Outstanding School/Partnership of Schools (x1)
- Award for Outstanding Innovation (x1)
Award Selection Criteria

STUDENT AWARDS

Encouragement Award

This award is presented to Aboriginal students to encourage them to continue with their studies. The award is intended to highlight Aboriginal students’ achievements in the areas of excellent attendance, progress in learning, consistent effort and a positive attitude to school.

Award for Outstanding Student Participation

This award is presented to Aboriginal students who have demonstrated a strong commitment to participating in a range of activities in their school and/or community. Aboriginal students nominated will have actively participated in a range of school initiatives, have excellent attendance and be ambassadors for their school and or community, maintain a positive attitude and display good citizenship and positive relationships with peers and teachers.

Award for Outstanding Achievement in Sport

This award is presented to Aboriginal students who have displayed notable aptitude, outstanding sportsmanship and outstanding achievement in their chosen sporting field/s.

Award for Outstanding Achievement in Performing/Creative/Visual Arts

This award is presented to Aboriginal students who have displayed outstanding talent and application in the performing, creative or visual arts.

Award for Outstanding Achievement in Public Speaking

This award is presented to an Aboriginal student who has displayed exemplary skills in public speaking. The award recognises Aboriginal students’ ability to communicate their ideas effectively to a wider audience, their ability to speak clearly and fluently, maintain audience interest and develop a sense of authority and confidence.
**STUDENT AWARDS**

**Student Leadership Award**

This award is presented to Aboriginal students who have demonstrated exceptional skill in promoting, encouraging and supporting student participation across their school and community. Aboriginal students nominated will have effective communication skills, have contributed to school initiatives, be ambassadors to their school and or community, be role models and maintain a positive attitude to their school and community.

**Academic Excellence Award - Higher School Certificate**

This award is presented to Aboriginal students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement in any Higher School Certificate subject undertaken in 2013 and who display a positive attitude to school and a commitment to ongoing education or training.

**Award for Highest Score by an Aboriginal student in the- Higher School Certificate**

*No nomination required for this category as this is identified through the Board of Studies*
STAFF AWARDS

Award for Outstanding Contribution to educational achievement by an Aboriginal staff member

This award is presented to an Aboriginal teacher or Aboriginal Department of Education and Communities employee who has demonstrated a strong commitment to improving educational outcomes for Aboriginal students and to working with Aboriginal community members.

Award for Outstanding Contribution to educational achievement by a non-Aboriginal staff member

This award is presented to a non-Aboriginal teacher or non-Aboriginal Department of Education and Communities employee who has demonstrated a strong commitment to improving educational outcomes for Aboriginal students and to working with Aboriginal community members. Recognition of Service to Aboriginal Student Achievement in Public Education Award

Recognition of Service to Aboriginal Student Achievement in Public Education Award

This award is presented to an Aboriginal NSW Department of Education and Communities school or non-school based Aboriginal employee who has demonstrated a significant long-term contribution and dedication to Aboriginal education in NSW public schools. Nominees must be seen as positive role models and advocates for Aboriginal students with a minimum of ten years’ service in the NSW Department of Education and Communities as well as having projected a positive image to all NSW Department of Education and Communities stakeholders.

COMMUNITY AWARDS

Award for Outstanding Contribution to educational achievement by a community member

This award is presented to an Aboriginal community member who has demonstrated a strong commitment to improving educational outcomes for Aboriginal students and to working with Department of Education and Communities personnel and other Aboriginal community members. (Current NSW Department of Education and Communities employees cannot be nominated for this award)

Award for Outstanding Educational Leadership

This award is presented to an Aboriginal educational leader who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to improving educational outcomes for Aboriginal students.
**School Community Partnership Award**

This award is presented to a school community or group of communities that has developed successful partnerships leading to the development of improved school plans and/or practices. The award winner/s will have demonstrated outcomes showing evidence of innovation in educational programs as a result of partnerships with Aboriginal communities which have produced improvements for Aboriginal students.

**Award for Outstanding School/Partnership of Schools**

This award is presented to a school that has demonstrated a commitment to improving the educational outcomes of Aboriginal students. Nominees must also demonstrate having developed and maintained successful partnerships with their local community which have impacted positively on school planning and practices and results for Aboriginal students.

**Award for Outstanding Innovation**

This award is presented to Educational Services Teams that has demonstrated an outstanding and innovative approach to Aboriginal education and training. It is also an opportunity for Educational Services Teams to demonstrate their commitment to improving educational outcomes for Aboriginal students.
Guidelines for Nomination

• The 2014 Nanga Mai Awards are presented for achievements in the 2013 school year. Primary schools may nominate students who were in Years K-6 in 2013 and secondary schools may nominate students who were in Years 7-12 in 2013.

• The nominee **MUST** be of Aboriginal descent, identify as Aboriginal and be accepted in the community as being Aboriginal for all categories except when awards are specifically for a non-Aboriginal staff member or community/school/ categories.

• Nominees **MUST** fulfil **ALL** the selection criteria related to the relevant category to be eligible for an award.

• One nominee per nomination form. If nominating the same nominee for more than one category, a separate nomination form **MUST** be completed.

• All nominations **MUST** have written support for the nominee outlining the reasons for nomination. If written support is not submitted the nomination will be considered invalid. Other attachments (additional to the written support) can be included, such as copies of transcripts of results, written references and photographs.

• Nominations **MUST** include the nominator’s name and contact details.

• Nominations **MUST** be sent to your service location by **FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2014** or nominations will not be accepted.

• Once nominations have been selected and endorsed at your service location Office level, they **MUST** be sent to Aboriginal Education and Community Engagement titled ‘Nanga Mai Awards’ Locked Bag 53, Darlinghurst NSW 1300 by **FRIDAY 7 MARCH 2014**. Late nominations will not be accepted

• State office nominations can be forwarded directly to Aboriginal Education and Community Engagement marked ‘Nanga Mai Awards’ Locked Bag 53, Darlinghurst NSW 1300 by **FRIDAY 7 MARCH 2014**

• Nominees **cannot** self-nominate.

• All nominations must be completed on a NSW Schools Nanga Mai Awards nomination form. Other Nomination forms **will not** be accepted.

• Nominations need to be discussed with your local or regional Aboriginal Education Consultative Group before they are submitted.

• Nomination submissions must be legible.
NOMINATIONS CLOSE IN SERVICE LOCATIONS
FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2014
NOMINATION FORM

STUDENT NANGA MAI AWARD

AWARD (Please tick one box)

☐ Encouragement Award

☐ Award for Outstanding Student Participation

☐ Award for Outstanding Achievement in Sport

☐ Award for Outstanding Performing/Creative/Visual Arts

☐ Award for Outstanding Achievement in Public Speaking

☐ Student Leadership Award

☐ Academic Excellence Award - Higher School Certificate

Who are you nominating? (Please print clearly)

Name: ____________________________________________________________

School: __________________________________________________________

Home Address: ____________________________________________________

Home telephone/mobile: ____________________________________________

Age: ___________________________ Year Group: _________________________

NSW Schools Nanga Mai Awards – 2014
Why are you nominating this person? – this section MUST be completed

You can attach any type of information to the nomination form to support the nomination – limited to 2 x A4 pages.

Nominator details – this section MUST be completed

Name: ____________________________________________________________

School: __________________________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________

Telephone/mobile: _______________________________________________  

Email: ____________________________________________________________  

Your relationship to student: ______________________________________  
(eg Principal, parent, teacher, community member, etc)

Completed Authority to Publish form MUST be attached:

NOMINATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2014

Endorsement at Service Location Office:

Service Location: __________________________________________________

Educational Services Director’s Signature: ______________________________
NOMINATION FORM

STAFF NANGA MAI AWARD

AWARD (Please tick one box)

☑ Award for Outstanding Contribution to educational achievement by an Aboriginal staff member

☑ Award for Outstanding Contribution to educational achievement by a non-Aboriginal staff member •

☑ Recognition of Service to Aboriginal Student Achievement in Public Education Award

Who are you nominating? (Please print clearly)

Name: 

Home Address: 

Home telephone/mobile: 

Email Address: 

School/Other: 

NSW Schools Nanga Mai Awards – 2014
Why are you nominating this person? – this section MUST be completed

You can attach any type of information to the nomination form to support the nomination – limited to 2 x A4 pages.

Nominator details – this section MUST be completed

Name: 

School/Office: 

Address: 

Telephone/mobile: 

Email: 

Your relationship to Nominee: 

(Eg. Principal, colleague, community member, etc.)

NOMINATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2014

Endorsement at Service Location Office:

Service Location: 

Educational Services Director’s Signature: 

NSW Schools Nanga Mai Awards – 2014
NOMINATION FORM

COMMUNITY/LEADERSHIP/SCHOOL/Service Location NANGA MAI AWARD

AWARD (Please tick one box)

- Award for Outstanding Contribution to educational achievement by a community member (Current NSW Department of Education and Communities employees cannot be nominated for this award) - Must be endorsed by local AECG President

- Award for Outstanding Educational Leadership

- School Community Partnership Award (Must be endorsed by local AECG President)

- Recognition of Service to Aboriginal Student Achievement in Public Education Award

- Award for Outstanding School/Partnership of Schools

- Award for Outstanding Innovation

Which school/ community/ service location are you nominating? (Please print clearly)

Name: 

Address: 

Telephone/mobile: 

Email address: 

School/Service Location: 

NSW Schools Nanga Mai Awards – 2014
Why are you nominating this school/community/Service Location/staff member?

You can attach any type of information to the nomination form to support the nomination – limited to 2 x A4 pages.

Nominator details – this section **MUST** be completed

Name: __________________________________________

School/Office: __________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

Telephone/mobile: __________________________________________

Email: __________________________________________

Your relationship to Nominee: __________________________________________
(eg. Principal, parent, teacher, community member, etc)

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2014**

*Local AECG President signature required for Community Award category only*

Endorsement – Local AECG President:

Service Location: __________________________________________

Local President’s Signature: __________________________________________

Endorsement at Service Location Office:

Service Location: __________________________________________

Educational Services Directors’ Signature: __________________________________________

NSW Schools Nanga Mai Awards – 2014
When do the nominations close?

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2014**

Where do I send my completed nomination form?

Nominations to be returned titled ‘Nanga Mai Awards’ by post to the Aboriginal Education and Engagement Advisor (SEO2) (details below):

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