

THE 2011 PROFESSOR BETTY H WATTS OBE MEMORIAL AWARD FOR AN OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO TEACHING

NOMINATION FORM DUE BY FRIDAY 15 JULY 2011 www.qct.edu.au/awards

Nominated teacher information

Nominated teacher's name

Nominated teacher's current or most recent school

Nominated teacher's registration number

Length of teaching service in Queensland

Address

Nominated teacher's preferred postal address

Suburb Postcode

Telephone (H) Mobile

Email address

School

Current or most recent school street address

Suburb Postcode

Telephone (S)

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The Professor Betty H Watts OBE Memorial Award for an Outstanding Contribution to Teaching is the QCT's foremost recognition of achievement. The winner will receive a \$5000 grant for professional development.

Supporting statements and endorsement

Two nominators must each provide a one-page supporting statement which describes the nominee's significant contribution to teaching over an extended period (minimum of 15 years service in a Queensland school or schools) and their proven record of inspiring children to learn. At least one of the two nominators must be a registered teacher or qualified education colleague. A principal from a school where the nominated teacher has practised must endorse the nomination and confirm some knowledge of the nominee's service and achievements. Another education official should endorse the nomination of a principal.

First nominator

First nominator must be a registered teacher or qualified education colleague.

Name

Relationship to nominee

Telephone (AH) (BH)

Email

Signature

Second nominator

Name

Relationship to nominee

Telephone (AH) (BH)

Email

Signature

Endorsement

Principal's name (or other education official if a principal is nominated)

Telephone

Email

A principal with knowledge of the nominee's service and achievements should provide a statement to verify the bona fides of this nomination.

Signature

ABOUT THE AWARD

The Professor Betty H Watts OBE Memorial Award for an Outstanding Contribution to Teaching honours the memory of Emeritus Professor Betty Watts and provides recognition for teachers who have enriched the teaching profession. A former primary school teacher, Professor Watts was twice Chair of the Board of Teacher Education, a predecessor to the QCT. Her eminent career included many years as a researcher and teacher at the University of Queensland, with a particular focus on Aboriginal education and special education. Betty Hazel Watts (1928 - 2003) had a great influence on the development of the teaching profession in Queensland and she was awarded the Order of the British Empire – Officer (Civil) in 1976 for her service to education.

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Nominee consent

I agree to accept nomination for the 2011 Professor Betty H Watts OBE Memorial Award for Outstanding Contribution to Teaching. If I am selected as an award recipient I understand that I will be required to attend an awards ceremony with other QCT Teaching Award recipients, representatives from the Board of the QCT, sponsors and invited guests during the week of celebrations for World Teachers' Day (Friday 28 October 2011). I have read and understand the Privacy notice and I give permission to disclose my personal information for the purpose of promoting the teaching profession.

Teacher's name

Signature

Date

Eligibility

- A person may be nominated for service as a classroom teacher or in other teaching or leadership positions in any school sector.
- Nominees must be registered with the QCT.
- Nominees must have served a minimum of 15 years in a Qld school or schools, but need not be currently employed in a school.
- One of the nominators must be a registered teacher or qualified education colleague.
- Self-nominations will not be accepted.
- QCT Board members and staff are not eligible for nomination.

Terms & conditions

Only original & signed nomination forms will be accepted. Emailed or faxed forms will not be accepted.

Nominations will be acknowledged via email.

Information about winners and nominees, and their photographs may be published on the QCT website and/or in external publications. Information about individuals as it relates to the promotion of the awards, the individual's school and the teaching profession will be considered for publication. Contact information provided may be used for administration and media purposes.

The judges' selections will be deemed final and no appeals will be considered.

Checklist

- Nominated teacher's name, preferred postal address, teacher registration number, current or most recent school
- One page statement from the first nominator addressing the selection criteria
- One page from the second nominator addressing the selection criteria
- School principal's endorsement
- Nomination form signed by the nominee, nominators & a school principal or other education official if a principal is nominated

Please note: Nomination form is invalid without each item on the checklist being provided

Nomination closing date

Close of business 15 July 2011.

Mail original correspondence to

Queensland College of Teachers
PO Box 389 Toowong Qld 4066

Enquiries: excellence@qct.edu.au

Website: www.qct.edu.au/awards



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SELECTION CRITERIA

The Professor Betty H Watts OBE Memorial Award for an Outstanding Contribution to Teaching is aimed at recognition of special qualities including:

- An outstanding contribution to teaching over an extended period.
- A proven record of inspiring children to learn.



HANDS UP IF YOU KNOW AN EXCELLENT TEACHER?



Teaching is one of our most important, valuable and rewarding professions. For our finest teachers, it's more than just a job... their dedication, commitment and knowledge changes lives for the better, and the Queensland College of Teachers wants to give them the acknowledgement they deserve through the 2011 QCT Excellence in Teaching Awards.

Nominate a teacher

Do you know a teacher who deserves recognition for their excellence in teaching? Nominate them for an award in one of three categories. Any individual, group or school may nominate a teacher for an award. Download and complete a nomination form from www.qct.edu.au/awards and post the original to the Queensland College of Teachers, PO Box 389 Toowong, 4066.

Key Dates

Nominations open 1 May 2011

Nominations close 15 July 2011

Presentation ceremony World Teachers' Day 28 October 2011

Recognition for nominees

Being nominated for the awards comes with the added bonus of peer and public recognition, with nominees receiving a certificate of participation during the week of celebrations for World Teachers' Day (Friday 28 October 2011). Finalists and winners receive a well-deserved 'pat on the back' for their exemplary educational efforts through media releases, targeted articles in educational publications, showcasing finalists' profiles on the Queensland College of Teachers' website and invitation to attend a presentation ceremony with a teaching colleague on World Teachers' Day.

About the Excellence in Teaching Awards

The awards began in 2009 with two awards named after eminent Queensland educators:

The **Alan Druery OAM Excellence in Teaching Award** for inspirational Queensland teachers and the **Dr Roger Hunter Excellence in Beginning to Teach Award** for teachers with up to four years' experience. Nominees in both categories are judged by a panel of education professionals against three criteria:

- Demonstrated excellence in a teacher's specialist field;
- Significant contribution to the teaching profession; and
- Being an inspirational role model for other teachers.

The panel will consider teaching achievements, innovation, creativity and professional relationships achieved within the school community. Nominees have to be registered Queensland teachers and employed in teaching duties in a state or nonstate school.



This year, an extra award has been added to recognise teachers with an outstanding history of service:

The **Professor Betty H Watts OBE Memorial Award for an Outstanding Contribution to Teaching**, for teachers with more than 15 years' service in a Queensland school and a proven record of inspiring children to learn. A nomination requires two nominators including at least one who is a registered teacher or education colleague. A person may be nominated for service as a classroom teacher or in other school or leadership positions. Nominees must be registered Queensland teachers but need not be currently employed in a school. Self-nominations will not be accepted. The award is sponsored by The Courier-Mail.

All three awards honour long-serving members of the Boards of the Queensland College of Teachers or its predecessors, whose contributions to education in various capacities helped shape the success of our state's world-class education system.

Winners of each category will receive \$5000 for professional development. Professional development grants of \$500 will be awarded to nine finalists in the Excellence in Teaching category and four finalists in the Beginning to Teach category.



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