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2019 Governor's School STEM Award Winners!

The Hon Kim Beazley AC, Governor of Western Australia, along with Science Minister Dave Kelly MLA and Education and Training Minister Sue Ellery MLC, have <u>announced the winners of the 2019 Governor's School STEM Awards.</u>

Finalists schools gathered at Government House for a special ceremony on Tuesday 26 November, where the Honourable Kim Beazley AC, congratulated the winners.

These annual awards, established in 2015, recognise excellence in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) leadership and achievements in Western Australian schools, and were deservedly presented to:

Primary:

Brookman Primary School - Leadership Excellence Award (Winner) **Pannawonica Primary School** - Meritorious Leadership Award (Runner-Up)

Secondary:

Melville Senior High School - Leadership Excellence Award (Winner) **Hale School** - Meritorious Leadership Award (Runner-Up)

Ms Kalien Selby, Scitech Chief Executive Officer, said: "Congratulations to all four schools recognised for their outstanding leadership in STEM and particularly to Brookman Primary School for their second Leadership Excellence Award in as many years. The Governor's School STEM Awards are a fantastic initiative to encourage and support primary and secondary schools to pursue excellence in STEM education and to prepare their students for the opportunities of a STEM-enabled workforce."

Brookman Primary School were awarded the Leadership Excellence Award in 2018. Repeating this achievement in 2019 is the first time a school has won the award for a second time and reflects an impressive ability to improve on their commitment to STEM education year-on-year. The school was recognised for their whole-of-school STEM planning and practices, sharing their exceptional processes at state and national levels and demonstrating that their students have a clear understandings of STEM skills.

Melville Senior High School demonstrated a thorough integration of STEM learning across the school with clear staff development plans that resulted in a high level of confidence in their students to express STEM skills and knowledge.

The "Leadership Excellence Award" comes with \$2000 prize money, and the "Meritorious Leadership Award" with \$1000. All four schools will receive an invitation to visit Government House, as well as a visit to Scitech for 90 students or a selection of Scitech DIY Science Kits.

The Governor's School STEM Awards are delivered through a partnership between Scitech and the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation. They are proudly supported by the Department of Education, Catholic Education Western Australia, Association of Independent Schools of Western Australia, School Curriculum and Standards Authority, Science Teachers' Association of Western Australia and the Mathematical Association of Western Australia.

