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2020 Governor's School STEM Awards Finalists announced!

Finalists of the 2020 Governor's School STEM Awards have been announced, in the running for up to \$2000 in prize money. This year, all finalists will be rewarded with a visit to Scitech for up to 60 students per school, with the winners announced at a presentation ceremony in November.

Finalists were jointly announced today by the Hon. Dave Kelly MLA, Minister for Science, and the Hon. Sue Ellery MLC, Minister for Education and Training. The awards are championed by the Honourable Kim Beazley AC, Governor of Western Australia.

In 2020 a diverse mix of independent and government schools applied in both metro and regional areas, with one finalist school from Karratha.

The four primary and three secondary finalist schools demonstrated effective engagement in STEM across their student populations and wider community, achieved through an integrated vision, solid support for teachers, and good resourcing of their STEM programs.

Primary school category finalists (in alphabetical order):

- Brookman Primary School (Langford)
- Sacred Heart Primary School (Highgate)
- Tambrey Primary School (Karratha)
- Wembley Primary School (Wembley)

Secondary school category finalists (in alphabetical order):

- Ashdale Secondary College (Darch)
- Cecil Andrews College (Seville Grove)
- Hampton Senior High School (Morley)

Kalien Selby, Chief Executive Officer Scitech said, "Congratulations to the finalists of the 20 20 Governor's School STEM Awards. By championing STEM learning, these schools set a fantastic example of how to develop STEM skills and knowledge for students to thrive in a STEM-enabled future."

Each school will host a visit from the judging panel, who will meet with students and STEM leadership teams and watch the STEM enrichment classes in action to decide who will be the 2020 award winners.

Prizes for each of the primary and secondary school categories include \$2000 for the "Leadership Excellence Award" and \$1000 for the "Meritorious Leadership Award" and a visit to Scitech for up to 90 students, or free rental and delivery of a DIY Science Kit for eight weeks.

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