

2020 Governor's School STEM Award Winners Announced!

The Hon. Kim Beazley AC, Governor of Western Australia, along with the Hon. Dave Kelly MLA, Minister for Science and the Hon. Sue Ellery MLC, Minister for Education and Training, have announced the winners of the [2020 Governor's School STEM Awards](#).

Finalist schools gathered at Government House for a special ceremony today, where the Honourable Kim Beazley AC, congratulated the winners and inducted the first school into the GSSA Hall of Fame.

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)

Sacred Heart Primary School - Meritorious Leadership Award (Runner-Up)

Secondary:

Ashdale Secondary College - Leadership Excellence Award (Winner)

Cecil Andrews College and **Hampton Senior High School** - Meritorious Leadership Award (Runner-Ups)

Ms Kalien Selby, Scitech Chief Executive Officer, said: "Congratulations to the five schools recognised for their outstanding leadership in STEM and particularly to Brookman Primary School for being inducted into the Hall of Fame. The Governor's School STEM Awards are a fantastic initiative to encourage and support primary and secondary schools who move the dial in STEM education as a necessary skillset for their student's future success."

This is the third year Brookman Primary School have been awarded the Leadership Excellence Award (2018, 19, 20) which gives them automatic entry into the Hall of Fame. They are the first school to achieve this accolade, acknowledging an outstanding commitment to STEM education. In 2020, the school's leadership team were recognised for their clear strategic plan that supports teacher collaboration, development, and implementation of STEM across all year levels, while providing extensive mentoring for other schools.

Ashdale Secondary College demonstrated great integration of STEM across all areas, with a strong sustainable STEM strategy and culture evident in leadership, teachers and students. Students were engaged and articulate at all levels, as well as supported in finding their natural talent.

The "Leadership Excellence Award" comes with \$2000 prize money, and the "Meritorious Leadership Award" with \$1000. All five schools will receive an invitation to visit Government House, as well as a visit to Scitech for 90 students, or free rental and delivery of a DIY Science Kit for eight weeks.

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.