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Hunter Communications**p** [08] 6555 4977**m** 0413 309 955**e** [bella@huntercomms.com.au](mailto:bella@huntercomms.com.au)**It's time for your school to shine:  
2021 Governor's School STEM Awards are open!**

Applications for the [2021 Governor's School STEM Awards](#) are now open, shining a light on Western Australia's outstanding educators in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM). The awards celebrate WA's primary and secondary schools that have shown an outstanding approach to STEM learning, with a Leadership Excellence Award of \$2,000 and a Meritorious Leadership Award of \$1,000.

The Awards are delivered by Scitech in partnership with the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation, and are championed by the Honorable Kim Beazley AC, Governor of Western Australia.

In what has been an especially challenging school year, principals, leadership teams and teachers responded by thinking outside the box when it came to STEM learning. Recognising these efforts, the awards honour schools who have delivered impactful STEM programs and have shown a high level of enthusiasm.

Paul Stone, Scitech Chief Executive Officer, said this year's awards will recognise those who have gone above and beyond in extenuating circumstances.

"Teachers have been pushed to rethink their methods in a way they never have before, and yet they have been able to deliver high quality and engaging STEM programs. This is no easy feat and is definitely something that should be recognised," he said.

"These awards give back to hardworking educators who provide inspiration and ignite a passion for learning in students across the state."

After winning the awards three times and being inducted into the Hall of Fame, Hans Geers, Principal of Brookman Primary School said the awards have had a huge impact on their school.

"Winning the awards has brought a great deal of pride to the school community as we have grown from a low achieving school to a well-respected school that has also recently been ranked as 'exemplary' by the independent Public School Review panel," he said.

"The awards have built confidence in our students and amplified 'student voice' as they are encouraged to explain to visitors what they are doing, and what they have gained from STEM activities. It has also strengthened our teachers' beliefs in their efforts and their impact on the students.



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The Leadership in Excellence Award will be given to the top primary and secondary school in WA, along with a \$2000 prize. The Meritorious Leadership Award and \$1000 will be awarded to the runner up. All finalist schools will receive a visit to Scitech for up to 60 students, or selection of Scitech DIY Science Kits, providing a term's worth of lessons.

In 2020, Brookman Primary School and Ashdale Secondary College were the deserving recipients of the Leadership Excellence Award and Sacred Heart Primary School, Cecil Andrews College and Hampton Senior High School received the Meritorious Leadership Award.

The Governor's School STEM Awards are proudly supported by the Department of Education, Catholic Education Western Australia, Association of Independent Schools of Western Australia (AISWA), School Curriculum and Standards Authority, Science Teachers Association of Western Australia (STAWA) and the Mathematical Association of Western Australia (MAWA).

Applications close at 10am, 26 July 2021 (AWST). For more information and to download an application form go to: [www.scitech.org.au](http://www.scitech.org.au)