

Rolph Mayer Award for Teacher Excellence

The Rolph Mayer Award is given to a teacher who, in their work and relationships with the school community, guided by a sense of Christian vocation thus making an outstanding, positive contribution to the Christian ethos of the school.

General

Lutheran Education Queensland (LEQ) wishes to acknowledge and affirm teacher excellence. As such, it calls for nominations from Principals / Directors of teaching staff from early childhood, primary, middle and senior schooling. Nominations are also accepted from school communities, members of the secretariat and members of standing committees of LEQ.

Eligibility

A teacher who pursues high expectations for all students and seeks the best in each by:

- Providing a supportive educational environment which caters for and celebrates difference
- Providing relevant and engaging learning experiences which challenge students' learning
- Encouraging students to take responsibility for their learning and to foster a sense of independence.

A teacher who demonstrates reflective teaching practice by:

- Analysing and improving on their teaching practice
- Modelling the attributes of a life-long learner

A teacher who demonstrates positive influence among peers by:

- Being a positive change agent in their school
- Contributing significantly to the realisation of the shared vision, mission and strategic direction of the school and Lutheran education
- Showing initiative in reaching out to and supporting colleagues

A teacher who demonstrates best practice in:

- Age appropriate pedagogy
- Pastoral care
- Christian ministry and service

Presentation

The award will be presented at the Lutheran Church of Australia Queensland District Convention of Synod held in the first weekend in June.

Award

LEQ will provide the award. It will consist of a framed certificate recognising the attainment of the award. It will also comprise a nominal financial amount, to be determined each year depending on the number of awards granted. The money is to be used for professional development.

Procedure

Principals / Directors are invited to complete the accompanying form and return to the Executive Director, Lutheran Education Queensland by COB on 3 April 2020. Standing committees of CLEQ also have the opportunity to nominate teachers, as do members of the LEQ Secretariat. An adjudication panel will evaluate the nominations received and reach a decision in the spirit of the award. The panel shall consist of the Executive Director and nominees as determined by CLEQ.

A letter of acknowledgement will be sent to the nominator. All nominated teachers will be acknowledged with a Certificate of Nomination, outlining the reasons they were nominated. This certificate will be sent to the school Principal to allow for a school site presentation.

Please note that it may be necessary to seek further, clarifying information from the nominator by the adjudication panel. Furthermore, the panel may bestow more than one award in any given year.

Review

CLEQ may, from time to time, reassess the terms of this award to ensure its integrity.

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Name of school:

Name of nominated teacher:

Selection Criteria

Please attach a brief submission (no more than two pages) outlining the basis for your nomination by addressing the following selection criteria:

1. A teacher who in their work and relationships with the school community is guided by a personal faith and a sense of Christian vocation:
2. A teacher who pursues high expectations for all students and seeks the best in each:
3. A teacher who demonstrates reflective teaching practice:
4. A teacher who demonstrates positive influence amongst peers:
5. A teacher who demonstrates best practice in pedagogy, pastoral care and Christian ministry and service:

Signed by Nominator:

Signed by Seconder:

Date:

The adjudicating committee may contact the nominator for further information.