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2015



BEACON'S NATIONAL AWARD
NOMINATIONS 2015

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Across Australia more than 120 schools and communities are committed to enhancing their young people's school to work transitions by developing and implementing the Beacon model. These schools and communities choose to do education differently, enhancing outcomes through a collaborative approach. They choose to invest in Australia's future workforce by educating through work, for work and about work. They choose innovation and excellence in education and employment.

In recognition of innovation and excellence we invite you to nominate an outstanding individual or yourself for a prestigious Beacon National Award.



BEACON SCHOOL AWARDS

Beacon School of the Year Awards for the most outstanding Beacon schools 2014

To enter please fill in the nomination form:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/schoolaward-nominationform>

All submissions must be accompanied by 1 or more photo/s, you may also include videos and other support material.
Send to: beacon@beaconfoundation.net



BEACON BEST PRACTICE AWARDS

Excellence awards for best practice in the Beacon model.

To enter please fill in the nomination form:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/bestpracticeexamplesnominationform>

All submissions must be accompanied by 1 or more photo/s, you may also include videos and other support material.
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BEACON INNOVATION AWARD

An award for the most innovative initiative to achieve better outcomes for young people transitioning from education to employment.

To enter please fill in the nomination form:
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BEACON REAL FUTURES GENERATION

(RFG) Young Person of the Year Award.

An award recognising a young person who has shown outstanding commitment and self-motivation during a successful RFG job placement.

To enter please fill in the nomination form:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RFGyoung-personaward2015>

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BEACON SCHOOL AWARDS

BEACON SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

The Beacon school demonstrating the most effective engagement of employers in education, achieving significant educational and transitional pathways for their young people, and are on the pathway to complete sustainability of the Beacon model in their school

Eligibility for this award includes:

1. The school Beacon model is embedded into school practices and across all areas of the curriculum.
2. The school and community have embraced the Beacon model, with strong buy in from school leadership team, teachers in all curriculum areas, students and the community.
3. The school has a commitment to maintaining the sustainable Beacon model in their school and community
4. The school has developed sustainable links with businesses and the community, and has strategies to maintain these relationships into the future
5. The students are informed of different career paths and options and have a high engagement in Beacon activities

ALUMNI SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

The Alumni school demonstrating the most sustainable integrated Beacon model, led by the school and community

Eligibility for this award includes:

1. The school Beacon model is embedded into school practices and across all areas of the curriculum.
2. The school and community have embraced the Beacon model, with continued annual buy in from school leadership team, teachers in all curriculum areas, students and the community.
3. The school, community and industry are all equally involved and committed to the ongoing success of the beacon model in the school.
4. The school Beacon model involves a tailored career education program that is suited to needs of students, industry and community
5. The students are informed of different career paths and options and have a high engagement in Beacon activities, leading to positives pathways when they leave school

BEACON NEW SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

The 2014 new school demonstrating the greatest commitment to their Beacon partnership and model, consistently embracing new thinking and innovation

Eligibility for this award includes:

1. The school has strong belief in the Beacon model and is committed to its sustainability
2. The school has a willingness to innovate and create a unique career education program
3. A successful Business Partnership Group has been established in the community
4. The school has a motivated and proactive Beacon in-school team
5. The school has begun to develop new community and business relationships and effectively leverage existing relationships

BEACON BEST PRACTICE AWARDS

BEST INTEGRATION OF BEACON INTO SCHOOL CURRICULUM

The Beacon school demonstrating a 'whole school approach' to the Beacon model, with the greatest integration of the Beacon model into the core curriculum

Eligibility for this award includes:

1. The school has effectively integrated the Beacon model into the core curriculum and school practices, using an innovative and creative approach
2. The school has Industry engagement in most curriculum areas, with a strategic plan to maintain this and improve into the future.
3. The school recognises that integration is a whole school responsibility, not solely the responsibility of the principal or leadership team

BEST BEACON BUSINESS BLACKBOARD

The Beacon school demonstrating the most successful co-designed Business Blackboard lesson

4. Eligibility for this award includes:

1. The Business Blackboard lesson strongly represents real processes, practices or tasks undertaken by the collaborating industry
2. The Business Blackboard lesson successfully engaged students and brought the school curriculum to life
3. The Business Blackboard lesson involved successful collaboration between teachers industry representatives, leading to alignment between school curriculum content and industry needs

BEST LEADERSHIP

The Beacon school demonstrating the best leadership of the Beacon model

Eligibility for this award includes:

1. The school leadership has a strong role in the facilitation of relationships and networks to engage and maintain partnerships with business and community
2. The school leadership places a priority on career education and the Beacon model
3. The school leadership promotes the value of careers education and Beacon to staff and encourages staff involvement from all curriculum areas.
4. The school leadership has a strategic plan to guide how Beacon will gather momentum within the school and the community.

BEACON BEST PRACTICE AWARDS

EXCELLENCE IN 'EDUCATION TO EMPLOYMENT'

The Beacon school demonstrating strong commitment to positive pathways for their students, successfully facilitating the employment of their students through Beacon's Real Futures Generation Program

Eligibility for this award includes:

1. The school has embraced, encouraged, and facilitated strong relationships between businesses, the school, and Beacon
2. The school has worked collaboratively with Beacon on Business Blackboard lesson plans and other activities to help engage and educate students with relevant and necessary industry knowledge
3. The school has delivered programs aimed at increasing work readiness skills for students interested in applying for RFG roles
4. The school has successfully supported students through the RFG employment process

BEST BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP GROUP

The school demonstrating the most successfully implemented Business Partnership Group

Eligibility for this award includes:

1. A BPG with a strategic and strong cross section of the community and meets regularly
2. A BPG that drives the Beacon model in the school and community
3. A BPG with a strategic plan which enables strong tangible goals to be achieved each year

BEACON INNOVATION AWARD

An educator, business representative, community member, young person or leader who has conducted or developed the most innovative education to employment initiative.

If you are someone, or know someone, that has implemented a creative initiative to achieve better outcomes for young people transitioning from education to employment, please nominate the innovative initiative.

Innovation initiative could relate to one or some of the following; however they are not limited to these:

- Employer engagement
- Recruitment strategies
- Retention
- Attendance
- Parental engagement
- Career activities
- Beacon
- Stakeholder awareness
- School profile

Eligibility for this award:

1. Open to school and business representative, community members, young people and leaders.
2. Initiative is an innovation in education to employment practices.

REAL FUTURES GENERATION YOUNG PERSON OF THE YEAR

Awarded to a young person who has displayed outstanding self-motivation and commitment during placement of employment through the RFG process.

Eligibility for this award requires the young person to have successfully secured a role offered by the Real Futures Generation project and to have demonstrated:

1. A high level of self-motivation when investigating and pursuing the original job opportunity
2. A high level of commitment to the role and all components of the work, including if relevant, any training requirements to successfully achieve a qualification as part of the role
3. Interest in continuing to impact young people by sharing their story, to further support more young people into the industry
4. A sharing of the values of the company at which they are employed

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