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PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS' COUNCIL NEW SOUTH WALES

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Celebration of Excellence

Friday 27 October 2017 is World Teachers' Day and the Professional Teachers' Council New South Wales (PTC NSW) seeks the support of the media in the recognition and celebration of our teachers and the teaching profession.

World Teachers' Day is an important acknowledgement of the professionalism of teachers and their invaluable contribution to the future of our society through their professional teaching associations.

UNESCO first declared World Teachers' Day in 1994. Since that time communities around the world have been honouring their teachers on this day.

"World Teachers' Day is an opportunity to publically acknowledge the work of all teachers. It is also a time to express gratitude to the many volunteer teaching associations and show them how much they're valued," said Dr Denis Mootz, President of the Professional Teachers' Council NSW.

"It is the opportunity for the community to reflect on and acknowledge the vital and challenging work that all teachers do" Dr Mootz said.

In recognition of the outstanding work teachers undertake through their professional teaching associations the Professional Teachers' Council NSW established the prestigious **Outstanding Professional Service Awards (OPSA)** as an acknowledgment of excellence in the profession.

The Professional Teachers' Council (PTC NSW) has introduced this new award – **Outstanding Beginning Teacher Award (OBTA)** from this year, to recognise the outstanding professional contribution by an individual committee member, with five or less years teaching experience to education in NSW, made through a professional teachers' Association.

These awards recognise the outstanding professional contribution to education made by teachers through professional teaching associations.



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The Professional Teachers' Council NSW is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2017 awards.

OPSA 2017 Recipients

Nominating Association	Full Name
Association for Studies of Religion	Louise Zavone
Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation (ACHPER)	Viv Byrne
Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation (ACHPER)	Alexandra Lupton
Australian Society for Music Education (Inc) NSW Chapter	Debra Batley
Careers Advisers Association of NSW & ACT Inc	Lynne Graham
Chinese Language Teachers Association NSW	Chi Nga (Rachel) Fong
Classical Languages Teachers Association Inc.	Alison Chau
English Teachers Association	Rebecca Ross
English Teachers Association	Joan Fraser
Geography Teachers' Association NSW	Lorraine Chaffer
Gifted and Talented Secondary Teachers Association	Yvonne Hammer
Legal Studies Association of NSW Inc	Liesl Williamson
Legal Studies Association of NSW Inc	Laurie Brady
Mathematical Association of NSW	Anne Prescott
Mathematics Association of New South Wales	Colin Marr
Orff Schulwerk Association of NSW	Alina Belshaw
Professional Association for Learning Support Inc	Ros Broomfield
Science Teacher's Association NSW	Ann Hanna
Visual Arts and Design Educators Association NSW	Stephen Collins

OBTA 2017 Recipients

Nominating Association	Full Name
Australian Society for Music Education NSW chapter	Cara Burrell
Chinese Language Teachers Association NSW	Ke Fan
Classical Languages Teachers' Association	Chloe Hardwick Jones
Economics and Business Educators NSW	Nicholas Ward
English Teachers Association	Amanda Taplin
History Teachers Association NSW	Ashley Chee Quee
Orff Schulwerk Association of NSW	Katie Salisbury

2017 Media Award

Jane Caro, The Staffroom (Part 1, 2 and 3), Compass ABC Television