**Aunty Josie Agius Award**

Open only to Aboriginal employees or teams working in a department for education role. This excludes external contractors.

This award recognises the cultural and community expertise of Aboriginal employees and the vital role they play in inspiring and influencing the development of culturally sensitive and responsive services or teaching practices. It celebrates our colleagues who are inspiring young minds, delivering the richest learning experiences or building policy and programs that respect culture and community.

Aboriginal employees are vital to achieving excellence in education. They’re leaders who share their culture and use their strengths to build collective responsibility for high achievement and strong relationships based on trust, respect, and cultural pride.

The Aunty Josie Agius Award has a different selection process than the other awards. A council of representatives will support and facilitate nominations. They will short-list individuals via an interview process which addresses the criteria.

You are encouraged to complete the [online nomination form](https://publiceducationawards.awardsplatform.com/) to nominate a peer or yourself for this award. Or you can complete this form and email it to [PublicEducationAwards@sa.gov.au](mailto:PublicEducationAwards@sa.gov.au). For more information on how to nominate for this award, please contact the Organisational Development team on 8463 4985.

For more information on the awards, visit the [Public Education Awards website](https://www.education.sa.gov.au/working-us/teacher-initiatives/public-education-awards/categories-public-education-awards)

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| **Nominator title:** |  |
| **Nominator site:** |  |
| **Nominator email:** |  |
| **Is this nomination for an individual or team?** |  |
| **Nominee name (key contact if a team):** |  |
| **Nominee title:** |  |
| **Nominee email:** |  |
| **Nominee Site:** |  |
| **Nominee Site Address:** |  |

**Nomination Statement**

**Why do you feel that this individual or team should be recognised?**

*250-words*

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**Criteria**

**Positive impact**

Provide evidence (including indicators of growth) of the impact you have had, including your First Nations’ knowledge and perspective, on improving site or system outcomes, learner achievement, engagement, or wellbeing (either directly or indirectly).

**Networked practice**

Describe how you or your team have delivered significant improvements in education services or made an authentic and meaningful contribution to the learning experiences of children and young people. Outline how you have contributed to a culturally sensitive and responsive workplace or learning environment.

**Inspiring engagement**

Explain how you've successfully engaged and supported parents and carers as partners in their children’s learning or how you've collaborated with colleagues to share and develop best practices. Outline how you've shared your expertise and knowledge to help develop others understanding of Aboriginal culture, language, and perspectives on education, within and beyond your local context.