



# National Award for Intercultural Excellence

## Award Information

### About the Awards

The National Awards for Intercultural Excellence is a new initiative from Together For Humanity (TFH) in its mission to foster intercultural and interfaith understanding in Australian school communities.

The Awards aim to recognise students, teachers, and/or schools, from across the country, who are addressing intercultural and/or interfaith understanding within their communities.

The Award winners will be recognised at an National Award Ceremony.

### Key Dates

Stage	Dates
Nominations open	20 November 2023
Nominations close	18 March 2024
Nominees advised of outcome	12 April 2024
Awards ceremony	June/July 2024

## Possible themes to be explored

### Student or Student Team Award:

Recognises school-age student or student teams promoting, encouraging or advocating for intercultural and or interfaith understanding in areas such as the following:

- diversity and inclusion
- anti-racism
- citizenship
- human rights
- reconciliation
- community engagement

### Teacher or School Team Award:

Recognises the work of either individual school teachers, teams or schools in promoting, encouraging or advocating for intercultural and/or interfaith understanding in areas such as the following:

- curriculum design or enhancement
- projects to address school community needs
- inter-school initiatives (local, national or global)
- a whole-school approach
- family and community engagement
- student leadership initiatives

## Eligibility

**Nominees for the student/student team award are eligible if they:**

1. reside in Australia;
2. are school students enrolled in a high school in 2024

**Nominees for the teacher/school team award are eligible if they:**

1. reside in Australia (for individuals and teams);
2. operate in Australia (for schools);
3. are employed or volunteer at a recognised early learning, primary or secondary school (for individuals and teams)

# How do I nominate myself, a student, student team, teacher or school team?

To nominate for the National Award please submit the following documentation:

1. Completed Nomination Form for either student/student team or teacher/school team
2. Completed Endorsement Form signed by the Principal or delegate
3. A three minute overview video

## What are the nomination questions?

Nominees will be asked to complete a short nomination form and produce a short video outlining their initiative. In addition to this, an endorsement form must be completed by the school Principal or Manager.

### Student/Student Team Award Questions

1. Inspiration statement: (eg: why/needs/context)
2. Initiative overview: (project plan/details)
3. Initiative goals: (objectives and intentions)
4. Initiative impacts: (intended outcomes, unintended outcomes, benefits evidence)

### Teacher/School Team Award Questions

1. Inspiration statement: (why/needs/context)
2. Project overview: (steps/plan/project details)
3. Project goals: (objectives and intentions)
4. Project impacts: (intended outcomes, unintended outcomes, benefits, evidence, links to the Australian Professional Standards for teachers or curriculum links)

### Attachments to be submitted in the final application

1. Completed nomination form
2. Completed endorsement form
3. Three minute overview video

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

## General questions:

### When are nominations due?

Nominations are due 18 March 2024

### Is there an entry fee?

No.

### Is there a prize given to nominees?

Awards will be given to finalists and category winners.

### Can I nominate myself?

Yes, you can nominate yourself.

### Can I nominate a person or school anywhere in Australia?

Yes, nominees can be from anywhere in Australia.

### Can I nominate any type of school?

The school must be an early learning, primary or secondary school within Australia. It is open to all school sectors.

### Can I nominate a team of students?

Yes. The team of students would be nominated as part of the Student/Student Team category.

### What constitutes a student team?

The student team category of the Award is a group of at least two school students working together.

### What constitutes a school team?

The school team category of the Award is a group of at least two adults working together. The individuals can be teachers, non-teaching staff, members of P&C/P&F committees, members of school or early learning centre governing boards/councils.

### Do I have to tell the person or school that I am nominating them?

Yes. All nominees must complete and submit a consent form which will require a signature from the individual nominee or representative of the team as well as the Principal's endorsement.

## After you've submitted your nomination:

### Who assesses the nominations?

Nominations are assessed by a panel consisting of staff from TFH, and their organisational partners using the nomination criteria.

### When will I be notified of the outcome?

12 April 2024. All nominees will receive notification of the outcome by email.

### When will the awards be presented?

Awards will be presented at an official ceremony in June/July 2024, which will be live streamed.

### If I am unable to attend the ceremony, can I still receive the award?

Yes. If you cannot attend the awards ceremony, your award can either be accepted by a representative on your behalf or sent to you by mail.

## Need further information?

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