

Environmental Education NSW invites nominations for the 2024 NSW Environmental Education Awards

The Awards are presented to individuals, programs and businesses who have made an exemplary contribution to the field of environmental education. In 2024, the Awards will comprise of six awards across three categories:

1. Excellence in Environmental Education Awards
2. Program Excellence Award
3. Business Excellence Award

1. Excellence in Environmental Education Awards:

- NSW Environmental Educator of the Year Award

Nominations for individuals with more than 5 years experience across early learning, professionals, volunteers, community, government, tertiary, non-profit sector

- NSW Emerging Leader in Environmental Education

Nominations for individuals with 5 or less years experience across early learning, professionals, volunteers, community, government, tertiary, non-profit sector

- Sustainable Schools NSW Teacher of the Year Award

Nominations for individual educators who have excelled in embedding sustainability in a NSW primary or high school in line with the values of Sustainable Schools NSW.

2. Program Excellence Award:

- Sustainable Schools NSW School of the Year Award

Nominations for a school that has shown excellence in embedding sustainability within their school and in the broader community in line with the values of Sustainable Schools NSW. *Note: the Sustainable Schools NSW program has been focused on Primary and High Schools and therefore only these may apply. We hope to support an early learning program award in the future.*

- Return and Earn Program Leader Award

Nominations for a teacher, student or parent who has excelled in embedding the Return and Earn program into their school.

3. Business Excellence Award:

- Sustainability Connect Business of the Year Award

Nominations for organisations or businesses that have excelled in delivery of their

environmental education products and services. Businesses must be listed on the Sustainability Connect directory sustainabilityconnect.org.au to be eligible. *Note: this year's award is for the business sector, therefore government-funded programs are not eligible.*

REQUIREMENTS:

- *To nominate for any of the above awards, please follow the prompts in the form below. A nominee may only be nominated in ONE category.*
- *Please submit a new form for each award submission you would like to submit.*
- *All schools, organisations or individuals nominated must be located in New South Wales or undertake the majority of their activities in New South Wales.*
- *Nominees do not currently have to be an AAEE member, however it is strongly encouraged. You can become a member or check your status [here](#).*

All nominations must be received by midnight Sunday 20th October 2024

* 1. Which award category is your nomination for?

- Educator Excellence Awards
- Program Excellence Awards
- Business Excellence Award

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Educator Excellence Awards

* 2. Which award are you nominating for?

- NSW Environmental Educator of the Year Award**
(for individuals with more than 5 years experience across early learning, professionals, volunteers, community, government, tertiary, non-profit sector)
- NSW Emerging Leader in Environmental Education**
(for individuals with 5 years or less experience across early learning, professionals, volunteers, community, government, tertiary, non-profit sector)
- Sustainable Schools NSW Teacher of the Year**
(for individual educators who have excelled in embedding sustainability in a primary or high school)

* 3. Are you....

- self-nominating?
- nominating someone else? (please gain the consent & involvement of the nominee in this process)

* 4. Provide the details below for the award nominee (can be self-nominated)

Full Name	<input type="text"/>
Pronouns e.g. they/them	<input type="text"/>
Organisation	<input type="text"/>
Role or position in organisation	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>
Mobile Number	<input type="text"/>
Postal address	<input type="text"/>

* 5. Provide the details below for a professional referee (who knows the nominee well) to support this nomination:

Full name	<input type="text"/>
Organisation	<input type="text"/>
Role or position in organisation	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>
Mobile Number	<input type="text"/>

6. If the person completing this form is not either the nominee or the referee listed above (i.e. you are nominating someone else and you are not their referee), please provide the following details for yourself:

Full name

Organisation

Role or position in organisation

Email

Mobile Number

* 7. Describe with examples how the nominee has developed their skills and understanding and taken effective action for the environment in their work (250 words, dot points fine)

* 8. Describe with examples how the nominee has exhibited leadership in the field of environmental education that has influenced others (250 words, dot points fine)

* 9. Describe with examples the nominee's notable achievements in environmental education in recent years (250 words, dot points fine)

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Program Excellence Awards

10. Which award are you nominating for?

- Sustainable Schools NSW School of the Year Award
- Return and Earn Program Leader Award

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Program Excellence Award - Sustainable Schools NSW School of the Year Award

The Sustainable Schools NSW School of the Year Award will recognise a school that has shown excellence in embedding sustainability within their school and in the broader community. *Note: the Sustainable Schools NSW program has been focused on Primary and High Schools and therefore only these may apply. We hope to support an early learning program award in the future.*

* 11. Tell us about the school you are nominating

School Name	<input type="text"/>
Physical address	<input type="text"/>
Postal Address	<input type="text"/>
Website	<input type="text"/>
Number of students	<input type="text"/>

* 12. What are some of the key ways the school has embedded sustainability on campus (in the school's grounds, operations and processes)? Please provide examples (dot points okay, max 250 words)

* 13. What are some of the key ways the school has embedded sustainability in curriculum (in the schools' classrooms and teaching and learning settings)? Please provide examples (dot points okay, max 250 words)

* 14. What are some of the key ways sustainability is embedded across the school culture (in the school's student, staff and leadership approach and the ethos of the school community)? Please provide examples (dot points okay, max 250 words)

* 15. Provide the details below for the contact person responsible for this nomination

Full Name	<input type="text"/>
School	<input type="text"/>
Position or role in School	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>
Mobile Number	<input type="text"/>

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Program Excellence Award - Return and Earn Program Leader Award



The Return and Earn Program Leader Award recognises a teacher, student or parent who has helped embed the Return and Earn program into their school.

* 16. Provide the details below for the award nominee (can be self-nominated)

Full Name	<input type="text"/>
Organisation	<input type="text"/>
Role or position in organisation	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>
Mobile Number	<input type="text"/>
Postal address	<input type="text"/>

* 17. Are you....

- self-nominating?
- nominating someone else?
- nominating someone else in secret? (we will make all attempts to keep it this way, however we recommend involving the nominee for best outcomes)

* 18. Provide the details below for a professional referee (who knows the nominee well) to support this nomination:

Full name	<input type="text"/>
Organisation	<input type="text"/>
Role or position in organisation	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>
Mobile Number	<input type="text"/>

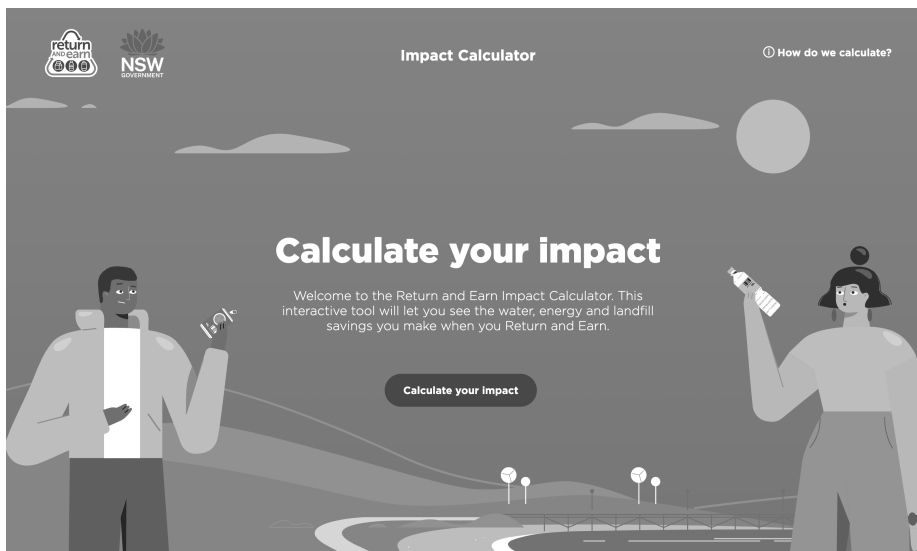
19. If the person completing this form is not either the nominee or the referee listed above (i.e. you are nominating someone else and you are not their referee), please provide the following details for yourself:

Full name	<input type="text"/>
Organisation	<input type="text"/>
Role or position in organisation	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>
Mobile Number	<input type="text"/>

* 20. Tell us about the program leader you're nominating. How have they championed your Return and Earn program and made the program a success? (dot points OK, max. 250 words)

* 21. Provide details of the way you are using Return and Earn at your school including how you collect and return your containers, amount of money fund raised and how it has been used and how students and the school community are engaged in the program (dot points OK, max. 250 words)

22. The Return and Earn Impact Calculator is a great way to show your school community how small changes can have a big impact on our environment. Simply [click here](#) and enter the total number of cans and bottles you have returned for recycling through Return and Earn to find the corresponding energy, water, CO2 and landfill savings. Don't forget to include the results in Q21 of your award submission.



- Thanks, I have used the impact calculator for this submission
- I didn't use it this time but I may use it in future

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Business Excellence Award

The Sustainability Connect Business of the Year Award will recognise a business that has excelled in delivery of their environmental products and services, and/or any business that has excelled in supporting environmental and environmental education outcomes. Businesses must be listed on the Sustainability Connect directory website to be eligible. *Note: this year's award is for the business sector, therefore majority government-funded programs are not eligible.*

* 23. Is the nominated business listed on Sustainability Connect? [
<https://www.sustainabilityconnect.org.au/>]

Yes

No

* 24. Name of the nominated business:

* 25. Postal address of the nominated business:

* 26. Website address of the nominated business:

* 27. Provide the details below for the contact person responsible for this nomination

Full Name

Organisation

Position or role in
organisation

Email

Mobile Number

* 28. Describe how the products/services of your business support environmental and/or environmental education outcomes for schools, communities or other businesses? Please provide examples (dot points okay, max 250 words)

* 29. Describe the reach and impact your business achieves to your target audience. Please provide examples (dot points okay, max 250 words)

* 30. How does your business embed sustainability practices into everyday operations and practice? (dot points OK, 250 words max.)