Top teachers acknowledged in inaugural Minister’s Quality Teaching Award

Quality teaching by quality teachers is acknowledged as the key to success in schools and TAFE Institutes.

TAFE Illawarra are among forty-four exemplary school and TAFE educators from around the state who have today been recognised for their contributions to quality education with a 2012 Minister’s Quality Teaching Award.

These outstanding teachers (34 from public schools and ten from TAFE colleges) were today presented with this prestigious award for excellence in teaching by the Hon Adrian Piccoli MP, Minister for Education, at a ceremony in Sydney.

“We know that teaching is the single largest in-school predictor of success at school, and this is equally true for TAFE students” Minister Piccoli said.

“It is what teachers know, do and care about which is a very powerful influence in teaching.

“Great teachers have a rich repertoire of teaching strategies and know how and when to use these strategies to optimise learning.

“What impresses me particularly is the rich variety of skills, interests and achievement shown by these teachers, who have earned the respect of their colleagues, principals, institute directors and communities,” he said.

Justine Poidevin was selected for her initiative and drive for excellence which has resulted in a high quality provision and innovative e-learning environment for her students. Justine epitomises the skills and attributes of an educational leader providing new ways of learning for students. Justine demonstrates outstanding innovation, teaching prowess and e-learning capabilities.

The school and TAFE teachers who are the recipients of the 2012 Minister’s Quality Teaching Award are to be congratulated for their outstanding work in our NSW public schools and TAFE Institutes.

For further information or photographs of the recipients, contact Maria Sevastis, Relieving Public Relations and Events Officer on 4222 2928 or email: maria.sevastis1@det.nsw.edu.au