

2020 Teaching Awards

As you are aware, the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent government policy had a huge impact on teachers, students, and their families in 2020.

To ensure as many exams could be offered in the safest possible way, the AMEB (NSW) was required to reduce the number of face-to-face exam opportunities. To accommodate additional exam candidates, we worked swiftly to introduce Video Repertoire exams as an option for grade level candidates.

Many candidates had to vary their preparation for this alternate Repertoire exam format. Many teachers were forced to adjust their teaching methods to give Zoom lessons to their students and adjust their exam preparation, so their students were able to present for a Repertoire exam rather than a Comprehensive exam in 2020. Teachers who were able to hold examinations at their own studios were comparatively fortunate to be able to continue with their usual exam preparation.

Countless families were impacted by the pandemic and many students were unable to present for an exam as they would in a 'normal' exam year for a variety of reasons.

The AMEB (NSW) Board has deliberated over these factors and considered the implications of this most unusual exam year with regard to the equity of our Annual Teaching Awards. As a result, the Board made a decision that a clear winner for each Teaching Award category for the 2020 examining year will not be declared. Instead AMEB (NSW) shall present certificates of commendation to the Top 5 or 10 teachers, teaching schools or NESA-accredited schools in each category who have all achieved excellent results during the 2020 exam year.

Next month following the online ceremony, AMEB (NSW) will announce the results of the top group of teachers or schools in the categories listed below. Certificates of commendation will be issued shortly after.

CATEGORY	GRADES	INSTRUMENT/SUBJECT
Private teacher	Preliminary to Grade 6	Keyboard
Private teacher	Preliminary to Grade 6	Woodwind
Private teacher	Preliminary to Grade 6	Strings
Private teacher	Preliminary to G 6	Brass
Private teacher	Preliminary to G 6	Singing
Private teacher	Grade 7 to Licentiate	Keyboard
Private teacher	Grade 7 to Licentiate	Instrumental or Vocal
Private teacher	Preliminary to Licentiate	Speech & Drama
Private teacher	All grades or steps	CPM or Percussion
Private teacher	Preliminary to Licentiate	Written subjects
Studio or music school	Preliminary to Grade 6	Practical and Written
Studio or music school	Grade 7 to Licentiate	Practical and Written
Accredited school	Preliminary to Licentiate	All Music and Speech & Drama practical