



EXCELLENCE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AWARDS 2021 FINALISTS

Excellence Awards

Metropolitan Service Excellence Awards Categories

Large Private Service, Small Private Service, Large Community Service

Being Education

Clovel Childcare & Early Learning Centres

Little Zaks Academy

Little Zaks Academy - Epping 2

Naremburn Early Learning Centre

Narrabeen Children's Centre

Nicky's Kids Town

All Star Early Learners

Being Education

Mini Masterminds

Puzzlez Early Learning Centre

Scribblz Preschool & Long Day Care Centre

Toybox Early Learning

Bambini of Lilyfield

Explore & Develop

Little Zaks Academy

Little Zaks Academy

Mini Masterminds

Oakville Preschool Learning Centre

Penrith Early Learning Centre

Being Education - Lambert Avenue

Bela Babes Early Learning Centre

Bridge St Kids Early Learning Centres

Clovel Childcare & Early Learning Centres

Peek-A-Boo Long Day Care

The Children's Preschool

Gilgandra Preschool

Hunter Valley Grammar School Early Learning Centre

Tasman Parade Early Learning Centre

Pymble

Ryde

Brookvale

Epping

Naremburn

Narrabeen

Lane Cove West

Botany

Busby

Rockdale

Padstow

Picnic Point

Mascot

Lilyfield

Leichhardt

South Wentworthville

Sydney Olympic Park

Sydney Olympic Park

Oakville

Penrith

Ermington

Artarmon

Hurstville

Merrylands

Seaforth

Glenhaven

Gilgandra

Ashtonfield

Fairfield West

Regional Service Excellence Awards Categories

Large Private Service, Small Private Service

3 Bears Cottage Early Education Service

Bright Beginnings Childcare

Little Treasures Preschool & Early Learning Centre

Rainbow Station Early Education Centre

The Hub Preschool and Early Education Academy

The Rumpus Room - Chatham Street

The Rumpus Room

Being Education

Developing Dreams Early Learning Centre

Illawarra Academy of Early Learning

Pelican Point Preschool and Long Day Care

The Honey Tree Preschool Bellbird

Coffs Harbour

Maitland

Greta

Casino

Rutherford

Broadmeadow

Pelican

Lake Haven

Chain Valley Bay

Mt Warrigal

Sanctuary Point

Bellbird

Program Excellence Awards

Educational Program Excellence - Metropolitan Service

All Star Early Learners
Bambini of Lilyfield
Bridge St Kids Early Learning Centres
Clovel Childcare & Early Learning Centres
Explore & Develop
Fauna Place Early Education Centre
Little Zaks Academy
Little Zaks Academy
Narrabeen Children's Centre
Oakville Preschool Learning Centre
Penrith Early Learning Centre
Puzzlez Early Learning Centre
Rainbow Cottage Childcare
St George Montessori Engadine Early Learning Centre
The Children's Preschool
Toybox Early Learning
Willow Tree Kindergarten

Botany
Lilyfield
Hurstville
Granville
Leichhardt
Sutherland
Ryde
Sydney Olympic Park
Narrabeen
Oakville
Penrith
Padstow
San Souci
Engadine
Glenhaven
Mascot
Rosemeadow

Educational Program Excellence - Regional Service

3 Bears Cottage Early Education Service
Gilgandra Preschool
Hunter Valley Grammar School Early Learning Centre
Illawarra Academy of Early Learning
Little Treasures Preschool & Early Learning Centre
Morisset & District Children's Centre

Coffs Harbour
Gilgandra
Ashtonfield
Lake Illawarra
Greta
Morisset

Community Involvement Excellence

3 Bears Cottage Early Education Service
Bambini of Lilyfield
Bindook Cottage
Bridge St Kids Early Learning Centres
Bright Beginnings Childcare
Clovel Childcare & Early Learning Centres
Gilgandra Preschool
Hobart Place Early Education Centre
Junior Einsteins
Little Coast Kids
Little Zaks Academy
Oakville Preschool Learning Centre
St George Montessori Engadine Early Learning Centre
The Hub Preschool and Early Education Academy
Toybox Early Learning

Coffs Harbour
Lilyfield
Terrey Hills
Hurstville
Maitland
Ryde
Gilgandra
Sutherland
Blackbutt
Toukley
Brookvale
Oakville
Engadine
Rutherford
Mascot

Program Excellence Awards Cont.

Environmental Program Excellence

3 Bears Cottage Early Education Service
Bambini of Lilyfield
Being Education - River Road
Bridge St Kids Early Learning Centres
Camperdown Sunshine Kids
Clovel Childcare & Early Learning Centres
Gilgandra Preschool
Little Zaks Academy
Little Zaks Academy
Morisset & District Children's Centre
Narrabeen Children's Centre
Oakville Preschool Learning Centre
The Rumpus Room
Willow Tree Kindergarten

Coffs Harbour
Lilyfield
Ermington
Hurstville
Camperdown
Castle Hill
Gilgandra
Brookvale
Sydney Olympic Park
Morisset
Narrabeen
Oakville
Pelican
Rosemeadow

Family Involvement Program Excellence

3 Bears Cottage Early Education Service
All Star Early Learners
Bridge St Kids Early Learning Centres
Clovel Childcare & Early Learning Centres
Little Zaks Academy
Mount Colah Alphabet Academy
Penrith Early Learning Centre
Toybox Early Learning

Coffs Harbour
Botany
Hurstville
Merrylands
Brookvale
Mount Colah
Penrith
Mascot

Multicultural Program Excellence

Bridge St Kids Early Learning Centres
Clovel Childcare & Early Learning Centres
Gilgandra Preschool
Innovative Early Learning - Artarmon
International Grammar School Early Learning Centre
Little Zaks Academy
Little Zaks Academy
Little Zaks Academy
Oakville Preschool Learning Centre
Penshurst Long Day Care Centre
Rainbow Cottage Childcare
Tasman Parade Early Learning Centre
The Rumpus Room

Hurstville
Merrylands
Gilgandra
Artarmon
Ultimo
Brookvale
Sydney Olympic Park
Ultimo
Oakville
Penshurst
San Souci
Fairfield West
Pelican

Children's Wellbeing & Health Program Excellence

3 Bears Cottage Early Education Service
Bambini of Lilyfield
Bridge St Kids Early Learning Centres
Clovel Childcare & Early Learning Centres
Gilgandra Preschool
Junior Einsteins
Little Zaks Academy
Little Zaks Academy - Epping 2
Little Zaks Academy
Mini Masterminds
Oakville Preschool Learning Centre
Penrith Early Learning Centre
Penshurst Long Day Care Centre
Rainbow Station Early Education Centre
Sutherland Shire Council Children's Services
Umina Child Care Centre

Coffs Harbour
Lilyfield
Hurstville
Wentworthville
Gilgandra
Flinders
Brookvale
Epping
Ultimo
Rockdale
Oakville
Penrith
Penshurst
Casino
Sutherland
Umina

Program Excellence Awards Cont.

Inclusivity Practices Program Excellence

3 Bears Cottage Early Education Service
Bambini of Lilyfield
Bridge St Kids Early Learning Centres
Clovel Childcare & Early Learning Centres
Dee Why Children's Centre
Gilgandra Preschool
Little Zaks Academy
Mikids - Northern Beaches
Rainbow Station Early Education Centre
Toybox Early Learning

Coffs Harbour
Lilyfield
Hurstville
Liverpool
Dee Why
Gilgandra
Sydney Olympic Park
Warriewood
Casino
Mascot

Service Excellence Awards

Excellence in Indoor Learning Environment

3 Bears Cottage Early Education Service
Bambini of Lilyfield
Gilgandra Preschool
Little Zaks Academy
Penrith Early Learning Centre

Coffs Harbour
Lilyfield
Gilgandra
Sydney Olympic Park
Penrith

Excellence in Outdoor Learning Environment

Bambini of Lilyfield
Explore & Develop Leichhardt
Gilgandra Preschool
Kookaburra Early Learning Centre
Little Zaks Academy
Little Zaks Academy
Nicky's Kids Town
Rainbow Station Early Education Centre
Scribblez Preschool & Long Day Care Centre

Lilyfield
Leichhardt
Gilgandra
Casino
Brookvale
Sydney Olympic Park
Lane Cove West
Casino
Picnic Point

Excellence in Food & Menu Design

Little Zaks Academy
Little Zaks Academy
Nicky's Kids Town
Penrith Early Learning Centre
Rainbow Station Early Education Centre
SDN Owl's House Kingsford @ UNSW
Sustainable Play Preschool
The Rumpus Room - Chatham Street

South Wentworthville
Sydney Olympic Park
Lane Cove West
Penrith
Casino
Kingsford
Barnsley
Broadmeadow

Trainee of the Year Awards

Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care

Madison Jolly	Balance Early Education - Bathurst	Windradyne
Chelsea Jukes	Bright Beginnings Childcare	Maitland
Jaide Goodworth	Circle Early Learning Centre	Blayney
Anusha Waqar	Clovel Childcare & Early Learning Centres	Blacktown
Veronica Coombes	Clovel Childcare & Early Learning Centres	Merrylands
Lesley Young	Gumnut Kidz Kindergarten	Narellan
Monique Cooper	Little Treasures Preschool & Early Learning Centre	Greta
Tianna Bazouni	Little Zaks Academy	South Wentworthville
Devran Ilbay	Little Zaks Academy	Sydney Olympic Park
Annika Terry	The Rumpus Room - Darling Street	Broadmeadow

Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care

Paris Medhurst-Howell	Balance Early Education - Bathurst	Windradyne
Adriana Villanova Camargo	Bridge St Kids Early Learning Centres	Hurstville
Sharni Donlan	Circle Early Learning Centre	Blayney
Jasmine Woodbury	Clovel Childcare & Early Learning Centres	Granville
Haylee Drieman	Gumnut Kidz Kindergarten	Narellan
Shaiaessa Dixon	Little Treasures Preschool & Early Learning Centre	Greta
Ashleigh Espinoza	Little Zaks Academy	Sydney Olympic Park
Jordan Dwyer	Naremburn Early Learning Centre	Naremburn
Alexandra Laferla	Oakville Preschool Learning Centre	Oakville
Sommer Wilesmith	Penrith Early Learning Centre	Penrith
Vanessa Thistleton	Roly Poly Child Care	Bankstown

Excellence Awards for Teams

Team Excellence Award - Metropolitan Service

Bridge St Kids Early Learning Centres	Hurstville
Clovel Childcare & Early Learning Centres	Wentworthville
Franklin Road Early Education Centre	Woolooware
Little Zaks Academy	Brookvale
Little Zaks Academy	Sydney Olympic Park
Mini Masterminds	Sydney Olympic Park
Oakville Preschool Learning Centre	Oakville
Penrith Early Learning Centre	Penrith
Puzzlez Early Learning Centre	Padstow
Scribblez Preschool & Long Day Care Centre	Picnic Point
Toybox Early Learning	Mascot

Team Excellence Award - Regional Service

3 Bears Cottage Early Education Service	Coffs Harbour
Creative Kids Preschool	Belmont South
Developing Dreams Early Learning Centre	Woongarrah
Gilgandra Preschool	Gilgandra
Hunter Valley Grammar School Early Learning Centre	Ashtonfield
Illawarra Academy of Early Learning	Mt Warrigal
Little Treasures Preschool & Early Learning Centre	Greta
The Rumpus Room - Chatham Street	Broadmeadow
The Rumpus Room	Pelican
TLC Early Learning Centre	Raymond Terrace

Excellence Awards for Individuals

Metropolitan Female Educator Excellence Award

Rebecca Smith	Allison Crescent Early Education Centre	Menai
Sarah-Jane Berry	Bela Babes Early Learning Centre	Artarmon
Elizabeth Woods	Camperdown Sunshine Kids	Camperdown
Kate Nolan	Clovel Childcare & Early Learning Centres	Lidcombe
Georgia Dawson	Explore & Develop Leichhardt	Leichhardt
Rachelle Bailey	Little Zaks Academy	Brookvale
Melinda Singleton	Little Zaks Academy - Epping 2	Epping
Jessica Seong	Little Zaks Academy	Sydney Olympic Park
Stanislava Kotomirova	Mikids - Northern Beaches	Warriewood
Yu (Mary) Deng	Mini Masterminds	Sydney Olympic Park
Melanie Stapley	Penrith Early Learning Centre	Penrith
Kristina Xenos	SDN Tiggers Honey Pot Randwick @ UNSW	Randwick
Hayley Neville	Toybox Early Learning	Mascot
Kahlee McGrath	Toybox Early Learning	Mascot
Peyton Lepou Fiapito	Toybox Early Learning	Mascot
Sisiliya Charlotte	Toybox Early Learning	Mascot
Stacey Bell	Toybox Early Learning	Mascot

Regional Female Educator Excellence Award

Briarly Frisby	Balance Early Education - Bathurst	Windradyne
Madison Hatch	Balance Early Education - Bathurst	Windradyne
Lisa Boyle	Creative Kids Preschool	Belmont South
Christine Giles	Illawarra Academy of Early Learning	Warilla
Ashleigh Oldfield	Pied Piper Preschool	Wallerawang
Nicola Tabart	The Rumpus Room	Pelican

Male Educator Excellence Award

Kayne Knott	Balance Early Education - Bathurst	Windradyne
Jason Naismith	Hunter Valley Grammar School Early Learning Centre	Ashtonfield
Alec Peters	Toybox Early Learning	Mascot

Metropolitan Educator Leader Excellence Award

Rebecca Wong	Explore & Develop Leichhardt	Leichhardt
Chantelle Salmon	Gumnut Kidz Kindergarten	Narellan
Deanna Song	Little Zaks Academy - Epping 2	Epping
Michelle Beyers	Little Zaks Academy	Ryde
Kate Barry	Little Zaks Academy	South Wentworthville
Jacqueline Mak	Little Zaks Academy	Sydney Olympic Park
Melissa Traversa	Mikids - Northern Beaches	Warriewood
Maria Edward	Mini Masterminds	Sydney Olympic Park
Shannon Howlett	Nicky's Kids Town	Lane Cove West
Kristy-Lee McCartney	Oakville Preschool Learning Centre	Oakville
Jade Borg	Penrith Early Learning Centre	Penrith
Carly Glasgow	Tom Thumb Kindergarten	GyMEA
Lynne Graham	Toybox Early Learning	Mascot

Excellence Awards for Individuals Cont.

Regional Educator Leader Excellence Award

Nicole Crisp	Gilgandra Preschool	Gilgandra
Sarah Bilton-Smith	Hunter Valley Grammar School Early Learning Centre	Ashtonfield
Ashleigh Prout	Illawarra Academy of Early Learning	Lake Illawarra
Erin Quibell	The Rumpus Room - Darling Street	Broadmeadow

Service Support Person Excellence Award

Joanna Clay	Camperdown Sunshine Kids	Camperdown
Natarsha Stuart	Clovel Childcare & Early Learning Centres	Lidcombe
Valerie Zappula	Explore & Develop Leichhardt	Leichhardt
Jenny Merrin	Little Zaks Academy	Brookvale
Toni Costa	Little Zaks Academy - Epping 2	Epping
Natalie Guerin	Little Zaks Academy	Sydney Olympic Park
Melissa Basile	Sutherland Shire Council Children's Services	Sutherland
Madelyne Vassella	The Rumpus Room	Pelican
Manal Saad	Toybox Early Learning	Mascot

Young Female Educator Excellence Award

Tsering Yangzom	Bela Babes Early Learning Centre	Artarmon
Bellanna Taylor	Circle Early Learning Centre	Blayney
Tara Courtney	Creative Kids Preschool & TLC Early Learning Centre	Belmont South
Xanthe Young	Explore & Develop Leichhardt	Leichhardt
Maddison Buckland	Gilgandra Preschool	Gilgandra
Tailah McCarthy	Illawarra Academy of Early Learning	Warilla
Celine Beattie	Little Zaks Academy	Brookvale
Molly Manning	Little Zaks Academy	Brookvale
Sienna Black	Little Zaks Academy	Brookvale
Courtney Woods	Little Zaks Academy	South Wentworthville
Yvette Orellena	Little Zaks Academy	Sydney Olympic Park
Caitlin Pyke-Nott	Rainbow Station Early Education Centre	Casino
Isabella (Sun Me) Lee	Sun Child Care Centre	Campsie
Jessie Bakewell	The Rumpus Room - Darling Street	Broadmeadow
Sophie Moore	Toybox Early Learning	Mascot
Trinh Nguyen	Toybox Early Learning	Mascot

Young Male Educator Excellence Award

Bradley Thorn	3 Bears Cottage Early Education Service	Coffs Harbour
Connor Martin	3 Bears Cottage Early Education Service	Coffs Harbour
Anthony Desch	Clovel Childcare & Early Learning Centres	Granville
Yifan Hu	Goodstart Early Learning	West Pymble
Jarrad Stark	Little Angels Pagewood Green	Eastgardens
Jacob Dovgan	Nicky's Kids Town - Lane Cove	Lane Cove West

Early Childhood Education Week Theme Awards

Program illustrating 'The confident child'

3 Bears Cottage Early Education Service
All Star Early Learners
Bambini of Lilyfield
Bright Beginnings Childcare
Carlton House Childcare Centre and Preschool
Clovel Childcare & Early Learning Centres
Gilgandra Preschool
Little Treasures Preschool & Early Learning Centre
Little Zaks Academy
Little Zaks Academy
The Children's Preschool
Toybox Early Learning

Coffs Harbour
Botany
Lilyfield
Maitland
Dubbo
Granville
Gilgandra
Greta
Brookvale
Sydney Olympic Park
Glenhaven
Mascot

Metropolitan Program illustrating 'My sustainable world'

Bambini of Lilyfield
Bela Babes Early Learning Centre
Care for Kindies - Seymour Parade
Clovel Childcare & Early Learning Centres
JumpStart 4 Kids
Little Zaks Academy
Little Zaks Academy - Epping 2
Little Zaks Academy
Mikids - Northern Beaches
Oakville Preschool Learning Centre
The Children's Preschool
The Little Cottage
Willow Tree Kindergarten

Lilyfield
Artarmon
Belfield
Blacktown
Blacktown
Brookvale
Epping
Sydney Olympic Park
Warriewood
Oakville
Glenhaven
Carlton
Rosemeadow

Regional Program illustrating 'My sustainable world'

Bright Beginnings Childcare
Carlton House Childcare Centre and Preschool
Gilgandra Preschool
Joeys Preschool & Early Learning Centre
Kookaburra Early Learning Centre
Little Treasures Preschool & Early Learning Centre
Sustainable Play Preschool
The Hub Preschool and Early Education Academy

Maitland
Dubbo
Gilgandra
Dungog
Casino
Greta
Barnsley
Rutherford

Program illustrating 'Being a good sport'

3 Bears Cottage Early Education Service
Bright Beginnings Childcare
Gilgandra Preschool
Kookaburra Early Learning Centre
Little Treasures Preschool & Early Learning Centre
Little Zaks Academy
Little Zaks Academy - Epping 2
North Harbour Children's Centre
Oakville Preschool Learning Centre
Toybox Early Learning

Coffs Harbour
Maitland
Gilgandra
Casino
Greta
Brookvale
Epping
Balgowlah Heights
Oakville
Mascot

Early Childhood Education Week Theme Awards Cont.

Metropolitan Program illustrating 'Stimulating children's senses'

All Star Early Learners
Bambini of Lilyfield
Bela Babes Early Learning Centre
Care for Kindies - Seymour Parade
Clovel Childcare & Early Learning Centres
Giggles Early Learning Centre
Innovative Early Learning
JumpStart 4 Kids
Little Zaks Academy
Oakville Preschool Learning Centre
Peek-A-Boo Long Day Care
Starkingdom Childcare Centre & Kindergarten
Tasman Parade Early Learning Centre
The Children's Preschool
The Little Cottage

Botany
Lilyfield
Artarmon
Belfield
Merrylands
Bexley
Artarmon
Blacktown
Brookvale
Oakville
Seaforth
Ruse
Fairfield West
Glenhaven
Carlton

Regional Program illustrating 'Stimulating children's senses'

3 Bears Cottage Early Education Service
Carlton House Childcare Centre and Preschool
Gilgandra Preschool
Kookaburra Early Learning Centre
Little Treasures Preschool & Early Learning Centre

Coffs Harbour
Dubbo
Gilgandra
Casino
Greta

Program illustrating 'The creative child'

3 Bears Cottage Early Education Service
All Star Early Learners
Bambini of Lilyfield
Bright Beginnings Childcare
Carlton House Childcare Centre and Preschool
Gilgandra Preschool
Innovative Early Learning
Kookaburra Early Learning Centre
Little Treasures Preschool & Early Learning Centre
Little Zaks Academy
Little Zaks Academy
The Children's Preschool
The Hub Preschool and Early Education Academy
Toybox Early Learning
Zig and Zag Long Day Care

Coffs Harbour
Botany
Lilyfield
Maitland
Dubbo
Gilgandra
Artarmon
Casino
Greta
Brookvale
Sydney Olympic Park
Glenhaven
Rutherford
Mascot
Botany

Early Childhood Education Week Theme Awards Cont.

Program illustrating 'Communication with children'

Bambini of Lilyfield
Clovel Childcare & Early Learning Centres
Gilgandra Preschool
Innovative Early Learning
Kookaburra Early Learning Centre
Little Zaks Academy
Little Zaks Academy - Epping 2
Little Zaks Academy
Rainbow Station Early Education Centre
Sandcastles Early Education and Preschool
The Children's Preschool

Lilyfield
Liverpool
Gilgandra
Artarmon
Casino
Brookvale
Epping
Sydney Olympic Park
Casino
Evans Head
Glenhaven

Program illustrating 'We are all Australians'

All Star Early Learners
Bright Beginnings Childcare
Carlton House Childcare Centre and Preschool
Clovel Childcare & Early Learning Centres
Gilgandra Preschool
Innovative Early Learning
JumpStart 4 Kids
Kookaburra Kindergarten
Little Zaks Academy
Little Zaks Academy - Epping 2
Little Zaks Academy
Little Zaks Academy
Nicky's Kids Town
The Children's Preschool
Toybox Early Learning

Botany
Maitland
Dubbo
Merrylands
Gilgandra
Artarmon
Blacktown
Chatswood
Brookvale
Epping
Ryde
Sydney Olympic Park
Lane Cove West
Glenhaven
Mascot