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TEACHERS RECOGNISED FOR COMMITMENT TO LITERACY

As part of Education Week celebrations today Minister for Employment, Education and Training Syd Stirling presented a number of awards to Territory teachers for their commitment to excellence in literacy teaching.

Mr Stirling said the awards are sponsored by the Australian Literacy Educators' Association Top End Council.

“The Excellence in Literacy Teaching Awards recognise Territory teachers who have demonstrated exemplary skills and understanding in the planning, teaching and assessing of literacy,” he said.

The award recipients announced today are Helen Faint from Wulagi Primary School, Arlene Mitchell from Holy Spirit School, and Ann Walker from Palmerston High School.

The Minister also presented two teacher awards, both acknowledging best classroom practice, professional development of colleagues and active community involvement.

The Social Educators' Association of the Northern Territory (SEANT) Award was presented to Colleen Williams from Parap Primary School, in recognition of her outstanding contributions to studies of society and the environment.

The Studies of Asia Award from the Asia In Schools Project team was presented to Leanne Baxter from Katherine High School for her outstanding contribution to Asian studies.

On Thursday 2 September the Minister will present the Literacy and Numeracy Awards at Casuarina Square as part of ongoing Education Week celebrations.

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