

# Warialda Teacher Recognised Nationally for Education Award

We congratulate Matthew Paton on receiving the National ACEL Keith Tronc Award for Outstanding Leadership.

This award is for an early career teacher who has demonstrated outstanding practice in the classroom and as a result has made a significant difference to colleagues and the lives of students. The awardee must have made a significant contribution to the improvement of student and educational outcomes. This category is open for nominees in their first five years of teaching.

Matt is the leader of pedagogy, mathematics specialist and classroom teacher at St Joseph's Primary School, Warialda. He joined the team at Warialda this year after working at St Joseph's Primary School, Tenterfield. Matt's dedication and influence on his colleagues and students has made an outstanding impact on the Armidale Catholic Schools system.

The *Australian Council for Educational Leaders National Awards* are presented to those individuals or teams who have made a significant educational contribution and influenced education at a national level in Australia and beyond.

Director of Schools, Regina Menz said *"This is an outstanding recognition of Matthew's work within his first years of teaching. Our system supports young people like Matt by teaming them up with our Early Career Coaches and guiding them to fulfill their career aspirations. In our regional, rural and remote setting our teacher graduates are well supported with a professional learning community and a collaborative culture with a real focus on improving the learning outcomes of young people in our schools. Matt is an example of everything we aim to be as a system of schools, congratulations on this national achievement!"*

This year's 2025 National Award winners will be formally celebrated at an awards ceremony during the National ACEL Conference in Sydney from 29 September – 1 October.



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### About Armidale Catholic Schools:

Armidale Catholic Schools comprises 24 schools: 19 primary, one K-10, three secondary and one K-12 school. We educate around 6,000 students and employ approximately 1,000 staff. Our schools are spread across a wide regional, rural, and remote geographical area in the New England and North West regions of NSW.