



MLTA ACT Inc. Fiona Arthur Language Teaching Award



The 19 June 2016, saw the one year anniversary of the passing of our dear friend and colleague, Fiona Arthur.

Fiona's commitment to public education in the ACT spanned over 30 years. During this time, she worked in a number of secondary schools and colleges, and in central office. Many of you had the privilege of working with Fiona in her capacity as a school leader, or through her involvement with community language schools, the Modern Languages Teachers' Association and cross-sectoral language networks. Fiona was instrumental in shaping the Australian Curriculum: Languages, promoting language education pathways, supporting international students, and facilitating the appointment of language assistants to enhance delivery of quality language programs in Canberra public schools.

The MLTA ACT inc. has been working with Fiona's family to finalise the criteria for an annual Language Teaching Award in honour of her memory.

The MLTA ACT Inc. is pleased to announce that nominations for the inaugural *Fiona Arthur Language Teaching Award* are now open. Members are able to nominate themselves or nominate another member for the Award. Nominations must be supported by a Principal or Senior Executive Teacher.

The award recognises the contributions that a member of the MLTA ACT Inc. makes to the teaching and learning of languages in the ACT. ***The nominated candidate must demonstrate the following criteria:***

1. *Engages with current theories of education.*
2. *Models and promotes effective and innovative teaching practice which improves learning outcomes for all students.*
3. *Contributes to the education and professional development of language teachers.*

Nominations should clearly address each of the three criteria. Nominations must be submitted by COB Friday 23 September 2016 at

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1oy3WNJ3BpCf4k1dyTIN5Gb9tR68lpQVFZidYmNieixk/viewform>

A panel comprised of MLTA ACT Inc. Executive will meet after the nomination due date and assess all nominations against the criteria. The successful recipient of the 2016 award will be announced in Term 4 2016.

The recipient of the *MLTA ACT Inc. Fiona Arthur Language Teaching Award* will receive a perpetual plaque for their school, an Award Certificate and a voucher to the value of \$450 for the purchase of resources from INTEXT.



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