



# WAATI Principal's Award

## For Commitment and Support to Italian Program in Their School.

### Background

The Western Australian Teachers of Italian Association (WAATI) values the important role that principals play in advocating for Italian in their schools. This award acknowledges school leaders who have shown long term commitment to their Italian program and have promoted Italian within the wider school community.

### The award

The new WAATI President, Laura Bava, has introduced this new award in 2020, to specifically honour Principals who have Italian as an integral part of their curriculum. Teachers of Italian and other members of the school community are encouraged to nominate a school principal who would be a worthy inaugural recipient of the award. The 2020 winner will be publicly announced at the 2021 WAATI biennial conference. The winner will receive a certificate, a trophy and \$500 to contribute towards their school's Italian program. The name and merits of the winner will be published on the WAATI website and WAATI Facebook page. Teachers of Italian should still be encouraged to nominate their principal for the MLTAWA Principal's Award.

### The process

#### Nomination

The Teacher of Italian is encouraged to nominate their worthy principal. However, an invitation to nominate, is extended to all members of school staff and the wider community, including parents, students and members.

- ✚ The nomination must address all selection criteria (listed below) and should not exceed three A4 pages.
- ✚ The cover page should be attached and signed by two nominating people, one of whom must be a current financial member of WAATI. The names of two nominating people and their current contact details must also be provided.

**Selection Criteria** (To be completed by those nominating.)

The recipient of the *WAATI Principal's Award*:

- **Supports and promotes the Italian program.** This could be evidenced by,

but not limited to, allocating time on task to allow for effective learning, seeking out and recruiting quality languages teachers, providing adequate resources and space for language learning, and supporting the use of Language assistants.

- **Supports initiatives to maximise students' engagement.** The principal is willing to be guided by Languages staff on ways to enrich their Italian program.
- **Encourages and supports professional learning opportunities for Italian teachers and Italian Ed. Assistants.**
- **Supports school trips and exchanges.**
- **Actively promotes and highlights Italian activities in the school to students, staff and the wider community.**

Nominations are due: **Friday 13 November 2020**

Electronic nomination forms can be accessed via:

<https://www.waati.com.au/exemplary-teacher-award-2/>

### **Selection: Stage 1**

- Nominators complete an electronic nomination form by the due date. At this stage principals may not be aware that they have been nominated.
- The WAATI Principal's Award selection panel will shortlist three candidates who best meet the selection criteria. This panel includes at least two representatives of the WAATI Committee and a community member who has some connection to the Italian Language.
- The shortlisted nominees are informed of their nomination and are required to submit a statement addressing their personal beliefs and values in regard to Italian Language program in his or her school, as well as a current photograph. This statement, in its entirety or in part, may be made public by the WAATI to further promote Languages education.

### **Selection: Stage 2**

- The WAATI Principal's Award section panel meets for a second time to decide on the final winner.

**Presentation:**

The President will invite ALL shortlisted finalists to be a guest of WAATI, at the 2021 Biennial WAATI Conference, where the winner will be announced.

**Please consider nominating a worthy principal for this award to recognise his or her support and commitment to your Italian Program in your school in Western Australia.**

**Laura Bava**

**President, WAATI 2020**