



2024

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AWARDS



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AIM

To encourage and showcase the talents of students seeking a career in Early Childhood Education.

PRIZES

Winner	\$700
Runner Up	\$400
Encouragement Award Year 10	\$150
Encouragement Award Year 11 or 12	\$150

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Co-ordinated by: Innisfail State College

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Competition Coordinator

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**Intent to Enter
Closing Date:** Wednesday, 21st August 2024

Name of School: _____

Principal: _____

Supervising Teacher: Miss / Ms / Mrs / Mr _____

Head of Department: _____

School Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Supervising Teacher Email: _____

Awards Presentation Event

A Presentation Function will be held for the winning students **at the Pullman Cairns International Hotel. This event is invite only.**

Date 28th November 2024
Time 4:45pm – 7:30pm

Award recipients are required to attend the Presentation Evening and are to wear Formal School Uniform.

The awards are open to all Early Childhood Education students in Years 10, 11 and 12 who are studying the Applied Syllabus subject or undertaking the Certificate III course. The aim of these awards is to encourage and showcase the talents of students seeking a career in Early Childhood Education.

The first prize is \$700, the second prize is \$400, and the Year 10 Encouragement Award and the Year 11 or 12 Encouragement Award is \$150 each.

The sponsor of these awards is the Department of Education. We congratulate the Early Childhood Educators for coordinating this excellent initiative and encourage all schools to nominate suitable applicants for these awards.

Please read the attached details and conditions carefully and forward completed application form/s by **Friday, 6th September.**

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Students must be in Year 10, 11 or 12 studying an Early Childhood Education Applied Syllabus subject or undertaking a Certificate III course.
2. Students must submit a written component that addresses the case study below. Further information regarding the contents of the written submission is provided below.

APPLICATION CRITERIA

1. One entry form is to be completed per school to accompany student entries (maximum of 12 intents per school).
2. Each student is to submit the written component (250-350 words) about a suitable activity that addresses the case study below:

Case Study: *You have observed a group of 6 children (3-5 year olds) who are running around, doing nothing in particular and creating havoc! They are definitely NOT engaged in an activity! Your challenge is to devise an activity that will promote interest and participation of this group, identifying types of learning opportunities and/or possibilities.* This activity needs to be relevant for a small group of 3-5 year olds at the Early Childhood Education Centre. The time needed to undertake the activity will be dependent on the task and attention span of the group. (About 15 minutes)

Task: *Create an activity for a small group of 3 to 5 year olds.* Select a suitable activity that will address the case study and promote interest and participation. The following are suggestions only. The list is limitless:

- Outdoor activity
- Indoor activity
- Imaginative play
- Sensory play
- Cultural activity

3. The written submission should include:
 - **Brief outline** of the activity selected and describe how you would conduct it.
 - **Include images** of all the items/materials you will need to use.
 - **Justify** the appropriateness of the activity for the group of 3 – 5-year olds, indicating the opportunities which would enhance age-appropriate developmental learnings.
 - **Explain briefly** your understanding of the practicalities of running this activity in a group childcare setting.
 - **Identify** any safety issues related to your learning experience and describe ways that you would ensure the safety of the children.
 - **List** five questions that you would use with the children to promote their learning and development.
4. The judges will be advised of all entries. The judges will be the allocated Director and senior staff members from local childcare centres.
5. The recipient of the awards will then be notified, and the awards will be presented on Thursday, 28th November at a presentation function to be held at the Pullman Cairns International Hotel, Cairns.

All information can also be downloaded from the Business Liaison Association website:

www.bla.org.au

The decision of the judges will be final, and no correspondence will be entered.

PRIZE / BURSARY

Winner: \$700

Runner Up: \$400

Encouragement Award Year 10: \$150

Encouragement Award Year 11 or 12: \$150

APPLICATON FEES

An application fee of \$88 (GST inc), which will cover administration costs. Only one fee per school irrelevant of the number of entries sent. Schools will be invoiced following receipt of application.

Registration Fee is non-refundable.

Each student will receive a Certificate of Participation.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Cheque

Business Liaison Association

PO Box 7371

Cairns 4870

Direct Deposit

BSB 633 000

Account 120970611

Reference Early Childhood Awards – (School name)

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