

2011 NAB Schools First Application Judging Process

After the close of the application period at 5.00pm (AEST) on Friday, 29 July 2011, all applications will be prepared by ACER for judging:

- Applications will be presented to the judges without any identifying information relating to the school's name, location or personnel, to ensure the judgement is made on merit alone.
- Judges will assess and evaluate nominations individually. All applications will be reviewed by at least two judges.
- The 2011 NAB Schools First Awards applications will be reviewed by a judging panel of experienced ACER assessors and other judges representing key stakeholder groups in education. Collectively, the panel brings together an excellent knowledge of school–community partnerships, substantial experience in schools (Government, Catholic and Independent) and expertise in judging national and other awards.
- Judges will award a score according to how well the applicant meets each of the five criteria and applications will be ranked according to their overall performance against the criteria. Based on the results, the judges will provide the NAB Schools First Board with a list of recommended winners in each category for ratification.
- ACER will arrange for a site visit by the judges to highly ranked partnerships to verify details of the partnership before the final rankings are presented to the NAB Schools First Board for ratification. Schools will be notified of the site visits in late August 2011.
- Local Impact and Seed Funding Awards will be announced in September 2011.
- Receptions will be held in each State/Territory where all Local Impact Award winners will be invited to attend and an announcement of the State/Territory winner will be made.
- The National winner will be announced at an Awards Ceremony to be held in Melbourne in November 2011.
- Unsuccessful applicants will be notified before the end of the school year, with feedback from the judging panel to be provided to unsuccessful schools the first quarter of 2012.
- The decision of the judges is final.
- For further information regarding the awards, application criteria and the process, see the full Terms and Conditions at www.schoolsfirst.edu.au.

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