



MLTA ACT Inc. Fiona Arthur Language Teaching Award 2025



The 19th of June 2025 sees the ten-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 ACT public schools.

The MLTA ACT Inc. is pleased to announce that nominations for the *Fiona Arthur Language Teaching Award* for 2025 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 that they are:***

1. *Engaging with current theories of education.*
2. *Modelling and promoting effective and innovative language teaching practice.*
3. *Contributing 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 14 November 2025 at <https://forms.gle/VHYZ8npksSwB9qnr9>

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 2025 award will be announced in Term 4 2025.

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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