

# NAB Schools First

## Recognising and rewarding outstanding school-community partnerships



NAB Schools First is a national awards program that recognises and rewards outstanding school-community partnerships which are having a positive impact on students beyond the classroom.

Launched in 2008, the program recognises that the education of young people rests on the shoulders of the entire community and helps bring together students, teachers, parents, businesses and community organisations to help young people realise their potential.

NAB Schools First is an inclusive awards program providing opportunities to schools in metropolitan, regional and remote areas across the public, catholic and independent sectors.

Award funding is available to schools who are in partnership with a community organisation or business to deliver programs based on an identified student need.

NAB Schools First is a partnership between NAB, the Foundation for Young Australians and the Australian Council for Educational Research.

Visit the NAB Schools First website for more information about the NAB Schools First program, the awards and funding available, and when and how to apply – [schoolsfirst.edu.au](http://schoolsfirst.edu.au).

### Award categories

There are three main award categories for NAB Schools First:

**Impact Awards** – for school-community partnerships that are having a demonstrated impact on the students involved

**Seed Funding Awards** – for school-community partnerships in their early stages

**Student Awards** – for student-led ideas around school-community partnerships



# Get involved in school-community partnerships!



On the NAB Schools First website you'll find tips and resources on how to start a school-community partnership as well as case studies on all of our award winners. Below are just a few examples:

### Impact Award Winner

Tyrrell College (VIC) partnered with Grainflow Sea Lake to address the issues of student disengagement and social disconnection by providing students with practical, hands-on experience in the local dry land agricultural industry. The 'Dynamic Agriculture' partnership enables student interaction with local agricultural experts and opportunities to gain agronomic knowledge and skills. The students view the program as being relevant to their lives. It enables them to develop leadership and responsibility and develop them to become the next generation of agricultural leaders in their community.

### Seed Funding Award Winner

Melba Copland Secondary School (ACT) discovered that a number of Year 10 students at risk of disengagement from education had an interest in painting as a career. 'Melba Pride Painters' was developed with the Canberra Institute of Technology to provide a supported pathway for students through school-based apprenticeship in Years 11 and 12. Students spend one day a week developing their painting and decorating skills through structured workplace learning. Students are now more engaged at school and the relationships between teachers and students school are more positive. The level of vandalism at the school has also decreased.

### Student Award Winner

Ali Amood (Year 11) and Adam Alahmad (Year 10) from Granville Boys High School (NSW) came up with the idea to establish a school café that sells healthy food for students in a safe environment. They partnered with Granville RSL and a local café who assist the students with managing the café and providing training in food preparation. The partnership provides students with barista training, and small business management and customer service experience, helping students develop skills for future hospitality industry employment opportunities. The café has been a success and has been embraced by everyone in the school community.

### Have an idea for a school-community partnership but don't have a partner?

The Partnership Matching Service is an online 'dating' tool on the NAB Schools First website. It seeks to help schools and community organisations form partnerships based on their needs which aim to improve educational outcomes for young people.

If you have a great idea for a partnership but don't have a partner, register your details on the Partnership Matching Service to find one now – [schoolsfirst.edu.au](http://schoolsfirst.edu.au)

